

Meeting of the Castle Dale City Council
20 South 100 East, Castle Dale, UT 84513
December 8, 2022 7:00 p.m.

In attendance:

Danny Van Wagoner	Mayor	Present
Joel Dorsch	Council Member	Present
Julie Johansen	Council Member	Present
Brad Giles	Council Member	Present
Jordan Leonard	Council Member	Present
Michael Jorgensen	Council Member	Present
Ignacio Arrien	Maintenance Supervisor	Excused
Britni Moreno	Fire Chief	Present
Duston Hague	Animal Control Officer	Present
Jefferson Manning	Code Enforcement	Present
Lael White	Recorder	Present
Tresa Skinner	Treasurer	Present
Kerry Lake	Land Use Administrator	Present

Also Present were Adriana Chimaras, Toray Patenaude, Steven Jefferyes, and Terry Lofthouse.

Mayor Van Wagoner welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes

Councilmember Dorsch moved to approve the minutes of November 10, 2022. Councilmember Giles seconded the motion.

Result: Approved

Ayes: Dorsch, Giles, Leonard, Johansen, and Jorgensen.

Nays: None

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Land Use Committee

Kerry Lake reported on last month's LUC meeting. One Short Term Rental at 85 E 200 N was approved.

The Committee will need a new Secretary in January.

Auditor's Report

Rick Roberts from the Auditors, Kimbal and Roberts, presented the 2022 Audit Report. He had the Council follow in the report the Cash total, Debt total and the Adjusted Budget. There were no financial findings in the Audit.

Gabe Miller gave the report for Compliance Findings. There were two findings. One was for Open and Public Meetings Training. And the other was for posting the City Council Minutes to the State's Website.

It was noted that all but one of the Council had the OPMA training, it just wasn't documented.

Steven Jefferies

Jefferies is a resident of Castle Dale and an investor with three local businesses. Lifeware, is a crypto mining company, Jam Walls manufactures climbing walls, and a Resort Project in Orangeville. He is concerned about the Resort Project because of some opposition from the County. He wants to question each City and Council about their views on tourism, before more is invested in the resort.

Councilmember Giles: Emery County has been discovered and we need to get ahead of the development and be active, not reactive. Any development should be what we want. Tourism is a part of the economy, but won't be a savior.

Mayor Van Wagoner: Tourism has already had a big impact in Transient Room Taxes. If we build it they will come.

Councilmember Leonard: The visitors are already here. I visit other places, and want to feel welcome there. We need to develop plans to get visitors to spend money on Main Street.

Councilmember Johansen: I am for Industry over Tourism. Tourism development needs to be done correctly and openly. Tourism is great in Green River. 9 out of 10 families in Green River depend on tourism. In western Emery County, only 1 of 10 families depend on tourism for income.

Councilmember Dorsch: In all I do for Castle Dale, we want people to feel welcome. In the Bear Creek Campground I help with, the reservations have increased 30% this year.

Councilmember Jorgensen. There will always be some people who are anti-tourism., but most people who I talk to are in favor of tourism. They want it done right.

Terry Lofthouse: I tried to begin a guiding service several years ago, and it took Emery County two and a half years to look at my proposal.

Jefferies said a local guide service would be valuable, especially to keep people out of the wrong areas.

Open and Public Meetings Training

Mayor Van Wagoner went through a training manual for OPMA. All of the Councilmembers signed a statement that they had this training.

Christmas Bonuses

Councilmember Dorsch brought up the subject of Christmas bonuses.

Councilmember Johansen moved to give the full time employees a Christmas Bonus of \$350 and the part time employees and Kerry Lake a bonus of \$175. Councilmember Leonard seconded the motion.

Result: Approved

Ayes: Dorsch, Giles, Leonard, Johansen, and Jorgensen.

Nays: None

2023 Council Meeting Schedule

The proposed 2023 Council Meeting Schedule was presented.

Councilmember Giles moved to approve the proposed 2023 Council Meeting schedule.

Councilmember Jorgensen seconded the motion.

