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**ELK RIDGE  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

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**TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING**

This regularly scheduled Meeting of the Elk Ridge City Council, was scheduled for **Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016, at 7:00 PM**; this meeting was preceded by a **City Council Work Session Meeting at 6:30 PM**. The meetings were held at the Elk Ridge City Hall, 80 East Park Drive, Elk Ridge, Utah.

Notice of the time, place and Agenda of these Meetings, were provided to the Payson Chronicle, 145 E. Utah Ave, Payson, Utah, and to the members of the Governing Body, on April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

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**ROLL CALL**

*Mayor:* Hal Shelley

*Council Members:* Brittany Thompson, Ty Ellis, Tricia Thomas, Dale Bigler, Nelson Abbott

*Deputy Recorder:* Melanie Hoover, *Recorder:* Royce Swensen

*Public Works Director:* McKay Lloyd

*Public:* Clayton Creek, Paul Crook, Rebecca Anderson, Erin Mecklenburg, Brant Ludwig, Spencer Strand, Terry Martens, Erik Strand, Jim Chase, Samuel Lofthouse, Jacob Watson, Ben Fisher, Mitchell Waite, John Lemmons, Jared Barton, Miranda Merrill, Dean Ingram

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**CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION**

6:30 pm

1. **SIGNAGE CODE DISCUSSION.**

Mayor Shelley reported that Planning Commission has been asked to review the city code on signage. These include temporary, real estate, and private business signs. There is a sign ordinance that restricts size and the entire code needs to be reviewed. He would like issues with the code addressed and corrected.

Dale Bigler feels the temporary signs shouldn't be restricted. He feels the larger permanent development signs need to be removed or obtain authorization to install them.

Nelson Abbott responded that as per city code, the development signs are allowed for approved developments. The non-political signs are not permitted within our code. He would be ok if no signs were allowed within the city as he feels they clutter and are unattractive. Temporary signs would be fine, just not left up over a long period of time.

Tricia Thomas feels that if the signs are on private property they should be permitted.

Nelson Abbott responded that most problem areas are within the city easements.

Mayor Shelley would like a time frame when the temporary signs should be taken down. As per city code, the only signs permitted besides development are those who have business licenses and can be placed on their property where the business is located.

2. **SPEED ON ELK RIDGE DRIVE.**

Mayor Shelley has some residents bring to his attention their concerns in regards to the speed limit that will be set on the new Elk Ridge Drive. The planters in the middle are for aesthetics and also for a traffic calming device. The speed limit planned was designed to be 30 mph.

Nelson Abbott feels that it's ridiculous to take the main road into town and dial the speed limit down to 30 mph. He feels when the road was designed and with the additional setbacks required, it was designed to be a 40 mph road.

Dale Bigler stated the road is 14 feet wide on each side with additional turn areas. He feels the speed should be 35 to 40 mph. He would like to see a safety island on Elk Ridge Drive and Sky Hawk Way. The design with the islands is a major speed reduction.

Mayor Shelley stated that when the school comes in, there will be crosswalk areas.

Mayor Shelley opened the discussion to the public.

Troy Tischner has concerns with the speed limit set at 40 mph. There are three homes along that road that don't have the extra setbacks. He feels that the area which is approximately less than a mile only

1 takes 4 seconds off commute time. This is a small stretch of road within a development and feels it  
2 would be ridiculous not to set the limit at 30 mph for the small stretch of road that it is. There will be  
3 children crossing the road before and after the school is built.

4 Rebecca Anderson wants the speed limit at 30 mph to preserve the sense of safety and peacefulness  
5 within the community. Not all residents with backyards connected can afford to have a fence  
6 installed. The walking path and trail will attract people and children and feels the speed limit should  
7 be reduced to 25-30 mph. The road should be consistent at 30 mph all the way since the speed limit  
8 south of the roundabout location is already at 30 mph. She presented research on how long it takes  
9 vehicles to stop at the speed they are going.

10 Terry Martens feels that if the road was intended to be 40 mph why didn't they leave the road alone?  
11 It's now a residential area that needs a lower speed limit as big trucks will be using the road. The  
12 speed limit of 40 mph is not necessary within a residential area. By setting the speed limit at 40 mph,  
13 it allows speeds up to 50 mph.

14 Erin Mecklenberg is sympathetic to the fact that upper Elk Ridge sees this road as a highway to get to  
15 town but now it is a residential area with young children. It would be irresponsible and scary to have a  
16 speed limit at 40 mph through this area.

17 Clayton Creek feels that a lot needs to be considered before a speed limit is set. There are speed limits  
18 of 25 mph throughout the town and feels this residential area should be the same. He would like a  
19 speed bump considered as well.

20 Brant Ludwig feels the issue is the safety of the children. Getting from point A to point B is not the  
21 issue. Elk Ridge begins in the lower community now with a lot of young children. He wants council  
22 to put the children's safety in their minds and not the 30 extra seconds it would take to commute. He  
23 would like the speed limit to be 25 mph.

24 Nelson Abbott appreciates the input and having received the additional input has changed his mind.

25 Mayor Shelley stated that he is in favor of a speed limit in the neighborhood of 30 mph. He stated that  
26 residents have influence and they need to take the speed issues to their neighbors. Since we live on a  
27 hill, gravity will win if we don't take charge. We all need to make the conscious effort to slow down.  
28 He would like all residents to help him get this message out.

