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**ELK RIDGE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
August 2, 2016**

TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING

This regularly scheduled Meeting of the Elk Ridge City Council, was scheduled for Tuesday, August 2, 2016, at 7:00 PM; this meeting was preceded by a Public Hearing at 6:00 PM. The meetings were held in the Fire Station Bay at 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 August 1, 2016.

ROLL CALL

Mayor: Hal Shelley

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

Others: Melanie Hoover, *Deputy Recorder* and Royce Swensen, *Recorder*.

Cheri Rhoades, *Deputy Sheriff*

McKay Lloyd, *Public Works Director*

Public: Kathy Blake, Ronny Blake, Darlene Carbone, Ben Carbone, Larine Mortensen, Doris Fritz, Gary Frankovich, Stu Jolley, Jamie Steck, Dennis Wintch, Paul Crook, Joane Crook, Cindi Ellis, Edna Martinez, Brent Martin, Diane Martin, Trent J. Holdaway, Wayne Frandsen, Carl Stone, Maureen Stone, Chris Hermansen, Alan Hermansen, Kevin Cannon, Tricia Gunnerson, Angie Datin, Roy Gerber, Katherine Gerber, Ray Day, Patricia Day, Gary Smith, Liz Smith, Catherine Fillerup, Kurt Heiner, Mary Heiner, Russ Lundberg, Pam Lundberg, Jan Christensen, Ross Baadsgaard, Janene Baadsgaard, Rusty Rogers, Linda Rogers, Evan Jenkins, Kristine Jenkins, Kathryn Wilkinson, Chris Butterfield, Jennifer Butterfield, Marta Webster, Charles Wixom, Terry Gunn, Ken Christensen, Matthew Williams, Steve Christensen, Chris Benard, Troy Peterson, Kamile Peterson, Ray Brown, Sharon Hardy, Brian Burke, Scott Herrick, Dennis Wintch, Chad Nelson, Jamie Elder, Tom Pierce, Ray Osburn, Dennis Jacobsen, Jared Barton

(out of order)

OPENING REMARKS and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - INVITATION

Opening remarks were given by Cindi Ellis and Dale Bigler led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance, for those who wished to participate.

PUBLIC HEARING

6:00 pm 1. TRUTH IN TAXATION PUBLIC HEARING.

Mayor Shelley opened the meeting. He stated that council has spent a lot of time defining projects, collecting information and determining obligations on what it takes to budget a city. They were all elected by the public to oversee and understand a vast number of issues, items, concerns, projects and the budget. They have counseled together numerous times. After their presentation, the public will have their chance to give their concerns. A decision will be made at the next city council meeting on August 9 to allow council time to consider public comment.

Brittany Thompson thanked the public for coming. She stated that she and council needs the public's help to keep this a great community. The council feels there are critical needs in the city that have not been addressed. The council has prioritized a list of items to be completed to present to the public tonight. She stated that council will not be approving a tax rate increase that was initially proposed on individual tax notices due to more information obtained. Through public comment, council would like the line item presented that comments will be referring to and council would also like the public to provide constructive ideas to help them manage the budget with the needs of the city.

Ty Ellis presented an overhead view of a power point he created in regards to the truth in taxation hearing. Contents of the presentation are previously documented in the City Council Meeting minutes held on July 27, 2016.

1 Mayor Shelley opened the meeting for public comment.

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3 Sharon Hardy stated she feels the mayor and city council don't understand that she needs to pay her basic
4 needs. She feels if basic needs cannot be met then additional projects must be put off. She feels the council
5 doesn't understand budgeting if they are proposing 105% tax increase. She feels the mayor and city
6 council are incompetent and should resign immediately.

7 Stu Jolley asked if there is any analysis on impact fees and feels that most projects should be paid with
8 impact fees. He feels that until an analysis is done, building permits should not be issued.

9 Brian Burke introduced himself as a former city council member. He asked about the city property. He
10 thought the council made the decision last year to sell some of the property. He asked if the income from
11 selling the property has been factored into the budgeting process. Mayor Shelley stated no decision has
12 been made yet and therefore is not a part of this budget.

13 Scott Herrick asked for stats or issues on the dugway on Park Drive. He would be willing to donate time
14 and others can donate materials to fund certain projects. He asked if council has considered asking for
15 donated time. He feels his taxes shouldn't go into lighting the park or repairing the tennis courts. He
16 thanked council for all they do.

17 Kathy Blake stated she has lived her for 5 years and would like to stay. When she saw what was proposed
18 for a tax increase so doesn't know if she can stay. She would be willing to pay line items on her bill up to
19 \$10, instead of \$7.50 to avoid a large tax increase.

20 Charles Wixom deferred comment.

21 Dennis Wintch feels that residents should be charged an entrance fee to play tennis or use park lights. He
22 is tired of paying for something that he doesn't use. He stated he could arrange to get gravel in the public
23 works department for free. He feels there is a lot that the city can get along without.

24 Edna Martinez asked if she gets double the services if she pays double in taxes. She feels the new growth
25 should cover costs. She can agree with a small tax increase and feels the proposal is extravagant. She feels
26 the council should not raise taxes with the surplus presented. She states she appreciates what the mayor
27 and council do for the city.

