

CASTLE DALE CITY
City Council Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2025



The City Council of Castle Dale, Emery County, Utah, met in an open meeting on April 10, 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 - excused

Fire Chief: Ignacio Arrien - excused

EMS: -

Land Use Administrator: Kerry Lake

Code Enforcer-Animal Control: Terry Lofthouse

Treasurer: Carolyn Montgomery

Recorder: Jody Gerber

Others in attendance: Glen Gerber, Peter Moulton, West Johansen, Claire Beagley, Kyle Beagley

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 Jorgensen moved to approve the minutes of March 13, 2025, City Council Meeting, with corrected errors; Council member Johansen seconded the motion.

Result: Approved

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

GIRLS STATE DONATION

Claire Beagley asked if she could get a donation to help with costs to attend Girls State. She is looking forward to learning about leadership and how a city functions. The Mayor asked her to come back and report.

Council member Giles motioned to donate \$100; Council member Johansen seconded the motion.

Result: Approved

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

EMERY HIGH STUDENT COUNCIL DONATION

West Johansen, Sr Class President, and Peter Moulton came to ask for a donation for the Emery High School graduation party. They will also plan to do a service project on the morning of May 5th for 3 hours. Brad Giles requested them to place more garbage cans in the high school parking lot to keep the school grounds clean.

Council member Giles moved to donate \$250 to the Senior class; Council member Jorgensen seconded the motion.

Result: Approved

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

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

USE AND CARE OF CITY PROVIDED GARBAGE CANS

Brad Giles provided the proposed fee schedules for the vacant culinary connections, proposed fine schedule for the garbage can ordinance and the Emery County Sanitation fee schedule for the City to charge the citizens. The first 3 years are the same rate to the citizens as an average of the increase. Veterans and First Responders are defined and should receive a \$2 discount. There is a fine schedule if garbage cans are left out more than 24 hours before or after the collection time. There is a violation to put things in the garbage cans that are not allowed.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

CULINARY WATER AND SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM

Brad Giles explained the proposed change of fees for vacant water connections. It would be \$6 per billing cycle and an administration fee. The penalty of violation will result in back charging the full rate and to be determined by the city council on a case-by-case basis.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

It will be put on the agenda next month to vote on these Public Hearing topics.

SIGN VACATING SUBDIVISION LOT

Lee Magnuson brought the map about vacating a subdivision lot that was voted on last month. He got signatures from all council members and the Mayor.

GARBAGE FEE RATES

This was voted on last month but the rates for the citizens were not. The proposed garbage rates were presented. Emery County Sanitation will provide a list of names of those who qualify for the reduced rate.

Council member Giles motioned to approve the fee schedule for customers; Council member Mills seconded the motion.

Result: Approved

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

CHANGE OF FEE FOR VACANT WATER CONNECTIONS

Council member Giles motioned to accept the fee for vacant water connections; Council member Mills seconded the motion.

Result: Approved

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

FUNDING FOR SENIOR POSTERS

Emily Mills requested the funding for posters for high school seniors. There are 31 seniors. The posters cost approximately \$35 each. Joel Dorsch said to consider this a city project.

Council member Dorsch motioned to fund the cost of the posters for the high school seniors; Council member Johansen seconded the motion.

Result: Approved

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

MEMBERSHIP FEE

Castle Dale City is currently a member of the Utah League of Cities and Towns. It was proposed that the membership gets renewed, costing the city \$906.53. It provides a great service for the office staff and council members.

Council member Dorsch motioned to renew the membership with the Utah League of Cities and Towns; Council member Giles seconded the motion.

Result: Approved

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

LAND USE COMMITTEE

Kerry Lake reported an annexation form which was tabled at their last meeting, will be discussed again next month. They discussed fencing for animals. It was decided to come up with an ordinance for the City and it will be a “Fence-In” policy, meaning any Castle Dale city owners must fence their animals in to keep them out of other people’s property. Several years ago, the county decided to do a “Fence-Out” policy for those in the entire county. Kerry asked the City Council members to look over the residential door-to-door solicitation ordinance. It will be on the agenda next month and it can be discussed at that time. A resident asked about a mother-in-law apartment in the basement of her house that she wants to rent out. He talked with the Southeast Association and was told that the state allows it and encourages cities to do this. There is nothing prohibiting her from doing this. There are requirements regarding parking, which is one parking place must be provided.

ANIMAL CONTROL/CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Terry Lofthouse reported receiving 15 calls this past month. He captured 11 cats and 2 dogs. The situation with goats is not resolved. He gave the owner another ticket and they have not paid the fines. The council talked about capturing the goats and impounding them if this continues to be a problem. The issue of 4 abandoned cars at a vacant field was talked about. The owners live in Price and the city can attempt to contact them. Julie Johansen suggested calling the state to remove them because it is an environmental hazard.

MAINTENANCE REPORT

Ignacio Arrien was not in attendance, but a written report was read for him. The maintenance staff donated 40 hours, equaling \$744.84. They got the crossing guard camera installed and working.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Ignacio Arrien was not in attendance.

TREASURER/RECORDER REPORTS

Carolyn Montgomery reported a sales tax decrease of \$3,964.83 and a transportation tax decrease of \$437.40 from last year.

Jody Gerber reported that the spring newsletter went out that day. Letters of donation were sent to businesses asking for money to help build an all-abilities park in Castle Dale. The city had already received some responses.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Emily Mills reported the ordering of flowers for the cemetery. The Youth City Council will plan to distribute them to each grave in May. The youth also helped stuff the easter eggs as a service.

Joel Dorsch reported that the stuffing of 3,000 Easter eggs only took 1 hour and 40 minutes with a committee of people helping. The Easter Egg Hunts was successful. The Easter Egg Hunt will be Wednesday, April 16th @ 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Van Wagoner reported that EMS approved a new pay structure. It is set at \$4/day for stand by time, and \$1 for nights. He disagrees with this. All of the cities will be assessed. Brad Giles added that the County Commissioner is afraid to raise taxes, so it is forcing cities to raise taxes.

Mayor Van Wagoner reported that Castle Dale City is planning to build an all-abilities park. Covid money was donated from the county for this cause, totaling \$200,000. The city is sending out letters of donation to get the remaining funding.

Mayor Van Wagoner wants requests for the 2025-2026 budget turned in by the council by May 1st.

BILLS PRESENTED FOR SIGNATURES

Council member Giles motioned to pay the bills; Council member Mills 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 8:04 p.m.