

# PUBLIC HEARING ON THE AMENDED FY 2026 BUDGET AND THE REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19<sup>th</sup> 2025 AT 6:30 P.M.

CASTLE VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTER - 2 CASTLE VALLEY DRIVE

\*\*This meeting was a hybrid meeting held electronically by Zoom and also in person at the anchor site of the Town Building.

Council Members Present: Mayor Duncan, Council Members Gibson, Hill and O'Brien

Council Present on Zoom: None

Absent: CM Holland

Present at the anchor site: Colleen Thompson, Egmont Honer, Ron Drake, Dorje Honer, Mike Carlyle,

Others Present on Zoom: John Groo, Pam Hackley, Laurie Simonson and the Lllewellyns.

M Duncan called the Meeting to order and Buck called role.

#### Public Hearing on the Amended FY2026 Budget

Duncan opened the Public Hearing at 6:30PM. And explained that the Town did not get approval for the property tax increase from the Tax Commission so the 2026 Budget has to be amended back to balance with the previous property tax rate income.

1. Open Public Comment- No comments

M Duncan closed the Public Hearing at 6:31

#### Regular Town Meeting

- 1. Open Public Comment: None
- 2. Approval of Minutes:

Regular Town Council Meeting October 15th, 2025.

CM Hill moved to approve the Regular Town Council Meeting October 15th, 2025 minutes; CM O'Brien seconded motion passed unanimously.

**3.** Executive Reports:

\*Water Agent and Water Committee Report - CM O'Brien stated he was anxious to get the Water Committee and various State and regional official together to outline the next steps in the Water Management Plan. M Duncan added she was looking forward to the Council getting the published Water Budget Study and a presentation about the Study from the Utah Geological Survey.

\*Road Department Report- D Honer reported they need another loader tire approx. \$1600 that is in their repairs budget. There are 3 on going land disturbance permits on lots 141 Buchanan, 408 Homestead and 308 Holy Oak. Castle Creek Culvert Update we are still waiting on the Fish and Wildlife Permits and the go ahead from NRCS. There was further discussion on drainage/ repairs to the Shafer extension by the cattle guard. Honer reported on the FEMA workshop he attended introducing the draft LIDAR 2020 flood maps. More current detail and modeling will be required before the maps are finalized. Official maps will be are required for the Town to join the National Flood Insurance Program. The Draft maps are available at the Town Office. There will be more to come on flood mapping.

\*Planning & Land Use Commission- CM O'Brien will be working on the statistical results from the General Plan survey. M Duncan stated the Fire Commission is interested the Cell tower question results. So far the Cell tower is only in an exploratory phase. There is some consideration of putting a tower at Fire Station one. It could be 60-80 feet tall with a red beacon light. The Fire Station parcel is in the County so permitting would have to go through the County hopefully with Town input.

\*Utah Renewable Communities (URC)-CM Gibson had provided a power point slides to update the Council on the plan process. Cm Hill verified that nuclear was not part of the URC Plan. December 12 the Public Service Commission will have a public hearing on the URC application.

- \*Fire District-Chief Drake reported there will be a Christmas Party December 12<sup>th</sup> 6PM at Fire Station 2 to raise money with an auction and raffle to fix Engine 34. Donations are encouraged.
- \* Information Technology (IT) Report- Colleen Thompson reported that our email provider Hostgator has been renewed for another year for \$290. Next project will be changing our domain to a .gov address.
- 4. Correspondence: Christmas card from John Curtis
- **5**. Administrative Matters & Procedures: No Town letters. We have re-posted the Water Agent position and so far we have one applicant, Water Budget Study UGS presentation date will be sometime in February

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- **6.** Discussion and Possible Action re: Approval of Resolution 2025-9 Amending the FY 2026 Budget. CM O'Brien moved to approve Resolution 2025-9 Amending the FY 2026 Budget, CM Gibson seconded motion passed unanimously.
- **7.** Discussion and Possible Action re: Ordinance 2025-1 Creating the Castle Valley Water Advisory Committee.

It was agreed to add Pam H. suggested "Whereas": The Town Council recently approved the Water Management Plan. This plan, considered to be a living document requiring periodic revisions, attempts to identify the current and anticipated future issues, and propose actions and policies that will help ensure that the Town is prepared to continue fulfilling its mandate to protect water rights and the Castle Valley watershed, and

M Duncan explained to formalize the WAC we need to "advertise" for the positions. The Council hopes to appoint the positions at the December Council meeting. Discussion continued on how to fill the WAC positions and when the WAC meetings should be held.

CM O'Brien moved to adopt Ordinance 2025-1 Creating the Castle Valley Water Advisory Committee, CM Hill seconded motion passed unanimously.

**8.** Discussion and Possible Action re: Appointment to the Economic Opportunity Advisory Board. M Duncan reported that Pamela Gibson has offered to serve on the Board. She had met the Board and received their approval. She needs the Towns recommendation and then the County Commission's approval.

<u>CM Hill moved to recommend Pamela Gibson to the Economic Opportunity Advisory Board, CM O'Brien seconded motion passed unanimously.</u>

**9.** Discussion and Possible Action re: Approval of the 2026 Town Council Meeting Dates. CM Hill moved to approve the 2026 Town Council Meeting Dates; CM O'Brien seconded motion passed unanimously.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS -None**

- 10. Closed Meeting (If necessary)
- 11. Payment of the bills.

CM Gibson moved to pay the bills, CM O'Brien seconded, and the motion passed unanimously

**ADJOURNMENT** 

Approved:

M Duncan adjourned the Meeting at 7:31PM

Jazmine Duncan, Mayor

Attested:

Jocelyn Buck, Town Clerk