



Castleford City Council Agenda

Minutes – Regular Meeting

Date: April 14, 2026 7pm

Location: 300 Main Street – Castleford, Id

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Lockhart at 7:03p.m, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Stacie Darrow, Clerk confirmed a quorum. Council members in attendance: Cliff Lockhart, Jennifer Gray, Che Walker, Terry Edson. City employees in attendance: Stacie Darrow, Victor Keen, Aaron Easterday. Public in attendance: Dannah Roberston, Bob Bulkley, Eric Bruebaker, Troy Schlund

Accept or Amend Agenda: Che motions to accept the agenda, Jen 2nd, motion passed.

Approve Minutes: Jennifer motions to accept the minutes for a regular meeting and Transportation Plan Meeting/Workshop held March 10 ,2026, Che 2nd, motion passed.

Approve Financials/Accounts Payable for March 10, 2026 – April 14, 2026: Jennifer motions to approve financial/accounts payables, Terry 2nd. Roll Call Vote: Terry – Aye, Jennifer – Aye, Che – Aye, motion passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business – NONE

New Business

Review/Discuss - Presentation: Dannah Robertson for “Just Serve”: Presentation completed, no action.

Review/Discuss - Update signers on checking accounts: Discussion on adding signers to bank accounts. Jennifer motion to add Che instead of herself as Council President due to availability, and add Stacie as City Clerk with stipulation that Clerk and Treasure do not sign together unless there is an emergency, Terry 2nd, Roll Call Vote: Terry – Aye, Jennifer – Aye, Che – Aye, Benjamin – Aye, motion passed unanimously.

Review/Discuss - Well 1 VFD: Water Department updates and quotes provided to council. Jennifer motioned to accept Freedom Electric Quote and move forward with repairs to Well 1 VFD, Che 2nd, Roll Call Vote: Terry – Aye, Jennifer – Aye, Che – Aye, motion passed unanimously.

Review/Discuss - Fire Department Utility Billing: The three Castleford Rural Fire District Commissioners presented to discuss their new utility bill. Bob requested to have an explanation as to how and why there is now a utility bill due to the City when there hasn't been one before. Mayor Lockhart explained that the City completed an internal audit and found items that needed corrected which included the Fire Department not having a utility bill for water, sewer and bonds for at least 20+ years. Troy Schlund expressed it was his opinion that since the City uses the fire department's equipment, that the fire department should not pay anything to the City. He further stated, if the City did charge utility services, he would vote that the City does not borrow the fire department's equipment anymore, and suggests the city call a plumber to address the concerns/issues and pay that plumbing company the costs that will be incurred. Council asked the Water Department for clarification as to what they use the fire department's equipment for and City employees confirmed to the council that in the past they have used the Pump on the Lagoons, and that when needed they borrow a truck and flush city lines. Troy stated the he and his fellow Commissioners are just trying to protect their “constituents”. The Mayor expressed that Council is doing the exact same, trying to protect the citizens of Castleford and their cost for utilities by ensuring everyone pays the appropriate share. It was mentioned by a Commissioner, that the annual bill wasn't enough to make or break the City, and Che stated that the \$2400 annual bill would actually help pay 1/3 of the unexpected Well VFD repair that was not in the FY26 budget.

The Clerk at the Mayors request, shared research to the Council and the Commissioners that her research indicated the City may not be able to waive utility charges; however, if any charges are allowed to be waived, the City would need to complete an Interlocal Agreement which appears to be allowed by Idaho Statute. Jennifer asked if the Commissioner's would accept a compromise of paying commercial bonds, garbage, and administrative fees, no water, no sewer. Troy told the Council, it was still his opinion and vote that if there is a bill sent to the Fire Department, he will vote to stop allowing the City Water Department employees and the City any use of the department's equipment. Jennifer then made a proposal based on discussed information, and the Commissioners agreed they would accept her terms. Jennifer motions that the city works up an Interlocal Agreement to waive all the "new" charges to the Fire Department, Terry 2nd, Roll Call Vote: Terry – Aye, Jennifer – Aye, Che – Aye, motion passed unanimously.

City council discussion future agenda:

Jennifer mentioned concern over recent repeat break-ins in town and would like to discuss a Citizens on Patrol Program.

Public comment (if applicable): None

Adjournment: Mayor Lockhart requested a motion to adjourn. Jennifer motions to adjourn at 7:48pm, Che 2nd, motion passed.

Stacie Darrow, City Clerk

Approved on

(City Council will convene again for a regular scheduled meeting on: May 12, 2026)