CASTLE DALE CITY

City Council Meeting Minutes

August 13, 2026

The City Council of Castle Dale, Emery County, Utah, met in an open meeting on August 13, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers.
20 S 100 E, Castle Dale, Utah

ATTENDEES

Mayor: Danny Van Wagoner

Council:

Glen Gerber
Michael Jorgensen
Bradley Giles
Emily Mills
Joel Dorsch

Maintenance Supervisor: Ignacio Arrien

Fire Chief: Ignacio Arrien

Land Use Administrator: Kerry Lake

Code Enforcer-Animal Control: Dustin Carter

Treasurer: Rebecca Norton

Recorder: Siri Jensen

Others in attendance: Bobby Cooksey, Loraine Frandsen, Gwen Peacock, Stephanie Olson, Amanda Frandsen, Hallie Frandsen, Zoee Perea, Desiree Maley, Susan Hess, Keven Jensen, Amanda Mclntosh, Monroe Magnuson, Amber Magnuson

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 July City Council minutes; Council member Giles seconded the motion.

Result: Approved
Yes: Glen Gerber, Michael Jorgensen, Bradley Giles, Emily Mills, Joel Dorsch

SPEAKERS AT THE ARENA
Council member Dorsch stated that there is a plan in place to try to install speakers at the arena. The plan will be put in motion soon.

KEVEN JENSEN, LIBRARY LEASE
Emery County commissioner Keven Jensen came before the council and apologized to the council for moving forward with the project at the library to make it more accessible without going through the correct processes and procedures. The county received a grant for making libraries more accessible and as they accessed the Castle Dale Library it was decided to add an overshot, which added liability to the city. To make it right the city of Castle Dale sent a liability form to the county, which they cannot sign and cover. Jensen stated that instead of signing the liability form, the county can lease the structure to the city, which also makes it so the county covers injuries and maintenance, including snow removal. He also stated that folks have been pleased with the structure added, but that if the city is not willing to lease it, it will need to be removed, which would make the sidewalk steep and difficult to meet ADA standards. Jensen stated that the lease would be created by the county and then most likely come back to city council to receive final approval.

Council Member Giles moved to enter into a lease with Emery County to lease the overshot and sidewalk area in front of the county library in Castle Dale. Council Member Dorsch seconded the motion.

Result: Approved
Yes: Glen Gerber, Michael Jorgensen, Bradley Giles, Emily Mills, Joel Dorsch

KIDS TRIATHLON
Halle Frandsen introduced herself to the council and stated that this year will be the second annual Kids Triathlon. It was further stated that permission has already been granted by the city pool and elementary for the swimming and running sections of the triathlon. The funds that are raised go towards paying sports fees so that children can play sports. The biking section of the race partially takes place in the subdivision near the high school as well as crossing the roads close to the high school. Mayor Van Wagoner questioned whether the roads need to be completely blocked off. Amanda Frandsen stated that last year the Emery County Sheriff's office assisted in blocking off Center Street for the crossing of children riding bikes and there were many volunteers scattered throughout the course to guide them as they rode, which is the plan again for this year. Mayor Van Wagoner stated that on September 18th at 5 o'clock there will be cones added to the roads along the course, and he will talk to the Emery County Sheriff's office.

Council Member Giles moved to approve the Kids Triathlon for September 18th with the use of the streets by the high school subdivision to the east. Council Member Gerber seconded the motion.

Result: Approved
Yes: Glen Gerber, Michael Jorgensen, Bradley Giles, Emily Mills, Joel Dorsch

CONTRACT FOR SIDEWALK GRINDING AND REPAIRS

Council member Giles stated that the city is in the process of finalizing an agreement with a contractor to complete the project. The contractor was supposed to send a group to assess the sidewalks east of Center Street but had not been able to yet. The report will be done by September City Council and will be presented then.

Council member Giles motioned to table the item on the agenda until September City Council; Council member Mills seconded the motion.

Result: Approved
Yes: Glen Gerber, Michael Jorgensen, Bradley Giles, Emily Mills, Joel Dorsch

ESTIMATE FOR NEW SIDEWALK

Council member Giles presented the following project at Bell Avenue and Emery Avenue for a 215-foot sidewalk with a width of 4 feet that will cost $8,771.