Result: Approved

Ayes: Dorsch, Giles, Leonard, Johansen, and Jorgensen.

Nays: None

Amendment to Alcohol Ordinance.

Mayor Van Wagoner told the Council that Maverick had asked that the City change the ordinance so beer could be sold between the hours of 1:00 am and 5:00 am. because customers were going to Huntington for their purchases.

Councilmember Dorsch moved to approve Ordinance 12-8-2022 removing the restriction on times alcohol may be sold. Councilmember Giles seconded the motion.

Result: Approved

Ayes: Dorsch, Giles, Leonard, Johansen, and Jorgensen.

Nays: None

Beautification Committee

Councilmember Johansen reminded the Council that in the past the City had a Beautification Committee. She wanted to know if the Council wanted to revive this, as it was part of her assigned duties.

Councilmember Giles said in the past the Beautification Committee had a Yard of the Month award, and prepared and delivered letters to some owners with non-compliant properties. They would also help the property owner to correct the problems.

Councilmember Giles moved to revive the Beautification Committee. Councilmember Johansen seconded the motion.

Result: Approved

Ayes: Dorsch, Giles, Leonard, Johansen, and Jorgensen.

Nays: None

The new members of the Beautification Committee will be approved in January.

Animal Control

Duston Hague reported that he talked to a couple of residents about their animals, but had a quiet month.

Mayor Van Wagoner said he gets lots of emails from people praising Duston.

Code Enforcement

Jefferson Manning: I have been checking on trailers parked on the roads. There were very few trailers, and most people have moved them. He has had complaints on some Short Term Rentals about renters parking in front of other properties.

He said he needed to resign his position.

Fire Dept Report

Chief Britni Moreno: We had three call-outs for structure fires. One was in Castle Dale. We are continuing to work with other Fire Departments and have created a training committee with the County Fire Board. We did the final inspection on our new fire truck, and it should be delivered to Salt Lake City before Christmas.

Our Award Party is next week.

Treasurer and Recorder Reports

Treasurer Tresa Skinner reported on Sales and Transportation Tax. Sales Tax increased \$4,403 for a total of \$38,114, and Transportation Tax increased \$506 for a total of \$3,466.

Transient Room Tax was \$618 for the month of November.

Recorder Lael White reported that the Allred STR was licensed. She had made a mistake in record keeping. The other STR owner told her they were just testing the market, and had not actually rented it to anyone.

Mayor Van Wagoner said they needed a license to do that.

She said the City had received three requests for Bid Packets for the Castle Ridge Behavioral Health Project.

Council Reports

Councilmember Giles: I have given the list of burned out street lights to Rocky Mountain Power.

They are on the schedule, but I was not given a date.

UDOT will be changing the speed limit on the east of town so the 35 MPH zone is extended prior to the new Maverik. They are working on a cost estimate to extend two lanes to the San Rafael access.

Councilmember Leonard. Thanks to the Audit Committee for helping with the financials so we could receive a favorable audit.

The City Christmas Party is next Tuesday at 6:00 at the Rec. Center.

He will be resigning at the end of the month to fulfill his new position as County Commissioner.

Councilmember Dorsch: The Spanish Trail sign and the green Castle Dale sign that used to be on the highway are missing. Security cameras are going up in the cemetery, Cheddar Park, the ice rink, the Rec Center, and the Fairgrounds.

The ice is very nice at the Ice Rink in Castle Dale.

Mayor Van Wagoner: The opening of Maverik is delayed because of a mix-up with a cooler door.

He said that there have been no behind the door meetings with the Tourism Board. The schedule is published every year.

He would like to pursue having a digital speed sign.

Councilmember Johansen moved to approve paying the bills. Councilmember Giles seconded the motion.

Result: Approved

Ayes: Dorsch, Giles, Leonard, Johansen, and Jorgensen.

Nays: None

Councilmember Giles moved to adjourn. Councilmember Leonard seconded the motion.

Result: Approved

Ayes: Dorsch, Giles, Leonard, Johansen, and Jorgensen.

Nays: None