

CASTLE DALE CITY
City Council Meeting Minutes
May 8, 2025



The City Council of Castle Dale, Emery County, Utah, met in an open meeting on May 8, 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: Suzanne Anderson, Walt Johnson, Glen Gerber, Braxton Fox, Izzi Turner, Kate Van Wagoner

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.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Mike Jorgensen pointed out a typo. Julie Johansen clarified a change that needs to be made from the minutes last month. The Fence Out policy is for the entire county, and the Fence In is for the City.

Council member Johansen motioned to approve the April 2025 minutes with mentioned changes; Council member Jorgensen seconded the motion.

Result: Approved

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

SPONSORSHIP FOR GOVERNOR'S HONORS ACADEMY

Izzi Turner asked for sponsorship to attend the Governor's Honors Academy, a 9-day program held at Southern Utah University. She expressed that she is honored to be accepted to go. It was highly competitive to receive this opportunity.

Council member Johansen motioned to donate \$100 to Izzi Turner for her to attend the Governor's Honor Academy; Council member Giles seconded the motion.

Result: Approved

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

PAVILION RENTAL FOR HERITAGE DAYS

Suzanne Anderson, from Emery County Archives, came to request a reservation for the City Park on July 31-Aug 1, 2025, for the Emery County Fair and requested a fee waiver. It was discussed that no fee needed to be waived since it is a returnable deposit that is normally required. The City Park and the Fairgrounds park are blocked out for the County Fair and Frontier Days. She confirmed that the street in front of the museum does not need to be blocked off and will let the city know if that changes.

There was no fee to be waived and a vote was not needed.

UTILITY WRITE OFF

Walt Johnson asked for a utility write off due to a water leak. Last month an amount was written off his bill, but it also effected the current billing.

Council member Giles motioned to write off the \$52.30 of Walt Johnson's utility bill; Council member Jorgensen seconded the motion.

Result: Approved

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

DOOR-TO-DOOR SALES

The Door-to-Door ordinance, passed by the Land Use committee, was presented along with the application for those wishing to sell door-to-door in Castle Dale City.

Council member Dorsch moved to pass Ordinance 5-8-25; Council member Giles seconded the motion.

Result: Approved

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

ORDINANCE: USE AND CARE OF CITY PROVIDED GARBAGE CANS

This ordinance was discussed last month but was not on the agenda for approval. A past ordinance said garbage cans may be left out 12 hours before and after collection. This states 24 hours before and after. The Mayor noted that this policy is not set this way for the occasional offender, only the households that violate this often.

Brad Giles proposed that the time gets changed to 24 hours before and after garbage collection. The fees were passed last month. The first notification for offense is a door hanger, the second notification is minimal. Joel Dorsch remembers it being \$15.

Council member Giles motioned to approve Ordinance 5-8-25A – Use and Care of City provided garbage cans; Council member Mills seconded the motion.

Result: Approved

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

Nays: Julie Johansen

ORDINANCE: CULINARY WATER AND SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM

This was discussed at City Council meeting last month and a vote was needed.

Council member Dorsch motioned to approve the Culinary Water and Sanitary Sewer System Ordinance; Council member Giles seconded the motion.

Result: Approved

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT YARD SALE

Ignacio Arrien explained that the fire department has equipment that is out of date. The department is making a bill to release to the city. Some of the equipment cannot be sold due to safety hazards. He prefers to have a yard sale. Instead of posting several items in the newspaper, Ignacio will provide a list to the council. Community members can come into City Hall to see the list. A day will be chosen, sometime after the County Fair, and people will be notified.

Council member Dorsch moved to approve the Fire Department Yard Sale; Council member Johansen seconded the motion.

Result: Approved

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

SMITH HARTVIGSEN CONTRACT

The Mayor read the letter that was sent to the City by the attorney at Smith Hartvigsen, asking to sign a contract. He did not agree with what he was told about a time when the City contacted the other attorney at Utah League of Cities and Towns. The Mayor suggested that the City search for another City attorney.