Council member Dorsch motioned to approve the estimate for the new sidewalk; Council member Mills seconded the motion.

Result: Approved
Yes: Glen Gerber, Michael Jorgensen, Bradley Giles, Emily Mills, Joel Dorsch

CHARGING STATIONS

Mayor Van Wagoner stated that he was able to discuss with the state about the charging stations and unless the council wants to take over the charging stations as a service, they will cost the city at least $2,000 a year and they do not bring in enough revenue to make a profit off of them. He further stated that the stations are also getting close to needing the purchase of a maintenance package and the cloud, which would cost $14,000, which might fix one of the charging stations.

Council member Dorsch motioned to deny taking over the charging stations from the state; Council member Jorgensen seconded the motion.

Result: Denied
Yes: Glen Gerber, Michael Jorgensen, Bradley Giles, Emily Mills, Joel Dorsch

SIDEWALK BID

Council member Giles presented the following project on 400 E for a 234-foot sidewalk that has a width of 5 feet, and will include 1 approach, that will cost $20,000, for approval from the council.

Council member Dorsch motioned to approve the presented project; Council member Gerber seconded the motion.

Result: Approved
Yes: Glen Gerber, Michael Jorgensen, Bradley Giles, Emily Mills, Joel Dorsch

The last project that Council member Giles presented to the council is the repair of 4 areas in Castle Dale that will be charged at a rate of $43 per linear foot, so the total will roughly be $2,000.

Council member Dorsch motioned to approve the presented project; Council member Mills seconded the motion.

Result: Approved
Yes: Glen Gerber, Michael Jorgensen, Bradley Giles, Emily Mills, Joel Dorsch

RATIFY EMERY COUNTY PRE-DISASTER MITIGATION PLAN

Mayor Van Wagoner stated that the council had already voted and approved the Emery County Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan but that a ratification was needed.

Council member Giles motioned to ratify the positive vote for the Emery County Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan; Council member Dorsch seconded the motion.

Result: Approved
Yes: Glen Gerber, Michael Jorgensen, Bradley Giles, Emily Mills, Joel Dorsch

CEMETARY FENCE

Council member Dorsch proposed to the council to replace the front-chain link fence at the cemetery along Center Street with a white vinyl fence that will be about 500 feet long. It will be stronger than the vinyl fences that are seen around homes and will cost $13,926. Dorsch stated that the vinyl fence will be more welcoming than the chain link fence. Mayor Van Wagoner stated that two bids were received for the project, with the second bid coming in at $16,125. There was a third bid that was supposed to be received but it was never sent over. Council member Giles asked if there were any concerns about the fence being broken down or vandalized, to which Dorsch responded that he does not have any concerns, but does plan on buying spare parts to be prepared for unpreceded events occurring.

Council member Mills motioned to accept the new fence at the cemetery; Council member Giles seconded the motion.

Result: Approved
Yes: Glen Gerber, Michael Jorgensen, Bradley Giles, Emily Mills, Joel Dorsch

CASTLE VALLEY SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT PROJECTS 26-27

Council member Giles presented the following 9 projects for the Castle Valley Special Service District to complete to the council for consideration and approval.

Drain Projects

- 500 East and 200 South, west side of street, by the skate park. Drain inlet box is settling, it needs to be raised.
- 100 East and 300 North, storm drain behind sidewalk, on north side of the road to direct water into existing gutter at the bottom of the hill.
- 300 North 400 West, drainage at the northeast corner.
- Intersection of Bell Avenue and Orange Avenue, northwest corner, rework drain so water flows out of the corner.
- Water course across Bell Avenue from west to east in front of 665 North Bell Court needs to be lowered so water doesn't pool in the west gutter.

- 100 North 300 East, rework storm water drain off switch back into storm drain system down 100 North.

Culinary Projects

- Replace old 12" culinary mainline on Valley View Drive in the Valley View Subdivision with 10" PVC.

Curb and Gutter Projects

- 400 West, west side from about 600 North to 300 North (Ghost Road), tie curb into storm drain, either with curb back drain then crossing 400 West or storm drain inlet at northwest side of intersection (Ghost Road and 400 West).

