



Re: Thank you for your work debating and determining the tax increase

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Brittany, please add this email to the public record for the 19th Aug meeting.

Thank you.

Bob

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From: Graigry Henrie <gwhenrie@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, July 30, 2025 9:12:32 AM

To: Council <council@royutah.gov>

Subject: Thank you for your work debating and determining the tax increase

I may not be able to make it to the "Truth in Taxation" meeting, so I wanted to make sure that I gave my opinion somehow.

My name is Graigry Henrie and I live at 4839 S 3450 W in Roy. My wife and I moved here in 2021 and have enjoyed our neighbors and the city itself.

I wanted to say I appreciated reading the council notes and seeing the debate and discussion that went into the decision about the tax increase.

As a resident and homeowner in Roy, I wanted to throw my support behind the full 27.96% increase.

I have a friend who used to be a firefighter in Weber County and as he explained it to me, it is impossible to raise a family and be a firefighter without either being a Fire Captain or working multiple jobs. In the end he decided that the only thing he could do for his family was to leave being a firefighter completely if he wanted his family to continue to live here. That saddens me that someone who gives so much had to give up something important and literally lifesaving because it wasn't what his family needed.

For the danger firefighters put themselves in, I think they deserve our respect and the ability to live and raise families within the community they serve. I have similar feelings about police and other city employees.

I also appreciate and agree with the Mayor and others who emphasized the importance of not depending on one-time revenue. At minimum because of inflation, a small tax increase each year is important so that the city can maintain the level of services it currently offers. Roy City has been very conservative in their finances, and that has reflected in relatively low taxes. I think that if we want to be properly prepared for the future, it is important that we are not constantly having to retroactively make tax increases. Making these changes now gives the city the opportunity to plan ahead.

Thank you for your time, and thank you for helping the city have a clear and sustainable path forwards.

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