

**ELK RIDGE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
July 14, 2026**

TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING

This regularly scheduled meeting and public hearing of the Elk Ridge City Council was scheduled for **Tuesday, July 14, 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 July 13, 2026.

WORK SESSION

WILDFLOWER PARK DISCUSSION

Councilmember Peterson was hoping to talk to Michelle about what her crew wanted to do in the wildflower park when they got there. The other issue is there are quite a few encroachments into the park. If the city wants to make this a more viable open space park, these encroachments need to be taken care of. Screenshots were taken and sent to Spencer Foster that will handle enforcement on these. This neighborhood is new enough that the property lines are pretty accurate. Anything beyond a foot he listed. From north to south there is some fencing and landscaping, an abandoned chicken coop, which is clearly 4-6 feet into the park. There is a property that has a retaining wall and a chicken coop, landscaping rocks into the park and there are grass clippings chucked onto the park. Through Google Pro you can go back through previous years and the landscaping rocks were put in when the yard went in. The retaining wall is at least 3 feet over the property line. The next worst encroachments have a fenced in garden, with a path and steps. This home changed ownership since this was put in. The retaining wall is about 6 inches which he wasn't concerned with. There is a home that is cross connected with the city's water sprinklers. There's a tapered lawn mower. There is lawn debris behind several homes. There is a shipping container. Councilmember Paxton stated the city already addressed shipping containers. Another home has a retaining wall that goes out into the park about 3 feet. There is a berm behind one house when the yard went in. It's high enough that it makes it difficult to mow.

Councilmember Wixom stated that the deed does not have any stipulations. Spencer Foster will be sending friendly letters to the homeowners which gives them 30 days to contact Spencer. Council members stated the council cannot set a precedent that lets one homeowner do something and not the next. The city cannot play favorites. Mayor Haddock stated that it may be possible to record a letter that a wall is on city property so that the city retains ownership. Royce Swensen stated that recordings have to be resolved when the property sells, either by rerecording with the new homeowner or removing the encroachment. Councilmember Wixom stated what is the city's responsibility to mow behind homes for fire concerns. Councilmember Peterson stated Michelle told him she moved to fire resistant grasses, but the city code states grass can't be higher than 6 inches. The city is in violation of its own code and does not allow for what Michelle wants to do and the city needs to take a look at amending the code. The city is responsible for maintaining the park and there is a point where the city cannot allow residents to put stuff that is not maintainable. There is a rock maze that can't be maintained. Councilmember Wixom stated letting residents just go in and do things to a park people will interpret that as they can do what they want. Royce

Swensen stated that Jerry Clark, Public Works has some items of discussion. Spencer Foster stated Jerry's main concern is when the public works can take over maintenance in the spring. Councilmember Paxton stated Michelle is part of the Parks and Trails committee and would like to meet with them to come up with a plan. Councilmember Peterson stated there needs to be restrictions as to what they can do and when, nothing should be in public works way when they mow. Spencer Foster said Jerry's biggest concern is when can public works go in and take care of city property.

Council talked to the school district about asking for some of the school property in order to straighten the road out and possibly more land.

Discussion ensued on signage.

Spencer Foster went through the process of filling a vacant council seat. Until the city receives a resignation letter the city cannot do anything. The city may be able to advertise for it.

ROLL CALL

Mayor: Robert Haddock

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

Others: Royce Swensen, *City Recorder*,

Public: Dale Conklin, Rob Martinez, Eric Ditlevsen, Shandi Ditlevsen, Richard Leavitt, Tina Leavitt, Jim Chase, Ty Ellis

Opening – Eric Ditlevsen

Pledge – Ty Ellis

COUNCILMEMBER PETERSON MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AND ADJUST THE TIMEFRAME TO 7:02 COUNCILMEMBER PAXTON SECONDED

VOTE	AYE (5)	NAY (0)	Approved
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PLANNING COMMISSION UPDATE

Dani Schultz stated the meeting last week was on Highlands phase 2 regarding the intersection of Canyon View Dr and Meadow Lar. It was passed depending on city council approving the permission to work on Canyon View Dr which belongs to the city.

