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**ELK RIDGE  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
August 9, 2016**

**TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING**

This regularly scheduled Meeting of the Elk Ridge City Council, was scheduled for **Tuesday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016, at 7:00 PM**; this meeting was preceded by a **City Council Work Session Meeting at 6:15 PM**. The meetings were held at the Elk Ridge City Hall, 80 East Park Drive, Elk Ridge, Utah.

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**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*.

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**CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION**

6:15 pm

1. **LANDSCAPING ISLANDS ON ELK RIDGE DRIVE DISCUSSION.**

Mayor Shelley stated this has been previously discussed. The option presented is to get the landscaping completed this fall. A developer has presented a bid of \$31,711 which will cover the landscaping of the center islands on Elk Ridge Drive.

Royce Swensen reported that the developer is to reimburse the city approximately \$26,000 per phase and the proposal is to have his landscaper complete the job and he will pay the landscaper instead of reimbursing the city.

Brittany Thompson wants additional bids before this is accepted.

Mayor Shelley stated the developer is more than willing to let the city get additional bids. This is a matter of convenience to get the job completed sooner.

Brittany Thompson would like McKay Lloyd to get additional landscaping bids and requested this to be an action item.

2. **TRUTH IN TAXATION DISCUSSION.**

Mayor Shelley stated that council has had time to consider public input.

Dale Bigler feels the point wasn't made to the public that the need to raise taxes that high wasn't emphasized.

Nelson Abbott reported he created a survey on facebook which was similar to the survey sent out at the Truth in Taxation meeting. He received approximately 80 completed surveys and presented a copy of the results. For the most part, results are that if it affects the quality of life, most people are ok with a tax increase. He feels that council should have communicated better with the residents on needs that need to happen in the city.

Brittany Thompson appreciates the residents comments and feedback. She feels the council needs to fund a few items that the residents feel shouldn't be completed because they don't have all the information. She also feels like council could do better at informing residents.

Dale Bigler feels that most residents filled out the survey in reaction to the proposed 105% tax rate increase. He emphasized that 87 survey results does not represent the entire city. He felt that the presentation was the best he has seen and Ty Ellis did a great job at getting the figures together. He feels a tax increase is necessary and that a figure needs to be decided.

Tricia Thomas feels that council is leaning towards no tax rate increase. Most residents she has talked to are in favor of raising taxes a little bit and saving some of the surplus fund. She asked what council

1 is going to do next year if no taxes are raised and all the surplus is spent? She wishes that residents  
2 not wanting a tax increase at all would inform themselves the details instead of just stating they don't  
3 want a tax increase with little or incorrect information.

4 Dale Bigler stated that a small increase like last year's 5% only generated approximately \$13,000.00.

5 Mayor Shelley reminded council how much road projects can cost.

6 Ty Ellis did not get the feedback he hoped for. Since March, discussions have been made and projects  
7 have been prioritized. He feels that council could do a little better on a presentation to eliminate  
8 shock. He hopes residents appreciate how the council was trying to be transparent.

9 Mayor Shelley feels Ty's presentation was tremendous but it's hard to present that much information  
10 to the residents. There were only 120 out of roughly 1200 resident adults present at the Truth in  
11 Taxation Hearing and council needs to make the decision for all residents, not just those in  
12 attendance.

13 Ty Ellis doesn't want to raise taxes at all if there's not a need.

14 Tricia Thomas feels that council should look through the needs to determine what needs to and can be  
15 funded with the one time surplus funds.

16 Nelson Abbott feels that just because items are in the budget it doesn't mean the money will be spent.

17 Dale Bigler feels that if a line item on the bill is instated, then a tax increase wouldn't be necessary.

18 Brittany Thompson doesn't want to raise taxes just for the sake of raising taxes if it's not needed.

19 Based on funds, she feels that projects can be completed with the surplus from last year without a line  
20 item on bills as well.

21 Tricia Thomas feels that one or the other is necessary. She feels it unnecessary to propose such a high  
22 increase and then not raise any. Just because 80 people responded to a survey doesn't mean the rest  
23 of the residents are not in favor. The state may step in and make projects happen without funds set  
24 aside for them. She is not opposed to a line item on bills.

