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**ELK RIDGE  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
January 27, 2026**

**TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING**

This regularly scheduled meeting and public hearing of the Elk Ridge City Council was scheduled for **Tuesday, January 27, 2026, at 7:00 PM preceded by a work session**. 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 January 26, 2026.

**WORK SESSION**

**WORK SESSION SPENCER FOSTER (VIA ZOOM) TRAINING OPEN MEETINGS**

**ACT**

Spencer Foster presented the Open and Public Meeting Act training for Council.

Discussion on Notice of a Quorum for events where a quorum is present. Personnel and Security issues are not recorded but an affidavit should be signed and posted.

**ROLL CALL**

Mayor: Robert Haddock

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

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

Public: Larry Lee, Andy may, Debbie May, James Alistrom, Ryan Selee, Dan Frchner, Matt, Laurendeau, Lisa Graham, Dani Schultz, Eric Johnson

Opening – Councilmember Wixom

Pledge - Councilmember Willis

COUNCILMEMBER WILLIS MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AND ADJUST THE TIMEFRAME TO 7:04 PM COUNCILMEMBER THOMPSON SECONDED

VOTE	AYE (5)	NAY (0)	Approved
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Roll Call Mayor Haddock, Cory Thompson, Charles Wixom, Tanya Willis, Jared Peterson, Melanie Paxton

**PLANNING COMMISSION UPDATE**

No Updates

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Andy May - He is a member of the Parks Trails and Open Space Committee and is excited about the work being done there with the connectivity of the trails with other communities.

James Alistrom - He is the Attorney for the Bennett Trustees and is here to represent the Bennetts during that agenda item

49 COUNCILMEMBER WILLIS MOTIONED TO OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR 26-01-  
50 27-1R THE CITY FEE SCHEDULE FOR NON-EMERGENCY LIFT FEES FOR TWO  
51 MINUTES COUNCILMEMBER PETERSON SECONDED  
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54 VOTE AYE (5) NAY (0) Approved  
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56 COUNCILMEMBER WILLIS MOTIONED TO CONCURRENTLY OPEN THE PUBLIC  
57 MEETING FOR RESOLUTION 26-01-27-2R BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR TRAILS  
58 FEASIBILITY STUDY WITH WOODLAND HILLS FOR TWO MINUTES  
59 COUNCILMEMBER PAXTON SECONDED.  
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61 VOTE AYE (5) NAY (0) Approved  
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63 Mayor Haddock stated the Emergency lift fee is actually a cost reimbursement and is for the  
64 commercial entities for non-emergency calls to help someone back in bed. Discussion included  
65 this is not for private citizens or for emergency calls to the care center.  
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67 Mayor Haddock stated the budget amendment is for Elk Ridge to be included in the grant for a  
68 feasibility study with Woodland Hills in order to find a trail access for Elk Ridge connect with  
69 their trail system and onto the county trail system.  
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71 **AGENDA ITEMS**  
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73 **1. RESOLUTION 26-01-27-1R FEE SCHEDULE, NON-EMERGENCY LIFT FEE**

74 Mayor Haddock stated Fire Chief Waite calculated the costs in the amount of \$280. Discussion  
75 included this is for only non-emergency calls to commercial entities and not for private residents.  
76 The commercial property includes the assisted living, which is required to have staff on hand to  
77 be able to lift residents, which they have not had available. The city's EMT's are called very  
78 often to lift their residents.  
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80 COUNCILMEMBER PETERSON MOTIONED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR  
81 RESOLUTION 26-01-27-1R FEE SCHEDULE, NON-EMERGENCY LIFT FEES  
82 COUNCILMEMBER WILLIS SECONDED.  
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84 VOTE AYE (5) NAY (0) Approved  
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86 COUNCILMEMBER PETERSON MOTIONED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 26-01-27-1R  
87 THE CITY FEE SCHEDULE FOR NON-EMERGENCY LIFT FEES IN THE AMOUNT OF  
88 \$280 COUNCILMEMBER PAXTON SECONDED  
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90 VOTE AYE (4) NAY (0) Abstain (1) Approved  
91 Councilmember Wixom AYE  
92 Councilmember Thompson AYE

93 Councilmember Peterson AYE  
94 Councilmember Willis Abstain  
95 Councilmember Paxton AYE

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97 **2. RESOLUTION 26-01-27-2R TRAILS FEASIBILITY STUDY**

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99 Woodlands Hills portion with the grant is \$80,000 Elk Ridge's portion is \$10,000. Discussion  
100 ensued as to where the trail might be, which would be somewhere on Loafer Canyon. The  
101 feasibility study is to find the best route from Elk Ridge to Woodland Hills trail system. The  
102 vision for this and other trails is connectivity to neighboring cities. Concerns were the city being  
103 low on the list for funding and the risk of money and effort spent for this to go nowhere.

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105 COUNCILMEMBER THOMPSON MOTIONED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR  
106 26-01-27-2R TRAILS FEASIBILITY STUDY WITH WOODLAND HILLS  
107 COUNCILMEMBER PAXTON SECONDED

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109 VOTE AYE (5) NAY (0) Approved

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111 COUNCILMEMBER PAXTON MOTIONED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 26-01-27-2R  
112 FEASIBILITY STUDY WITH WOODLAND HILLS FOR \$10,000 COUNCILMEMBER  
113 WILLIS SECONDED

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115 VOTE AYE (4) NAY (1) Approved

116 Councilmember Wixom AYE  
117 Councilmember Thompson AYE  
118 Councilmember Peterson NAY  
119 Councilmember Willis AYE  
120 Councilmember Paxton AYE

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122 **3. JONES & DEMILLE, STORM DRAIN MASTER PLAN PRESENTATION**

123 Matt Laurendeau of Jones & DeMille - Elk Ridge received a FEMA Brick grant to study the  
124 potential flooding risks within the city boundaries. The purpose of the grant is to improve or  
125 reduce the risks. This is a preliminary review, and they are still working on cost estimates. Ryan  
126 Selee City Engineer with Jones & DeMille, went through maps and soil types and the most  
127 potential watershed risk areas for a 25 and 100 year storm. Ryan Selee highlighted the area  
128 below the golf course, which is natural drainage. Christley Way retention basin is too small  
129 options were presented such as doubling the drainage grates to catch fast moving water.  
130 Lighthouse Subdivision, 55 Plus area, Elk Ridge Dr., west end of Park Dr., Rocky Mountain Way  
131 and 11200 (county road), Loafer Canyon are other areas with concerns. Dan Fechner of Jones &  
132 DeMille went through the city's current storm water code, adopted in 2010, which is too vague.  
133 The code needs to be updated to a more comprehensive code and recommended using the code  
134 from Lake Point City and updating the city standards. Ryan Selee recommended sending/posting  
135 out a notification of the ordinance change. Council will have an open house before the public  
136 hearing. A joint session with the Planning Commission will be scheduled for the first Thursday in

137 March. Advertisements will be through social media, flyers, website, utility bills, and signs at city  
138 entrances. Councilmember Willis will draft the ordinance.

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140 COUNCILMEMBER WILLIS MOTIONED TO AMEND THE AGENDA TO MOVE ITEM 8,  
141 BENNETT LLC AGREEMENT FORWARD COUNCILMEMBER PETERSON SECONDED

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143 VOTE AYE (5) NAY (0) Approved

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145 **4. BENNETT LLC AGREEMENT**

146 Eric Johnson, City Attorney stated the settlement agreement is to settle suit regarding the opening  
147 of the easement the city has on the Bennett property which had been fenced off. Discussion  
148 ensued on changing the language in section 6 to the suit being dismissed upon recording of the  
149 agreement. The key to the upper gate will be delivered to the city tomorrow.

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151 COUNCILMEMBER THOMPSON MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE SETTLEMENT  
152 AGREEMENT AND RELEASE FOR THE BENNETT LLC WITH THE MODIFICATION  
153 UNDER SECTION 6 DISMISSAL OF LAWSUIT THAT ELK RIDGE WILL CAUSE TO BE  
154 FILED THE NOTICE OF DISMISSAL WITH PREJUDICE AFTER THE EASEMENT IS  
155 PROPERLY RECORDED AND EXECUTED, COUNCILMEMBER PAXTON SECONDED.

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157 VOTE AYE (5) NAY (0) Approved

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159 **5. FEE SCHEDULE LOT LINE ADJUSTMENTS**

160 It was presented that the lot line adjustments code was changed in October 2025 per the state  
161 code and administration is recommending the fee be increased to cover current costs. Discussion  
162 ensued on what cost increase would be appropriate. More information is needed and staff and  
163 council will research the actual cost, city and state code and work involved. The code will be on  
164 the agenda to be discussed further.

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166 COUNCILMEMBER PETERSON MOTIONED TO SEND THIS TO PUBLIC HEARING  
167 COUNCILMEMBER THOMPSON SECONDED

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169 VOTE AYE (5) NAY (0) Approved

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171 **6. FINANCIAL REVIEW**

172 There were no concerns

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174 **7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR JULY 8, 2026**

175 Minutes were delayed due to technical issues

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177 COUNCILMEMBER PETERSON MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR JULY 8,  
178 2025, COUNCILMEMBER THOMPSON SECONDED

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180 VOTE AYE (4) NAY (0) Abstain (1) Approved

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**8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR JANUARY 13, 2026**

COUNCILMEMBER PETERSON MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM  
JANUARY 13, 2026, COUNCILMEMBER WIXOM SECONDED

VOTE                      AYE (5)                      NAY (0)                      Approved

COUNCILMEMBER WILLIS MOTIONED TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS  
PENDING LITIGATION AND A PERSONNEL CONDUCT MATTER PER UTAH CODE 52-  
4-204 COUNCILMEMBER PETERSON SECONDED

VOTE                      AYE (5)                      NAY (0)                      Approved

COUNCILMEMBER WIXOM MOTIONED TO ADJOURN COUNCILMEMBER WILLIS  
SECONDED

VOTE                      AYE (5)                      NAY (0)                      Approved

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Laura Oliver