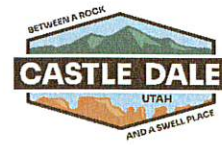


**CASTLE DALE CITY**  
**City Council Meeting Minutes**  
**March 13, 2025**



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The City Council of Castle Dale, Emery County, Utah, met in an open meeting on March 13, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.  
20 S 100 E, Castle Dale, Utah

**ATTENDEES**

**Mayor:** Danny Van Wagoner

**Council:**

Brad Giles  
Joel Dorsch  
Julie Johansen  
Michael Jorgensen  
Emily Mills

**Maintenance Supervisor:** Ignacio Arrien

**Fire Chief:** Ignacio Arrien

**EMS:** -

**Land Use Administrator:** Kerry Lake - excused

**Code Enforcer-Animal Control:** Terry Lofthouse

**Treasurer:** Carolyn Montgomery

**Recorder:** Jody Gerber

**Others in attendance:** JT Noyes, Jeff Noyes, Don Gardiner, Lee Magnuson, Nathan Johansen, Clyde Huntsman, Walt Johnson, Izzi Turner, Laynee Monson, Julie Janus, Scott Montgomery, Glen Gerber

**WELCOME**

Mayor Danny Van Wagoner was presiding and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

All City council members were in attendance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Council member Giles moved to approve the minutes of February 13, 2025 City Council Meeting; Council member Jorgensen seconded the motion.

**Result:** Approved

**Ayes:** Julie Johansen, Michael Jorgensen, Brad Giles, Emily Mills and Joel Dorsch

#### **GIRLS STATE – DONATION REQUEST**

Izzi Turner and Laynee Monson requested funding to attend Girls State. They are looking forward to an exciting opportunity to learn about how the government operates. City Council requested that they come back to report on their experience.

Council member Giles motioned to pay each of them \$100 for a donation; Council member Mills seconded the motion.

**Result:** Approved

**Ayes:** Julie Johansen, Michael Jorgensen, Brad Giles, Emily Mills and Joel Dorsch

#### **JOES VALLEY BOULDERING FESTIVAL – WAVE FEE**

Julie Janus requested the city waive the fee for the park, fairgrounds and visitors center for the 11<sup>th</sup> annual bouldering fest in October and the spring festival they are working on organizing. The dates for reservations are as follows: May 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> and October 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>.

She explained the benefits to the city of holding the festival in Castle Dale City.

Council member Johansen motioned to grant the use with the fee waived for the spring and fall festival; Council member Dorsch seconded the motion.

**Result:** Approved

**Ayes:** Julie Johansen, Michael Jorgensen, Brad Giles, Emily Mills and Joel Dorsch

#### **VACATING SUBDIVISION LOT**

Lee Magnuson requested to vacate a subdivision lot. An amended subdivision is required to split a parcel. It was recommended that he attends the Land Use meeting to do this, and City Council members can approve this now pending that he meets with the Land Use committee and gets their approval.

Council member Giles motioned to approve this request, pending the Land Use approval; Council member Jorgensen seconded the motion.

**Result:** Approved

**Ayes:** Julie Johansen, Michael Jorgensen, Brad Giles, Emily Mills and Joel Dorsch

#### **UTILITY WRITE OFF REQUEST**

Walt Johnson requested to get some of his utility bill written off at 1170 N Center Street. There was a leak, and he worked with contractors to get it fixed.

Council member Giles moved to pay half of the overage amount, totaling \$48.76; Council member Jorgensen seconded the motion.

**Result:** Approved

**Ayes:** Julie Johansen, Michael Jorgensen, Brad Giles, Emily Mills and Joel Dorsch



### **UTILITY WRITE OFF REQUEST**

Clyde Magnuson requested a write off for his utility bill because of a significant leak. After digging up the pipes, he did not find wet dirt but the spinning on the meter stopped. He requested an adjustment of \$322.00.