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30 3. CRESTVIEW SUBDIVISION DISCUSSION.

31 Shay Stark referred to the drawings sent to council members. Crestview Subdivision is located at the  
32 north east intersection of Park Drive and Elk Ridge Drive. The application has been brought forward  
33 and in 2008, plans went through and received final approval and was called Parkview Corner. This  
34 isn't formally coming before council, it's just a discussion. There are a few issues that exceptions  
35 from the code would be required. This parcel is already zoned senior overlay. He presented the new  
36 proposal with 8 units. There are two units that don't fit within the minimum square footage. Do we  
37 want to keep the minimum square footage that high with senior overlay zone? If one less unit is  
38 required, this unit would probably be eliminated. The edge of the lot line is measured from the base of  
39 the home. The setback requirement would then be 20 feet. If the code is met in this aspect, then one  
40 unit would also have to be eliminated which would take the plans down to 6 units. The maximum  
41 grade is 6% and this parcel can't meet the 6% requirement. After 2008, several codes were modified  
42 and the ability to put in private streets was taken out of the city code. The current requirement  
43 requires home to abut to a city street. Therefore, no homes could be built in the back. Would we want  
44 6 driveways coming out on Elk Ridge Drive? He would like council's thoughts and ideas on this  
45 project before decisions to go forward are made.

46 Brittany Thompson asked if there is an HOA in the plans. If an HOA doesn't succeed, are the roads  
47 wide enough to plow and take care of these roads?

48 Dean Ingram stated he would be fine with putting in homes as the R1-15000 zone. He referred to the  
49 survey sent out before and residents recommended bringing in senior living. The problem is the codes  
50 does not match allowing a senior housing overlay. If senior housing overlays are desired, the code  
51 needs to be re-written to make them possible.

52 Shay Stark stated this parcel is odd-shaped and small. The 6% grade issue will be brought up on any  
53 proposed plans since we live on a hillside.

54 Brittany Thompson has a problem with the 30 feet setback lowered to 20 feet and the existing  
55 residents should receive the benefit of that.



1 Nelson Abbott referred to the open space off of Sky Hawk Way that is city property and asked council  
2 to consider this property as an option when a decision is to be made.

3 Tricia Thomas likes the idea of subdividing and selling the 4 lots and leaving the rest of the property as  
4 is and reducing the city debt on the property.

5 Dale Bigler feels the frontage property needs to be left. In order to relieve some of the city debt on the  
6 property, selling the 4 lots is the only option.

7 Shay Stark responded that the city's open space off of Sky Hawk Way is part of a development  
8 agreement based on annexation and feels that the city needs to talk with David Church, City Attorney,  
9 to see how this would be a legal option.

10 Ty Ellis agrees with the idea of selling the 4 lots and retain the rest of the property.

11 Brittany Thompson wants survey results before decisions are made. She would also like it included in  
12 a general plan.

13 **NO ACTION TAKEN AT THIS TIME.**

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15 **3. COUNTY PROPERTY ANNEXATION DECISION.**

16 Mayor Shelley wants council to keep this concept in mind. The property owners are not interested in  
17 annexing the property they are just trying to sell the property. The city may be interested in putting in  
18 the master plan the potential of economic development and feels this is the only location in the city that  
19 is feasible.

20 Ty Ellis suggested waiting for survey results.

21 **NO ACTION TAKEN AT THIS TIME.**

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23 **4. DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

24 **A. Administrative & Planning Commission, Water- Mayor Shelley**

25 **1. Public Works Positions.**

26 Mayor Shelley reported that McKay Lloyd has been hired as the new Public Works  
27 Director and he is pleased with how he is doing. Jed Mellen has given his two-weeks  
28 notice which leaves two open public works positions available. Interviews are currently  
29 happening.

30 **B. Roads & Storm Drain – McKay Lloyd**

31 Mayor Shelley reported the Gooseneck bridge will be open soon. The construction of the  
32 roundabout has started.

33 McKay Lloyd reported most of the sump boxes and storm drains have been cleaned out. The  
34 north end of town is the only section not done yet. Potholes have been identified and will be  
35 filled within the next week or two.

36 **C. Parks, Trails & Recreation – McKay Lloyd**

37 McKay Lloyd reported all the water systems in the parks have been charged with no major  
38 sprinkler issues yet. Small park projects are in the works and future plans. Parks have been  
39 fertilized and aerated.

40 Dale Bigler reported that since the city is a Tree City USA, an arbor day needs to be proclaimed  
41 in the newsletter and should be the third weekend in May. He has calculated a cost to landscape  
42 the islands on the new Elk Ridge Drive at \$13,500.00 which has to come out of the general  
43 fund.

44 **D. Sewer, Sanitation & SESD – McKay Lloyd**

45 McKay Lloyd reported that his department is working on installing an rv dump on the north  
46 east corner of the public works building. A concrete pad will be poured and the rv dump is  
47 intended to be free of charge for residents.

48 **E. Economic Development & Code Enforcement – Mayor Shelley**

49 No report at this time.

50 **WATER PRESENTATION.**

51 Ty Ellis presented an overhead view of a power point he created in regards to water. He took usage  
52 information from meter reads to use. He presented billable water usage from 2015. He then presented the  
53 income the city receives from water usage. As per the state auditor's report, 15% needs to be made up in