Road and Street Projects

- Move fire hydrant, 755 North Valley View Drive to back of sidewalk, so that sidewalk can be installed.

Council member Giles motioned to approve the 9 projects that were mentioned for the 26-27 Castle Valley Special Service District Projects; Council member Mills seconded the motion.

Result: Approved
Yes: Glen Gerber, Michael Jorgensen, Bradley Giles, Emily Mills, Joel Dorsch

CHRISTMAS PURCHASES

Council member Dorsch stated that he would like to finally finish obtaining the people and animals for the manger scene that goes on Main Street. A camel, three kings, and Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus will be purchased. Dorsch informed the council that the Santa Claus that has been used in previous years has been broken many times, and that the new Santa Claus will be 6 ft tall, which will make the elves that were previously purchased look smaller. He stated the cost of the figures, with the shipping, will be $5,408, which is included in the budget and leaves $1,600 for light bulbs, cords, and any other materials that are needed every year.

Council member Gerber motioned to approve the purchase of the Christmas decorations; Council member Mills seconded the motion.

Result: Approved
Yes: Glen Gerber, Michael Jorgensen, Bradley Giles, Emily Mills, Joel Dorsch

GIRLS STATE REPORT: ZOEE PEREA

Perea thanked the council for donating money towards her attendance at Girls State and stated that it was an amazing opportunity to learn how the government operates. While attending she was able to be a city registrar and on the state PR team where she wrote the newsletter for the newspaper. Perea also stated that she made great friendships with girls who she is still in touch with and that she plans on going into Political Science. She also noted that participating in a flag-burning ceremony and seeing everyone come together and love their country, were mentionable displays of patriotism to her.

SUICIDE PREVENTION AND AWARENESS MONTH

Amanda MacIntosh came before the council as the suicide prevention liaison from Four Corners Behavioral Health and a board member of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, with a request to proclaim September 2026 as the Suicide Prevention and Awareness month. MacIntosh stated that the state of Utah has consistently been in the top states for suicide deaths since 2012 and that Carbon, Emery, and Grand counties often lead the state in suicide deaths per capita. She noted that the risk of suicide can be reduced through awareness, and proper training, which includes safe messaging, educational resources, and treatment and that talking about suicide does not plant the idea of self-harm. She also noted that learning the warning signs of depression and suicidal ideation, knowing how and when to ask about someone's suicidal thoughts, being aware of life saving measures, and familiarizing ourselves with locally available resources, can all help prevent suicide deaths.

MacIntosh also shared that Four Corners Behavioral Health and the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention will be hosting two upcoming events, one on September 10th, which will be a candlelight vigil to remember loved ones at Huntington City Park, and the second will be the 13th annual Southeast Utah Hope Walk on September 12th at the Price Peace Gardens. The Hope Walk raises money to support local education programs and training, and grief support for families.

Council member Giles motioned to proclaim September 2026 as Suicide Prevention and Awareness Month; Council member Jorgensen seconded the motion.

Result: Approved **Yes:** Glen Gerber, Michael Jorgensen, Bradley Giles, Emily Mills, Joel Dorsch

LAND USE COMMITTEE: KERRY LAKE

Lake stated that during last month's land use meeting there was a discussion about roosters, but no action will be taken against them in city limits at this time as many committee members felt that Castle Dale City is a rural community. A dog park ordinance was presented but it was decided that it would be best not to have that as a city, but rather to have it privately. A public hearing was also held about a short-term vacation rental ordinance and that will be presented during the September City Council meeting. Lake has also received many zoning requests and handled the zoning approval needed for the sails at the Limitless Park.

ANIMAL CONTROL/CODE ENFORCEMENT: DUSTIN CARTER

Carter stated that he responded to 25 calls for service regarding animal control. In the past two days he trapped 9 feral cats that were given to Council member Jorgensen. 3 citations were written, 6 dogs were impounded, 5 warnings were given for dogs off lease or animal at large and 1 animal cruelty investigation took place, which has now been closed.

He further stated that for code enforcement he followed up on previous violations of beautification and fire hazards and issued final warnings to 5 different members of the community. A few are doing work to come into compliance with the city code. He also gave out 2 parking ordinance warnings that have been resolved through communication and 2 warnings for watering outside of scheduled times.