Council member Dorsch moved to ignore the contract and look for another city attorney; Council member Giles seconded the motion.

Result: Approved

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

DOG LIMIT

Mike Jorgensen stated that during the county meeting, it was concluded that uniformity among the Cities was not deemed necessary. Castle Dale City needs to decide if they will increase the dog limit. The current limit is 3 dogs per household. Julie Johansen is opposed to increasing the limit. It was discussed that other alternatives need to be made available for captured dogs.

Council member Johansen denies the increase of a dog limit; Council member Giles seconded the motion.

Result: Approved

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

PURCHASE OF OUTDOOR ARENA PANELS

Joel Dorsch explained that he and Dan Whiteleather started on an arena project 5-6 years ago. He wants to replace the wire with panels because the cows go through the wire. The total price is \$9,640. It will match the galvanized ones that are in the arena. The gates also gets damaged easily.

The Mayor wanted to know what will be cut out of the budget to pay for this. Joel plans to take \$6,000 out of fairgrounds expenses and the remaining balance out of the equestrian center expenses. This will replace everything but the wire directly in front of the bleachers. The product is built locally.

Council member Mills motioned to make the purchase; Council member Giles seconded the motion.

Result: Approved

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

PRESENT 2026 BUDGET

All city council members looked through the budget. The Mayor mentioned that what is important to a city is what is on the budget. He want to support EMS and money is already part of the budget. Ignacio explained that every eight years a truck is purchased from the water fund. The money is available for the purchase. The budget will be approved next month. There is a surplus of about \$4,000.

LAND USE COMMITTEE

Kerry Lake was excused. Julie Johansen reported that the Land Use Committee approved the door-to-door sales ordinance. They will have a public hearing for the fence in ordinance. In May they are meeting a week earlier than normal, May 15th, because of graduation. There will be a Public Hearing in June.

ANIMAL CONTROL/CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Terry Lofthouse reported that he had 7 calls and went out 16 times. He captured 2 cats. There was 1 dog bite but the dog could not be found.

Brad Giles mentioned to take note of trailers and boats that are on the road too long. He asked Terry to issue a door hanger notice for garbage cans that are still out on Saturday, Sunday and Tuesday. He reported that a certified letter was sent to the abandon car owners, and they never accepted it. It was returned to us.

Brad Giles mentioned that at least 5 ordinances are not included in the codification booklet. Joel Dorsch needs to look at the cemetery ordinances.

MAINTENANCE REPORT

Ignacio Arrien reported that everything is good with the city and they have been busy.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Ignacio Arrien reported that the volunteer firefighters have done trainings in Price and Emery. They have helped fight fires all over the county. Eight cities received funding from the county. They will use it for a hose reel and some hoses.

TREASURER/RECORDER REPORTS

Carolyn Montgomery reported a sales tax decrease of \$6,271.04 and a transportation tax decrease of \$577.21.

Jody Gerber reported 1 business license that was issued to Down the Hatch. Election Candidate packets are ready and can be picked up for anyone interested. It can only be turned in June 2nd – June 6th. The city applied to the Rocky Mountain Power grant. SERDA is

helping by searching for grants that fit our needs. The donations for the park are at \$19,200. The grandstand loan is now paid off.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Mike Jorgensen reported about a deer in someone's yard that was stuck. DWR was contacted and it was resolved. Mike brought a dog to the animal shelter. He filled in for Animal Control while Terry was out.

Joel Dorsch handed out a copy of the kids rodeo agenda. He added a boot race. He cut out the adult chicken chase.

Mayor Danny Van Wagoner mentioned that weeds and unsightly yards are not acceptable. The city will start being strict with water usage.

BILLS PRESENTED FOR SIGNATURES

Council member Giles motioned to pay the bills; Council member Jorgensen seconded the motion.

Result: Approved

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

ADJOURN

Council member Mills motioned to adjourn the meeting; Council member Jorgensen seconded the motion.

Result: Approved

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

APPROVED: