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**ELK RIDGE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
May 12, 2026**

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TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING

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This regularly scheduled meeting and public hearing of the Elk Ridge City Council was scheduled for **Tuesday, May 12, 2026, 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 April 27, 2026.

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ROLL CALL

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Mayor: Robert Haddock
Council Members: Cory Thompson, Charles Wixom, Melanie Paxton, Tanya Willis
Absent - Jared Peterson,
Others: Royce Swensen, *City Recorder*, Laura Oliver, *Deputy Recorder*
Public: Larry Lee

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Opening – Mayor Haddock
Pledge – Cory Thompson

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COUNCILMEMBER WILLIS MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AND
TIMEFRAME COUNCILMEMBER PAXTON SECONDED

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

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PLANNING COMMISSION UPDATE

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The May meeting was canceled. Mayor Haddock invited council to the May 19 meeting. The Planning Commission will have an open discussion regarding Trails on existing streets.

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PUBLIC FORUM

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AGENDA ITEMS

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2. FRAUD ASSESSMENT

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The city scores at 340 out of 395 possible which is a low risk.

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COUNCILMEMBER WILLIS MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE FRAUD RISK
ASSESSMENT COUNCILMEMBER THOMPSON SECONDED

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VOTE	AYE (4)	NAY (0)	Approved
Absent - Jared Peterson			

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3. MASTER STORM WATER PLAN

Discussion ensued on basins and how Salem landscapes and maintains basins. HOA's own and maintains basins.

Tabled

4. 2026-2027 TENTATIVE BUDGET

Discussion ensued on legal fees and whether the amount should be increased. Salaries and wages has a temporary increase to include Royce's replacement. Royce will stay on to train them.

Discussion ensued on billing and postage and exploring other options for Xpress Bill Pay.

Discussion ensued on what Contracts Services is. Royce Swensen stated he needs to confirm what all is included in this but IT services is one item and our current IT person will be going on a mission in the fall, and a new bonded IT person will need to be found. Fire Department figures are still being figured, these are last year's numbers and if the insurance is high enough for the fire department. This is a fire department decision and will be discussed further in the next meeting if needed. Discussion ensued on the road work on Canyon View right of way and fences and an old tree. This is in progress; bids are being taken and neighbors will be talked with. This may slide to the next budget year, but they are trying to get this done.

The general fund has a \$130,000 short fall. Truth in taxation was discussed. The city has not raised taxes for approximately 10 years. Cost estimates are needed on roads, and other priority projects are needed. If the city raises taxes to cover the shortfall it is an estimated \$100 more per household which is a 20% increase. The city's certified tax rate has steadily dropped since 2016, residents pay less taxes now than in 2016 for taxes that actually go to the city. Mayor Haddock recommended having the new financial director come to the next meeting. Truth in taxation will need to be on the next agenda for a decision to proceed, an exact amount is needed and deadlines will be researched.

Fund 21 - parks construction has 1.2 million was added for the pickle ball, bathroom and pavilion and cameras or as much as can be done. Councilmember Willis stated for the record that these funds are not from tax dollars, they are impact fees collected from developers and can only be used by parks. They are not part of the operating expenses that come from tax revenue. UVU construction may be able to be used which may decrease costs, volunteers can be used for landscaping.

Discussion ensued regarding grants that are coming in and applied for. The city has \$250,000 that will be made available which the city has to match, the trail feasibility study of 125,000 is coming, the city's match is roughly \$8,000, the \$250,000 will come by the end of the summer. Those figures are not included and will be done through budget amendments as needed.

5. APPROVAL FOR MINUTES FOR APRIL 28, 2026

COUNCILMEMBER PAXTON MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR APRIL 28, 2026, COUNCILMEMBER THOMPSON SECONDED

92 VOTE AYE (3) NAY (0) Approved
93 Absent - Jared Peterson
94 Abstained Tanya Willis

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96 COUNCILMEMBER PAXTON MOTIONED TO ADJOURN COUNCILMEMBER WILLIS
97 SECONDED

98 VOTE AYE (4) NAY (0) Approved
99 Absent - Jared Peterson

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