

Danny Van Wagoner, Castle Dale City Mayor: Questionnaire for ULCT Board Nomination

1. Why do you want to serve as a Board member or Officer (2nd VP)?

Always looking for ways to learn more and give back

2. What do you see as the biggest challenges (legislatively and generally) facing cities and the League and how do you want to be part of the solution?

Housing is number one and how we move forward as a state will be critical

3. What goals for the League would you like to initiate or support during your time on the Board?

To continue with the quality cities have come to expect from the league and help with the next steps forward

4. What specific skillsets or interests do you have that you feel you can contribute to the League? (Note: ULCT appoints more than 70 city leaders to state boards and commissions as well)

I serve on many boards in leadership positions, contractor and worked with energy production in our county

5. There are designated seats on the board for the 8 geographic regions of the state as well as cities of the first and second class and towns. The remaining seats are at-large. How would you engage with your region (including with state and federal leaders) and/or city leaders around the state?

I am well acquainted with state and federal leaders also sit on SERDA board working with southeastern Utah counties mayors, commissioners and staff

6. Please describe you and/or your city's past and/or current participation within the League.

We as a city are active members to the league. Participating in fall but mostly spring conference also touch back with Cameron to give updates at SERDA meetings

7. When does your term of office expire? Do you intend to seek re-election?

I believe my term is up December 2029, at this time I'm not ready to give a definite yes to a 5th term

8. What else do you want the Nominations Committee to know about you and your city?

That we are happy to be of any service to the league

A Life of Service: Danny Van Wagoner – Castle Dale City Mayor Incumbent

“We have accomplished a great deal and have much more to do,” Danny says. “A life in service is not a sacrifice, but an honor.”

For nearly 50 years, Danny Van Wagoner has called southeastern Utah home. His roots run deep in Castle Dale, where he has spent over a decade as Mayor, working tirelessly to shape the city into a place where families thrive, businesses grow, and community spirit flourishes.

Danny’s leadership has left a visible mark on Castle Dale. From the construction of a new city hall to the creation of walking trails and the revitalization of Main Street, his vision has always been grounded in practical progress. He’s not just building infrastructure—he’s building a future. Under his guidance, the city has welcomed new businesses, strengthened its economy, and enhanced public spaces that bring people together.

But Danny’s story isn’t just about public office. Before becoming Mayor, he spent 25 years running Castle Valley Concrete Cutting, a business he built from the ground up and later sold and passed on to a fellow community member. He also dedicated 43 years to Rocky Mountain Power, retiring as a journeyman maintenance operator. And for over two decades, he and his family have welcomed guests to the San Rafael Bed & Breakfast, a labor of love that continues to serve travelers today.

Danny’s commitment to service extends far beyond city limits. He serves on numerous boards at the city, county, state, and federal levels—ranging from tourism and economic development to emergency services and housing. His appointments, including one by the President of the United States to the Selective Service System Board and another by the Governor to the Community Development Block Grant program, reflect the trust others place in his leadership.

His accomplishments are many: retiring city debt, upgrading the fire station, securing funding for public works, and forging strong partnerships with state and county leaders. In recognition of his efforts, Danny has been honored as Public Official of the Year by both the Community Action Partnership of Utah and the Emery County Chamber of Commerce.

At the heart of it all, Danny is a family man. A husband, father, and grandfather, he finds his greatest joy in the people closest to him. His approach to leadership is simple: serve with integrity, work hard, and never lose sight of the people you represent.

Professional Experience