PUBLIC FORUM

No public comment

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

VOTE	AYE (3)	NAY (0)	Approved
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Via Telephone - Tanya Willis - didn't vote

Absent - Cory Thompson

93 **Planning Commission Update**

94 Lisa Graham will do an update before the Highlands Phase II road discussion

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96 **PUBLIC HEARING**

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98 COUNCILMEMBER PAXTON MOTIONED TO OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR
99 CANYON VIEW DR WIDENING PROJECT HUDSON DR TO PARK DR FOR 15 MINUTES
100 COUNCILMEMBER PETERSON SECONDED.

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102 Mayor Haddock stated this section will be widened, manhole cover areas will be fixed, and the
103 new water lines are being installed. There will be a trail which needs an exception to be narrower
104 than 10 feet in order not to take out mature trees and changed to allow asphalt instead of concrete.
105 The curb and gutter is 2 feet, ADA corners will be installed which need to be on the plans. There
106 will be sumps installed. The road is not to city standards as well which needs an exception.
107 Councilmember Peterson stated this is a developed area, and the city needs to work within
108 parameters. Residents will be responsible for repairing their own sprinkler lines, but they will try
109 to be gentle with them. The retaining wall on the east side will not be removed.

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111 COUNCILMEMBER PETERSON MOTIONED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING
112 COUNCILMEMBER PAXTON SECONDED

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114 VOTE AYE (4) NAY (0) Approved
115 Absent - Cory Thompson

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117 **AGENDA ITEMS**

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119 **1. SPEED LIMIT SIGN**

120 Deputy Monson stated the speed limit signs coming up the hill on Park Dr is 30 mph and going
121 down the hill is 25 and recommended changing the 30 mph sign to 25 and making it consistent.
122 Discussion ensued on the speed limit on other collector and arterial roads and whether the speed
123 limit on Park should be 25 or 30 mph.

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125 COUNCILMEMBER PETERSON MOTIONED TO CHANGE THE SPEED LIMIT GOING
126 DOWN THE HILL ON PARK DR TO 25 MPH COUNCILMEMBER WILLIS SECONDED

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128 VOTE AYE (3) NAY (2) Approved
129 Mayor Haddock tie breaker
130 Absent - Cory Thompson

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132 **2. E BIKE ORDINANCE**

133 Deputy Monson presented the state ordinance for E Bikes. Elk Ridge is less restrictive All E
134 bikes that have a motor, over 750 watts, go over 20 mph even if they have pedals are considered
135 motorcycles. Elk Ridge is less restrictive than the state code which is not allowed. It makes it
136 very difficult for her to enforce the law. Elk Ridge is not what it was 25 years ago. The first time

137 she pulls a kid over for not wearing a helmet for instance, she gives them a warning and educates
138 them and the parents. If she pulls them over again, they get a ticket.

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140 ATVS have to be registered and street legal to drive on the street. The city can designate certain
141 streets to access trails but there are no trails around Elk Ridge to connect to that allow ATVs. The
142 city cannot be less restrictive than state code. Elk Ridge City is a small town, and you want it to
143 continue to feel like it.

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145 Deputy Monson pulled the stats on the number of the traffic stops since 2022, There has been
146 782, of which 650 in order to distinguish which stop were ATVs she would have to pull each stop
147 get those stats, but it is a lot. 782 is a ton, speeding and ATVs are a problem.

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149 **3. HIGHLANDS PHASE II OFFSITE ROAD IMPROVEMENT LOCATED IN**
150 **HIGHLAND'S PHASE I FOR THE LINE OF SITE COMPLIANCE AT CANYON**
151 **VIEW DR.- MEADOW LARK DR. INTERSECTION**

152 Lisa Graham went through the issues on the line of site problems at Meadow Lark and Canyon
153 View Dr intersection. Planning Commission sent it to City Council in order to decide if the
154 developer can revise Canyon View Drive which is a dedicated city road.

155 Discussion ensued on the process, and the conditions the developer would have to meet for
156 ASHTOO site line safety requirements. The plans will be submitted by the developers engineer
157 and reviewed by the city engineer.