28 Angie Datin wants to know where the water pump is funded so that we don't have a well problem in the
29 future. Mayor Shelley responded the funds come from the water fund and reminded her of the enterprise
30 fund that was presented by Ty Ellis.

31 Terry Gunn asked who owns the water and pumps. He wants to know why the city would charge itself for
32 water. Mayor Shelley responded the water is owned by the city but that the pump cost are highly
33 expensive, depreciation comes into play. He suggested making an appointment with him so that he can
34 explain this in detail. Mr. Gunn asked how the roads and parks are funded. Mayor Shelley responded the
35 new roads and parks are paid for with impact fees. He referred to proposition 13 in California.

36 Linda Rogers stated her concerns are that she is on a fixed income and may not be able to afford the
37 proposed tax increase. She expects a tax increase but not this high. She also referred to proposition 13 in
38 California. She won't be able to live here if the tax rate is approved and feels there should be a better
39 solution. She feels that the city wouldn't be in this situation if there had been a small increase over the
40 years. She appreciates the time and effort of council and mayor and commends them for that.

41 Chad Nelson wants to know how much revenue is being generated from developers. Mayor Shelley stated
42 development has been exceptional in the numbers of homes and this will not last forever. Mr. Nelson feels
43 developer requirements should be made before they can build here and these requirements could benefit
44 the city.

45 Jamie Elder deferred comment.

46 Tom Pierce read numbers off of his proposed property tax increase notice. He has never heard of numbers
47 that high. He feels that whatever is earned should be spent along with saving a little here and there. He
48 feels the city should live within their means and not have the government help them out.

49 Ray Osburn referred to Ty Ellis presentation and knows the city council has done a lot of work.

50 Depreciation needs to be addressed. The proposal of spending one time funds is a good way to get things
51 done but what about next year? Other equipment depreciation and needs for a fire truck will need to be
52 funded in the future years. Some kind of tax increase needs to happen to cover depreciation and growth
53 that is needed to maintain the city and equipment. Let's keep this city running as it's a great place to live.

1 Dennis Jacobsen stated he deals with equipment and trucks professionally. He feels that council doesn't
2 listen to what he has to say and should take his professional advice. He feels council doesn't know the
3 operational infrastructure of this town.

4 Jared Barton thanked Ty Ellis for his presentation. He stated that the public is not listening. Council stated
5 they are not raising taxes as proposed and the public is acting like they are trying to take money from
6 them. He feels council has done the best they could. He appreciates that they are having this meeting to
7 inform residents and feels it inappropriate that resident are ripping on them. He thanked council and the
8 mayor and appreciates them.

9 Mayor Shelley thanked everyone for coming and stated he is frustrated that more residents aren't in
10 attendance to learn this process and how budgeting works. Ty Ellis' presentation had a lot of detail and
11 stated that they have been working on this for months. The budget is dealt with every day within the city
12 office and this is not an easy thing to do. He understands the resident's frustrations as he has them to. He
13 is not going to recommend that there is not a tax increase but reminded residents that he doesn't get to
14 vote. He sees the day to day projects and items that need to happen. Input and recommendations are still
15 being received. Besides last year, the last tax rate increase was 8 or 9 years ago and was forced upon the
16 city by the county. Last year, there was a 5% property tax increase to help fund some projects that have
17 been pushed down the road. He proposed lights in the parks because cars were being parked on the fields
18 for lights so kids can play and he would like to allow them to play. Maybe projects are valid in some eyes
19 and maybe they aren't. He doesn't want any residents to have to move as this is a tremendous city with
20 tremendous people. Council will take comments and input and will make a decision. Will they add a line
21 item on bills to fund plow costs? Will they not approve a tax increase at all? He doesn't know. He doesn't
22 want to see more projects pushed down the road. The state (EPA) will require and mandate that certain
23 projects get completed. The dugway property is falling off the mountain and is causing a hazard for homes
24 on the top of the hill and in the canyon in regards to a possible land slide. He would like dangers and state
25 fines to be avoided by being proactive. The well went out because it was old and needed to be replaced.
26 Wells should only last about 10-12 years before replacement is necessary. This is now in the plans. A test
27 well has already started and the funding needs to be put in place. There are a lot of things going on in the
28 city. He asked all residents interested to schedule an individual appointment with him to go over fine
29 details with him personally. He encouraged those interested in making a difference to consider running for
30 City Council or Mayor when positions are available. He also encouraged residents to become informed and
31 learn what council has learned over the past few years.

32 33 **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA ITEMS**

34 35 **OPENING REMARKS and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - INVITATION**

36 Both opening remarks and the pledge of allegiance were held in the public hearing section
37 of this meeting for those who wished to participate.

38 39 **AGENDA TIME FRAME**

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

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42 1. APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES FROM MAY 10, 2016.
43 This item will be on the next city council meeting agenda.

44 45 **NO ACTION TAKEN AT THIS TIME.**

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47 2. APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES FROM MAY 24, 2016.
48 This item will be on the next city council meeting agenda.

49 50 **NO ACTION TAKEN AT THIS TIME.**

51 52 **CLOSED SESSION IF NECESSARY**

53 Closed session was not necessary.

54 55 **ADJOURNMENT**

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Mayor Shelley adjourned this meeting at 7:45 pm.

Melanie Hoover, Deputy Recorder