25 Nelson Abbott is more in favor of a line item on bills as well.

26 Ty Ellis feels that if a line item on bills is necessary to balance the ongoing operational needs of the  
27 city then he is in favor. He feels this is the fair way to go.

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29 3. SPEED LIMIT CHANGE ON ELK RIDGE DRIVE DISCUSSION.

30 Nelson Abbott stated the speed limit has changed in several locations around in the city. He is  
31 bothered by this as he wasn't presented the information before it was changed. He feels that the  
32 capital facilities plan ties to the speed limits to be set and feels the city should abide by this. He  
33 doesn't want the speed limits reduced from 30 mph to 25 mph. He wants yellow signs in the  
34 roundabout. Yellow signs are a suggestion not mandated speed limits. He feels the city isn't following  
35 code by changing this speed limit. He has asked Shawn Eliot to provide a presentation.

36 Shawn Eliot presented a handout to council that he prepared and went over his presentation to  
37 include pages titled: setting speed limits, raising speed limit will cause people to drive faster and  
38 cause more crashes, majority of drivers drive safely, Elk Ridge Development standards, Elk Ridge  
39 road design, Orem study, Payson study, Elk Ridge Drive and Gooseneast Drive study,  
40 recommendation and recommend speed studies at 9 locations. He stated that speed limits should be  
41 set based on the road designs. He recommends a traffic study and he is more than willing to contact  
42 the county to complete a traffic study and will present the results to the council.

43 Deputy Rhoades stated that before the speed limit was reduced, she consulted with her lieutenant and  
44 did a lot of research. This discussion is being held to save a driver a total of only 26 seconds and all  
45 changed locations total only 1.10 miles added together. She puts safety first and is concerned with  
46 children and pedestrians. There are future developments on Elk Ridge Drive with new roads and  
47 driveways connecting to this road. She feels the speed limits should be reduced to 25 mph so all roads  
48 are in sync and the limit doesn't vary on different streets. She went over braking times at different  
49 speed limits and feels a child won't be hit at 25 mph speed zones. What is 26 seconds worth? Our city  
50 is off road vehicle friendly and our city should not be compared to other cities studies that aren't. She  
51 always puts safety first and feels that 25 mph in a residential area is fair and logical.

52 Nelson Abbott wants to know why does the city has roads that are designed and built for higher  
53 speeds if the city is going to set the limit at 25 mph? He feels that a speed study should be completed  
54 and a decision should be made in harmony with city code.

1 Brittany Thompson also feels that a traffic study should be done if it's free of charge. She's concerned  
2 that 1) crashes tend to decrease when limits are increased to realistic levels and 2) if levels are too  
3 low, then drivers ignore limits which increases crashes.

4 Tricia Thomas agrees a traffic study should be completed but doesn't want decisions based on  
5 whether drivers are already speeding or not. She clarified that the limit north of the roundabout is  
6 staying at 30 mph.

7 Mayor Shelley stated his main concern is increased population and safety of residents in regards to  
8 hills and lack of sidewalks. He stated that if a study is completed, then this will be discussed again  
9 after the results.

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11 Mayor Shelley closed the City Council Work Session at 7:40 pm.

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36 **OPENING REMARKS and PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – INVITATION**

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

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40 **AGENDA TIME FRAME**

41 **NELSON ABBOTT MOVED, BRITTANY THOMPSON SECOND, TO ADJUST THE START**  
42 **TIME OF THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING TO 7:45 PM.**

43 **VOTE: AYE (5) NAY (0)**

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45 **PUBLIC FORUM**

46 Jamie Towse appreciated the power point with the budget. She wants accountability factor and said she  
47 can't find the budget on the website and would like all years budgets posted. She would like to see  
48 maintenance records. She feels the council has attitude and should be grateful when residents participate.  
49 She feels the ambulance could be sold to put money towards the fire truck. She would like minutes to be  
50 searched by subjects. She didn't see any signs around town in regards to the Truth in Taxation Hearing.

51 Rosemary Martens resides on Sky Hawk Way. She has to crawl into traffic to see around the fence at the  
52 corner of Elk Ridge Drive and Sky Hawk Way. She doesn't want the speed limit raised on this area of the  
53 road.





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Mayor Shelley adjourned this meeting at 8:35 pm.

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**Melanie Hoover, Deputy Recorder**