Council member Giles motioned that the city adjusts this amount on his bill; Council member Jorgensen seconded the motion.

**Result:** Approved

**Ayes:** Julie Johansen, Michael Jorgensen, Brad Giles, Emily Mills and Joel Dorsch

### **NEW STREET LIGHT**

New street lighting was proposed near the area of 400 S 400-500 E. It will be approximately \$10,000. The city will need to get a bid. The Mayor was asking for approval from the council to move forward with the plans.

Council member Johansen motioned to go forward with the new street light; Council member Dorsch seconded the motion.

**Result:** Approved

**Ayes:** Julie Johansen, Michael Jorgensen, Brad Giles, Emily Mills and Joel Dorsch

### **DOG LIMIT**

The Mayor wants to postpone voting on the amount of dogs allowed until the May City Council meeting. He will attend the COG meeting on May 2<sup>nd</sup> and discuss this with all the cities so it can be consistent throughout the county.

Council member Giles moved to table the dog limit discussion for two months; Council member Mills seconded the motion.

**Result:** Approved

**Ayes:** Julie Johansen, Michael Jorgensen, Brad Giles, Emily Mills and Joel Dorsch

### **GARBAGE SERVICE CONTRACT**

One bid was received for a garbage service contract from Emery County Sanitation. The contract is for 5 years, ending April 2030. The contract contained an increase each year for their service. They will not charge for residents over 80 years old. Veterans (active, reserved, retired) and 1<sup>st</sup> responders (active EMS, Fire, Sheriff's office) will receive \$2.00 off.

Council member Johansen motioned to accept the bid as prepared; Council member Giles seconded the motion.

**Result:** Approved

**Ayes:** Julie Johansen, Michael Jorgensen, Brad Giles, Emily Mills and Joel Dorsch

### **USE AND CARE OF CITY PROVIDED GARBAGE CANS**

A copy of the ordinance was presented. In section 18-62 the ordinance asks residents to put garbage cans away from the street. Last month there was an issue of used oil being placed in a garbage can. Section 18-64 addresses this. If any cleaned up is involved associated with disposal of items, it will be the responsibility of the person. Emery County Sanitation allows a garbage can to be 300-400 pounds. Anything that contains refrigerant is not allowed.

Council member Dorsch motioned to adopt the article; Council member Johansen seconded the motion.

**Result:** Approved

**Ayes:** Julie Johansen, Michael Jorgensen, Brad Giles, Emily Mills and Joel Dorsch

### **INACTIVE WATER CONNECTIONS**

Last month the city had 4 inactive culinary water accounts with a meter reading showing that water was being used. The city did not have a policy in place. Brad Giles wrote up an addition in section 20 starting with -419. Since it costs the city money to turn off the water and turn it back on, the request of vacant status must go for 2 billing cycles (4 months). If it does not meet that requirement, the status will not be changed. To honor the request, the resident will need to fill out a form and our workers will turn off the water and read the meter. To restore an inactive account, the city will need a 24-hour notice. The owner or other representative will need to be onsite when the water is turned back on. The city office staff will initial when these things are changed in the software and maintenance will initial when water is turned off and restored. To make the change from not active to active will be a \$6.00 charge. The verbiage should be "in use" or "vacant". The city will hold a public hearing to make this change. The ordinance states that when someone is granted a connection, then other services are charged. This will only affect the culinary charge when a residence is put in a vacant status.

Council member Jorgensen motioned to move forward with corrections to the culinary water status procedure; Council member Dorsch seconded the motion.

**Result:** Approved

**Ayes:** Julie Johansen, Michael Jorgensen, Brad Giles, Emily Mills and Joel Dorsch

### **LAND USE COMMITTEE**

Kerry Lake was excused. The Mayor pointed out that the Special Service District needs to sign for an annexation before City Council sees it. Julie Johansen asked to table this until that is finished. There was discussion about new owners that are obligated at the current tax rate. One owner was taxed at a high rate because the previous owner had a short term rental license.