MAINTENANCE: IGNACIO ARRIEN

Arrien stated that the events that occurred during last month were wonderful and that the city crew will be getting back to the regular maintenance schedule, which will include installing poles at the

Limitless park, installing cameras, and some minor repairs on grates. He reported that the John Deere tractor is still in Nephi, waiting on the engine block. The other tractor is working but it is not built for pulling the weight of the groomer, so it has lost its reverse gear. After Arrien's report, Mayor Van Wagoner stated that the city missed him while he was activated on the Black Canyon fire at the Reeder Subdivision for a week, but that Kevin Raypush did a great job accomplishing everything that was asked of him.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: IGNACIO ARRIEN

Arrien stated that the Castle Dale City Fire Department was activated to the Black Canyon fire, where they were on structure protection and that there were many strike force teams working on the fire. He displayed many pictures of each day that they were on the fire and the conditions they had as well as some of the work they did to protect the structures in Reeder subdivision. This included putting lines at every structure, which allows them to install sprinklers that use water from the river, to create a sprinkler system. Arrien complimented the wildland crew for the back burn that they set on day 4 to stop the fire from advancing further towards the subdivision. He further stated that the rain helped to manage the fire and acknowledged Emery County and other participating agencies, who helped Reeder subdivision. Finally, Arrien reported that a brush fire did occur on Hwy 10 as they were heading to the Black Canyon fire, but the other crew that stayed in Castle Dale were able to put it out. The council thanked the Arrien for his work.

TREASURER REPORT

The treasurer reported that the sales tax in July of 2025 was $29,189.44, while in July of 2026 it was $29,232.44, which was an increase of $43. The transportation tax in July of 2025 was $2,798.35 and increased by $15.48 in July of 2026 for a total of $2,813.83.

RECORDER REPORT

The recorder reported that 100 businesses in Castle Dale have renewed their business license, but that there are still 20 other businesses, who have not done so.

MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS

Glen Gerber – Gerber stated he would be willing to review properties that are on the beautification list with Code Enforcement Officer Carter.

Michael Jorgensen – Jorgensen stated that when he gets cats from Carter, he takes them out to different farms that would like them to help with rodent and pest control. He also takes some of them out to his farm where he has food and shelter for them.

Brad Giles – Giles stated that Emery County owns DesBee Dove road and the sewer dump there, and the city has video evidence of individuals filling up large tanks with culinary water, which is against city ordinances. A suggestion has been made to the Special Service District that a water dispensing machine is added, where people can pay for water there, so a further discussion will be held with the Special Service District. He also reported that the drainage at the swimming pool is completed except for the asphalt and on Bell Avenue the culinary water main line was installed, and they have finished the last of the connections, which allows for the last step of the project to be completed which is the pouring of the asphalt. A request will also be made to the contractor on

the project to clean out dirt and debris in the gutters.

Emily Mills – Mills stated she did not have anything else to report to the council

Joel Dorsch – Dorsch stated he did not have anything else to report to the council.

Mayor Danny Van Wagoner – Mayor Van Wagoner stated that he received a letter from a citizen of Castle Dale, that expressed concerns about the traffic from cars, ebikes, and children on 800 N. He contacted the citizen and told them that they will place "slow-down figures" along the road to catch people's attention. It was further reported that the third trailer of parts for the Limitless Park arrived while Arrien was gone but that the city and Castle Ridge came through on a moment's notice to get it all unloaded and that the engineering on the sails is complete so construction on the park will begin soon. Finally, he worked on the contract for firefighters to stay at the fairgrounds with the federal government a week ago.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
The executive session was not needed.

BILLS PRESENTED FOR SIGNATURES
Council member Giles motioned to pay the bills; Council member Mills seconded the motion.

Result: Approved **Yes:** Glen Gerber, Michael Jorgensen, Bradley Giles, Emily Mills, Joel Dorsch

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

Result: Approved **Yes:** Glen Gerber, Michael Jorgensen, Bradley Giles, Emily Mills, Joel Dorsch

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm
08/13/2026

Approved 09/10/24
Angelina Austin