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159 COUNCILMEMBER PETERSON MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE OFFSITE ROAD
160 IMPROVEMENTS LOCATED IN THE HIGHLAND'S PHASE I LINE OF SITE
161 COMPLIANCE ON CANYON VIEW DR AND MEADOW LARK INTERSECTION WITH
162 THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS PER PLANNING CONDITIONS MOTION

- 163 1. The line of site on Meadow Lark and Canyon View Drive must be correct according to the
- 164 Highlands Phase 1 exhibit plan submitted
- 165 2. Must comply with conditions A B and C as stated in Joe Wilkens
- 166 recommendation
- 167 3. The finished eyeball elevation for Meadow Lark must be set at 57.75 which raises it 17 to
- 168 24 inches
- 169 4. Everything must pass line of site test with ASHTOO standards
- 170 5. Final approval contingent upon the city council granting the exception

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172 CHARLES WIXOM SECONDED

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174 VOTE AYE (3) ANY (2) Approved
175 Mayor Haddock tie breaker Mayor was at all the Planning Commission meetings and understands
176 the issues
177 Absent - Cory Thompson

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179 **4. CANYON VIEW DR, HUDSON TO PARK DR- CODE CHANGE, GENERAL PLAN**
180 **AMENDMENT AND EXCEPTION TO CITY STANDARDS**

Discussion ensued on whether this needed to go to Planning Commission, but these are exceptions to city standards, exceptions go to Council. The water pipe is being done now, the road work needs to be approved now in order to get it done before the seasons change

COUNCILMEMBER PETERSON MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS FOR THE CANYON VIEW DR HUDSON TO PARK DR PROJECODE AND GENERAL PLAN TO ALLOW

1. ALLOW THE ROAD WIDTH TO BE UP TO 2 FEET NARROWER
2. ALLOW THE TRAIL TO BE UP TO 2 FEET NARROWER
3. ALLOW FOR THE TRAIL MATERIAL TO BE ASPHALT INSTEAD OF CONCRETE
4. CHANGE THE TRAIL TO THE EAST SIDE
5. SEND IT TO PLANNING COMMISSION TO CHANGE THE GENERAL PLAN TO MAKE IT A ROADSIDE TRAIL TO A ROADSHARE TRAIL

MELANIE PAXTON SECONDED

VOTE	AYE (4)	ANY (0)	Approved
Absent - Cory Thompson			

5. MOTION FOR BUDGET AMENDMENT, RESURFACE TENNIS COURT AND BASKETBALL COURT AT SHULER PARK

Councilmember Paxton stated the city received several quotes. The cost to resurfacing the tennis court and making it a dual purpose with pickleball courts is \$16,500. There are 2 roll away pickleball nets for The basketball court is \$10,750. The lights are to be repaired and to make sure they are dark sky compliant she spoke with all the neighbors above the courts and told them it was being discussed tonight and to come but they were all fine with the lights. The total budget amendment would be for \$30,000

COUNCILMEMBER PETERSON MOTIONED TO HAVE A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR THE TENNIS COURT AND BASKETBALL COURT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,000 ON JULY 23 COUNCILMEMBER PAXTON SECONDED

VOTE	AYE (3)	ANY (2)	APPROVED
Absent - Cory Thompson			

6. CLARIFICATION OF ORDINANCE 10-2-2 DEFINITION SETBACKS AND FOOTINGS

Royce Swensen stated the code defines setbacks are measured from the footings. The builders are saying setbacks are measured from the foundation. Through the city engineer it is recommended it say footings and foundation. Decks use footings which need to be in the setback.

Councilmember Peterson stated footings are wider than the foundation, and it is the industry norm to measure from the foundation.

COUNCILMEMBER WIXOM MOTIONED TO SEND IT TO PLANNING COMMISSION FOR PUBLIC HEARING TO REVIEW AND MAKE RECOMMENDATION TO

ORDINANCE 10-2-2 REGARDING SETBACK AND STRUCTURAL PIERS
COUNCILMEMBER PETERSON SECONDED.

VOTE AYE (4) ANY (0) Approved
Absent - Cory Thompson

7. RESOLUTION 26-07-14-1R MWPP SURVEY

COUNCILMEMBER PETERSON MOTIONS TO ADOPT THE MWPP SURVEY FOR 2026
RESOLUTION 26-07-14-1R COUNCILMEMBER PAXTON SECONDED

VOTE AYE (4) ANY (0) Approved
Absent - Cory Thompson

COUNCILMEMBER PETERSON MOTIONED TO ADJOURN COUNCILMEMBER WIXOM
SECONDED

VOTE AYE (4) ANY (0) Approved
Absent - Cory Thompson

Laura Oliver