

CASTLE DALE CITY
City Council Meeting Minutes
June 12, 2025



The City Council of Castle Dale, Emery County, Utah, met in an open meeting on June 12, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.

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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: James Sanders, Josh Graves, L. Hunter Cornelius, Glen Gerber, Kaleigh Rasmussen (via Zoom), Ted Allen

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

Council member Jorgensen motioned to approve the May 2025 minutes; Council member Giles seconded the motion.

Result: Approved

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

RATIFY ALL ABILITIES PARK AND PARK DONATION

Council member Giles moved to ratify the all-abilities park donation from Emery County in the amount of \$200,000; Council member Mills seconded the motion.

Result: Approved

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

YOUTH BOULDERING SUMMER CAMP

Kaleigh Rasmussen from Joe's Bouldering joined the meeting via Zoom. She was formally requesting the use of the visitor's center on Main Street to store equipment for the youth bouldering camp this summer. The camp will finish in the first week of August.

Council member Dorsh motioned to approve the use of the visitor's center for the youth bouldering camp; Council member Mills seconded the motion.

Result: Approved

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

Ordinance: Amend changes to 8-13-09B

Brad Giles explained that the Council did not vote on 12 or 24 hours to leave garbage cans out. Julie Johansen is against changing it to 24 hours because the total of hours is plenty of time for residents to put out and bring in their garbage.

Council member Dorsch motioned to make the policy 24 hours before and after garbage service; Council member Giles seconded the motion.

Result: Approved

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

Nayes: Julie Johansen

OPEN 2025 BUDGET

Opening the 2025 Budget allows the city to adjust, if needed.

Council member Giles motioned to open the 2025 Budget; Council member Mills seconded the motion.

Result: Approved

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

SET COUNTY TAX RATE

The city must accept the county tax rate by June 26th. It is not definite yet, but the council voted to accept the rate from last year and can make changes if needed.

Council member Giles motioned to approve the County Tax Rate at 0.000873; Council member Mills seconded the motion.

Result: Approved

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

ADOPT TENTATIVE 2026 BUDGET

The 2026 Budget was presented to the Council. There will be another meeting on June 26th and a public hearing to set the fiscal year 2026 Budget.

Council member Dorsch motioned to adopt the tentative 2026 Budget; Council member Jorgensen seconded the motion.

Result: Approved

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

LAND USE COMMITTEE

Kerry Lake was excused. Ted Allen reported that 3 business licenses were approved at the last Land Use committee meeting: Vivint LLC, Anderson Realty, and KX Service & Repair. Julie Johansen mentioned a problem with a door-to-door salesman that claimed he had approval from the city but did not. The city plans to provide lanyards with a badge to door-to-door solicitors so residents can be assured they are legitimate.

ANIMAL CONTROL/CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Terry Lofthouse reported that he went out 30 times with 12 calls. He buried a dog. He brought 1 cat and 4 dogs to the pound. One of those dogs bit a child. The owner brought the dog to the pound, but it escaped the next day.

Terry reported giving out a warning for someone watering at the wrong time.

Brad Giles gave a list to Terry of the Code Enforcement policies.

MAINTENANCE REPORT

Ignacio Arrien reported that maintenance has been working on the fairground pavilion and should be done on Friday. They finished the siding. A keypad will be installed on the announcer stand. There are events almost every weekend that keep the maintenance workers busy. The city celebration was great. A new maintenance job will be advertised in the newspaper for the next 2 weeks.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Ignacio Arrien reported that the volunteer firefighters are doing a great job. There is CPR training next week. House bill 48 effects homeowners. The state is redoing the maps and currently there is only one red zone. This may change. If residents are living adjacent to a red zone, the homeowner's insurance could drop their coverage. There is nothing the city can do about it.

TREASURER/RECORDER REPORTS

Carolyn Montgomery reported a sales tax decrease of \$6,492.25 and a transportation tax decrease of \$718.23.

Jody Gerber reported that the business license renewal letters went out and several have already paid their dues. New licenses will be sent out by the end of June.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Julie Johansen mentioned that many places throughout the city need improvement. Some yards are a fire hazard. The mayor wants a list of places that need to be cited by Council members.

Brad Giles met with the special service district and the commissioners. There is concern in the city about housing. There is no water access to build. After the Castle Valley Special Service District looked at the vacant lots, they determined there was enough to supply the homes that we need. Owners of vacant lots need to sell so homes can be built. He met with a landowner that owns several properties. They are willing to listen.

Brad also mentioned the problem with properties that are sold without the city being informed. New residents move in and get away without paying city utilities. City Maintenance can be sent out to turn off the water if the city knows a property is sold. Residents are being more responsive to paying their bill since shut off notices were issued. Communication between the Special Service District and the City is important so the city knows when to change the billing of services for residents.

Brad is continuing to work on the codification for the city. He will contact Kerry Lake about the Development Code. He also talked about the service district working on the old Sheriff's hill to eliminate runoff to Center Street. The drainage is better now.

Mayor Danny Van Wagoner congratulated Joel Dorsch on the successful city event – Saturday in the Park. There were twice as many games from the past and the fire truck was a popular event.

The mayor reported that the EMS is having a discussion of selling 2 ambulances.

He emphasized no watering of lawns during the day and if anyone sees it happening throughout the city, then Terry needs to give them a warning. If someone is doing door-to-door sales, ask if they have a permit.

The mayor announced that Jody Gerber will be leaving as City Recorder.

BILLS PRESENTED FOR SIGNATURES

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

Result: Approved

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

ADJOURN

Council member Giles 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 7:40 p.m.

APPROVED