### **ANIMAL CONTROL/CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT**

Terry Lofthouse reported a goat problem. The goats continue to get out of their area and get on people's cars. He cited the owner but they have not paid for the citation yet. A neighbor agreed to help the owner build a new fence.



Three cats were captured. One family came to get their 3 dogs licensed but they have 3 more. Terry will need to give a citation if they continue to keep the dogs.

There was an issue with a yard sale at a residence. Three trucks were parked in the middle of the road. There was a complaint from a neighbor about heavy metal leaning up against her fence at this same residence. Terry talked with the owner and will keep watch of this. Julie Johansen referred to the beautification ordinance about perpetual yard sales. It has been a problem in the past.

#### **MAINTENANCE REPORT**

Ignacio Arrien reported that there was no donations or waivers this past month. The employee did not pass the CDL test so they will go back to their previous position. One employee has returned, there are 2 new garden sprayers hired and a few new hires. Flowers were left behind for the no grave left behind program. Emily will need to buy more if the city continues doing this service. June 6<sup>th</sup> there will be a large group of people staying at the Swell Retreat and they are wanting to help volunteer cleaning up in the city. Brad Giles mentioned that the fence at the cemetery needs a lot of ties.

#### **FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

Ignacio Arrien reported that things are going good with the Fire Department. The recertification is later this month. There will also be a few trainings coming up in the next few months.

#### **EMS**

Danny Van Wagoner reported that there was one new graduate for Castle Dale/Orangeville. They are still working out stipends. They will have a meeting next week because they did not come to an agreement.

#### **TREASURER/RECORDER REPORTS**

Carolyn Montgomery reported a sales tax increase of \$5,961.15 from last year and a \$511.34 increase in transportation tax from last year. She made the council aware that she started paying Castle Valley Special Service District monthly for secondary water instead of annually. This makes it easier and will be more correct for the budget year.

Jody Gerber reported that one new business licenses was issued for Desert Gems Designs. She reported 94 dog licenses issued for 2025. Next month she plans to have iPad ready for them to use for looking at reports. She will get a spring newsletter out soon and can add the suggested watering schedule.

#### **MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS**

Julie Johansen reported that the school board will meet with the CRA in April about the high school students building houses. A lot of it will depend upon if they can get the funding through the CRA. She mentioned that it will help if other council members are present for the meeting.

The money is available from the solar project but it needs to be delegated towards this high school program in order for them to move forward.

Mike Jorgensen expressed his appreciation that the Mayor is back.

Brad Giles reported that on Hwy 29 there is a problem. The water meter was taken out. Several trailers are parked there and it is a safety and health hazard. People are staying there even though there is no water connections. The health department needs to be called. He recommended getting back to a watering schedule of 3 times a week from 5:00-10:00 am and pm for allowed watering times. Noting that schools, parks, cemetery, and city property run at different times than the recommended schedule.

Joel Dorsch reported that City Days will be the weekend before Father's Day. He would like suggestions for more events. The Easter Egg Hunt will be the Wednesday before Easter @ 6:00pm. The EUCCU is helping the city again this year.

Mayor Van Wagoner wished everyone a Happy St Patrick's Day and he is happy to be back.

#### **BILLS PRESENTED FOR SIGNATURES**

Council member Giles motioned to pass the bills; Council member Jorgensen seconded it.

**Result:** Approved

**Ayes:** Julie Johansen, Michael Jorgensen, Brad Giles, Emily Mills and Joel Dorsch

#### **ADJOURN**

Council member Giles moved to adjourn the meeting; Council member Mills seconded the motion.

**Result:** Approved

**Ayes:** Julie Johansen, Michael Jorgensen, Brad Giles, Emily Mills and Joel Dorsch

Meeting adjourned at 8:37p.m.

Approved: 4/10/2025

