

**ELK RIDGE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
May 26, 2026**

TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING

This regularly scheduled meeting and public hearing of the Elk Ridge City Council was scheduled for **Tuesday, May 26, 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 May 22, 2026.

ROLL CALL

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

Opening – Mayor Haddock
Pledge – Cory Thompson

COUNCILMEMBER THOMPSON MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AND
TIMEFRAME COUNCILMEMBER PETERSON SECONDED

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

PLANNING COMMISSION UPDATE

Lisa Graham stated the trail and streets meeting went well. Everyone was respectful and expected this meeting. Residents are in favor of trails that connect Elk Ridge to Salem and the country trail that leads to Forebay as long as it doesn't impact them. A trails map has been created since 2006 it was brought up that the plan was divisive then and it was allowed to be left alone and not acted upon. The majority do not want new trails in existing neighborhoods, and felt the survey was not clear on the actual cost, (not the financial cost), of what they would have to give up for street parking. Rocky Mountain Way has safety concerns and would like an off-street trail. Canyon View would like an off-street trail as well. Someone would like a cemetery, and most people were unaware of the WUI tax

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. David Spencer is running for County Commission CP introduced himself and his platform.
Larry Lee stated the chipping program was great.

1. RESOLUTION 26-05-26-1R, MASTER STORM WATER PLAN- BRIC STUDY

Jones and DeMille did a study of the city's problem areas with storm runoff through a grant the city received. Discussion ensued on priorities and history on problem areas.

COUNCILMEMBER MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE COUNCILMEMBER 26-05-26-1R
COUNCILMEMBER THOMPSON SECONDED

VOTE AYE (3) NAY (0) Approved
Absent - Councilmember Wixom
Abstained - Councilmember Willis (Offline for a portion of the discussion)

2. TENTATIVE 2026-2026 BUDGET

Mayor Haddock stated due to the deadline of truth and taxation they chose not to do it this year. Discussion ensued on educating the residents on truth and taxation and how things like parks and roads are paid for and prepare for next year. Discussion ensued on the progress of Sky Hawk Park and the pickle ball courts and parking lots.

COUNCILMEMBER THOMPSON MOTIONED TO MOVE THE 2026/2027 TENTATIVE BUDGET TO PUBLIC HEARING COUNCILMEMBER PETERSON SECONDED

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

3. GOVERNOR COX EXECUTIVE ORDER 26-02 DROUGHT, ELK RIDGE WATER CONSERVATION DISCUSSION

Governor Cox Order has recommendations, not a mandatory order. City will issue a resolution in support with recommendations from the city such as odds and evens watering on specific days, but not mandatory restrictions. The resolution will be drafted and emailed to council and a poll vote will be taken. The largest water users like the churches could be notified about conserving water.

4. CITY RECORDER APPOINTMENT

Mayor Haddock stated that Royce will be retiring. The city has interviewed several individual and have offered the position to Spencer Foster. He will take over the city recorder position which is a mandatory position the city has to have. Royce will be staying on to train Spencer for several months.

COUNCILMEMBER PETERSON MOTIONED TO APPOINT SPENCER FOSTER TO CITY RECORDER AS OF JUNE 29, 2026 MELANIE PAXTON SECONDED.

VOTE AYE (4) NAY (0) Approved
Absent – Councilmember Wixom

5. FINANCIAL REVIEW

There were no concerns

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MAY 12, 2026

COUNCILMEMBER PAXTON MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR MAY 12, 2026, COUNCILMEMBER WILLIS SECONDED.

94 VOTE AYE (3) NAY (0) Approved
95 Absent – Councilmember Wixom
96 Abstain – Councilmember Peterson
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98 COUNCILMEMBER PAXTON MOTIONED TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION PER UTAH
99 CODE 52-4-204 TO DISCUSS A POTENTIAL LEGAL MATTER COUNCILMEMBER
100 THOMPSON SECONDED

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102 VOTE AYE (4) NAY (0) Approved
103 Absent – Councilmember Wixom

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Laura Oliver