

**ELK RIDGE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
December 9, 2025**

TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING

This regularly scheduled meeting and public hearing of the Elk Ridge City Council was scheduled for **Tuesday, December 9, 2025, at 7:00 PM**. The meeting was held at the Elk Ridge City Hall, 80 East Park Drive, Elk Ridge, Utah. Notice of the time, place, and Agenda of this Meeting was provided to the Payson Chronicle, 145 E. Utah Ave, Payson, Utah, and to the members of the Governing Body on December 8, 2025.

ROLL CALL

Mayor: Robert Haddock

Council Members: Melanie Paxton, , Tanya Willis, Jared Peterson, Charles Wixom

Absent - Cory Thompson

Others: Royce Swensen, *City Recorder*, Laura Oliver, *Deputy Recorder*

Public: Larry lee

Opening – Mayor Haddock

Pledge - Councilmember Wixom

COUNCILMEMBER WILLIS MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AND TIME FRAME
COUNCILMEMBER PAXTON SECONDED

PUBLIC HEARING

1. HB48 WILDLAND URBAN INTERFACE MODIFICATION COUNCILMEMBER WILLIS MOTIONED TO OPEN THE PUBLIC FOR 10 MINUTES COUNCILMEMBER PETERSON SECONDED

2. BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR IMPACT FEE REINBURSEMENT

VOTE AYE (4) NAY (0) Approved
Absent - Councilmember Thompson

Larry Lee stated that the south end of the city trails needs to be made and used for fire breaks.

Fire Chief Waite stated the map was adjusted on the west side per council's suggestions. The map can only include up to the city boundary. All the areas within the city that border the areas that have all the neutral vegetation are considered high risk across up Salem Hills, across Lakeview Dr to Loafer Canyon and then down Loafer Canyon Road. The Barton house has been clear cut around the house. The problem with the map is you can't just draw the line in like you want so you have to draw it as best you can and then go define it with the county. Fire Chief will define the map with the county as soon as council approves the map. Councilman Wixom asked about red areas north of the line. Fire Chief Waite stated there are areas north of that line that are considered high risk because of the big canopy of trees that are 40-45 years old that are part of landscaping and not native vegetation. They aren't high risk because they are maintained and irrigated. It looks like a forest but it's different. There are some areas that have scrub oak on the back side of the hill, but they aren't high risk. The map even shows parts of the north end of the city as high risk, but that area is completely developed and is not high risk. Those areas are what need to be defined with the county. When you zoom in on the map the colors go away. Councilmember Wixom asked if the money collected will be used to buy bush trucks to for those high-risk areas? Fire Chief Waite stated no.

56 Some of the fees collected will go to the County, and some will go to the state to pay for the firefighters
57 that fight these fires in those areas to protect the homes. Utah had 35 structures destroyed by fire because of
58 where they are built. The state is forcing people to maintain and clear their property and create defensible
59 space around structures so it's easier for fire fighters to come onto a property and help save the home. If a
60 homeowner does nothing and the firefighters have to start from scratch it makes it really hard to gain any
61 ground. County is still trying to figure all of this out, with inspectors, and training. Once the fee schedule
62 comes out the homeowner will schedule an inspection with the county. The inspector will go through all
63 the things that are needed to be done on the property, and the fee will be adjusted accordingly. Fire Chief is
64 unsure if there will be a fee for that inspection. The state wants the insurance companies to use this map.
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66 COUNCILMEMBER WILLIS MOTIONED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING COUNCILMEMBER
67 PETERSON SECONDED

68 VOTE AYE (4) NAY(0) Approved
69 Absent Councilmember Thompson

72 **PLANNING COMMISSION UPDATE**

73 Maureen Bushman stated Planning Commission reviewed

75 **PUBLIC FORUM**

76 No Public Comment

78 **AGENDA ITEMS**

80 1. **HB48 WILDLAND URBAN INTERFACE MODIFICATIONS RESOLUTION 25-12-09-1R**

81 Fire Chief Waite stated the fee is based on the pixel and the pixel is based on the canopy which is what he
82 has to define with the county. The risk level number does not go on the map.

84 COUNCILMEMBER PAXTON MOTIONED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 25-19-09-1R HB48
85 WILDLAND URBAN INTERFACE MAP MODIFICATIONS COUNCILMEMBER PETERSON
86 SECONDED

88 VOTE AYE (4) NAY (0) Approved
89 Councilmember Paxton AYE
90 Councilmember Willis AYE
91 Councilmember Peterson AYE
92 Councilmember Wixom AYE
93 Councilmember Thompson Absent

95 2. **LIFT DISCUSSION**

96 Mayor Haddock stated the council has discussed assessing fees on lift calls for commercial facilities, like
97 the assisted living for non-emergency calls to lift people back into bed. Royce Swensen stated the city
98 needs to justify the cost. This is not for private residents. Fire Chief will read through the information.
99 There may need to be a discussion with the assisted living as to where their compliance is in having the
100 means for staff to lift their residents. Council will have more discussion before scheduling a public
101 hearing.

103 3. **IMPACT FEE**

105 COUNCILMEMBER PETERSON MOTIONED TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 25-12-09-2R BUDGET
106 AMENDMENT FOR THE 2025-2026 FISCAL YEAR FOR THE SEWER AND ROAD IMPACT FEE
107 REIMBURSEMENTS, THE AMOUNT OF THE SEWER IMPACT FEES IS \$39,201.37 THE ROAD
108 IMPACTS FEES ARE \$1,274,673.59 TO BE ALLOCATED AS PER THE CITY FINANCIAL
109 DIRECTOR, CURTIS ROBERTS COUNCILMEMBER WIXOM SECONDED

111 VOTE AYE (3) NAY (1) Approved

112 Councilmember Paxton NAY
113 Councilmember Willis AYE
114 Councilmember Peterson AYE
115 Councilmember Wixom AYE
116 Councilmember Thompson Absent
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118 **4. FINANCIAL REVIEW**

119 There were no concerns
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121 Discussion ensued on when to have a meeting to motion for a public hearing on reinstating impact fees for
122 December 16, 2025, so that it can be properly noticed
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124 **5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 18, 2025**

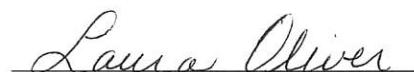
125 COUNCILMEMBER WIXOM MOTIONED TO APPROVE MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 18, 2025,
126 COUNCILMEMBER WILLIS SECONDED
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128 VOTE AYE (4) NAY (0) Approved
129 Absent- Councilmember Thompson
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131 Adjournment
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133 COUNCILMEMBER PAXTON MOTIONED TO ADJOURN COUNCILMEMBER WILLIS
134 SECONDED
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136 Vote AYE (4) NAY (0) Approved
137 Absent- Councilmember Thompson
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141 Laura Oliver
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