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Elk Ridge Bugle

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Dear fellow citizens of Elk Ridge,

In this letter I would like to give you some general information, some facts, and some options about the water in Elk Ridge.

During the campaign and election I think that Mary Rugg, Mark Johnson and myself all wanted to lower the price of water for the citizens of Elk Ridge. We have been in office for 6 months now and our opinion is still the same but it is a matter of when and by how much.

We have learned much about how the city operates and I feel the past council people and Mayor have done what they think is best for Elk Ridge.

Along with taking care of the present problems and situations we must plan for the needs for roads, sewer, water, parks, run off and safety for the next 5 years. Let me just talk about the water.

Present:

1. We have enough delivery and storage capacity for all of the homes in Elk Ridge.
2. We are charging a small overcharge on water use at the present time.
3. We are getting close to our capacity.

Future:

1. It is estimated that in the next 5 years we will need to drill a new well or increase capacity in the present wells.
2. We will need to construct a new 1,000,000 gallon holding tank.

Information

At the present rate of charge for water usage it is estimated that the city will be able to drill a new well and build a new holding tank. Also take care of the problems and needs of the present system. Life expectancy of the water lines are 30 years. We have exceeded those years in some areas, but we will need to repair or replace some lines.

After the 5 years we should be able to lower water prices and be debt free.

Options:

1. Lower water prices now and pay higher prices or taxes in the future to take care of our needs.
2. Keep costs at present or slightly lower rates and be able to get debt free plus build for the future. Lower rate after 5 years

This is your town, it is our town. We would like your feelings about our water. Call your council person or Mayor and let us know how you feel.

Thanks,
Alvin Harward

BOOKMOBILE



The Utah County Bookmobile will be in Elk Ridge August 4th and 18th Wednesday's from 2:00-4:00 at the City Office Parking Lot.

WATER, SEWER OR ROAD
EMERGENCIES
283-3270
(pager)

ELK RIDGE 3 STEPS CITY BUYS

Within the next week you should receive from your Block Captain an order form for First Aid & Emergency Supplies. This is an opportunity for you to prepare your family for an Emergency. During the first week of September you should Receive another order for Bulk Food Items. If you do not Receive an order form please check with your Block Captain or pick one up at the City Office during normal business hours. Please call Marilyn Petersen at 423-2505 if you would Like to help or have any questions.



NOTICE OF PROPOSED TAX INCREASE

The CITY OF ELK RIDGE Is proposing to increase its property tax revenue. As a result of the proposed increase, the tax on a \$ 170,000.00 residence will be \$ 224.59 , and the tax on a business having the same value as the average value of a residence in the taxing entity will be \$ 408.34 . Without the proposed increase the tax on a \$170,000.00 residence would be \$ 206.54 , and the tax on a business having the same value as the average value of a residence in the taxing entity would be \$ 375.53.

The 2004 proposed tax rate is .002402 . Without the proposed increase the rate would be .002209 . This would be an increase of 8.7 % , which is \$ 18.05 per year (\$1.50 per month) on a \$ 170,000.00 residence or \$ 32.81 per year on a business having the same value as the average value of a residence in the taxing entity. With NEW GROWTH, this property tax increase and other factors, CITY OF ELK RIDGE will increase its property tax revenue from \$154,007 collected last year to \$ 163,655.00 COLLECTED THIS YEAR WHICH IS A REVENUE INCREASE OF 6 %.

All concerned citizens are invited to a public hearing on the tax increase to be held on AUGUST 17, 2004, at 6:00 PM at 80 E. PARK DR., ELK RIDGE, UT.

Citizens wishing to express an opinion are invited to do so. When you enter the building please sign up to speak. Those who arrive first will be assured of an opportunity to be heard. We have put a limit of one-half hour on the public hearing. The proposed increase in revenue will be about \$9,648 some of which represents NEW GROWTH.

It is never popular to raise taxes. The facts of life however demonstrate that expenses are rarely neutral from one year to the next. Indeed, expenses almost always rise because of increases in the cost of goods and services.

You may have noticed the road repair activity of the past month. We spent over \$ 142,000 this year on road repair and maintenance. We have been aggressive in this arena because of the state of our roads. Some of the increased revenue will be spent on additional repairs in the years to come.

Currently we have been using general funds to supplement regular road funds for this work. Once we have completed this phase of maintenance we hope to be able to reduce the draw from the general fund.

City Council Meetings

August 17th 6:00 pm
Public Hearing Tax Rate/Budget
August 17th 7:00 pm
August 24th 7:00 pm

Planning Commission Meetings

August 5th 7:00 pm
August 19th 7:00 pm

Fire Department

August 4th 7:00-9:00 pm
August 18th 7:00-9:00 pm

EMS

August 11th 7:00-9:00 pm
August 25th 7:00-9:00 pm

Fire Dept. & EMS

5th Wednesday 7:00-9:00 pm



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Attention All Eligible Voters in Utah County

Are you registered to vote? Have you moved or changed your name since the last election? Do you need to change your party affiliation?

Please complete the form below and mail to:
Utah County Elections Office
100 East Center Street, Room 3100
Provo, Utah 84606

Election Day is November 2, 2004.

Election Dates: All mail in registration forms must be post marked no later than October 13, 2004.

Please complete every field and sign form before mailing.

1 Reason(s) for Completing this Form <input type="checkbox"/> New registration <input type="checkbox"/> Party affiliation change		<input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change		2 U.S. Citizen <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No You must be a U.S. citizen to register to vote.		3 Daytime Telephone	
4 Last Name			First Name		Middle Name		
5 Street Address (principal place of residence)			County	City	State	Zip Code	
6 Mailing Address (if different from #5)				City	State	Zip Code	
7 Date of Birth (mo/day/yr)			8 Place of Birth (state or country)		9 Disabled (optional) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
10 Last Four Digits of Social Security Number			11 Utah Driver License Number or State Identification Number			14 Voter Declaration - read and sign below	
12 Political Party (check one box only) <input type="checkbox"/> American <input type="checkbox"/> Constitution <input type="checkbox"/> Democrat <input type="checkbox"/> Green <input type="checkbox"/> Unaffiliated (no party preference) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify)			<input type="checkbox"/> Independent American <input type="checkbox"/> Libertarian <input type="checkbox"/> Natural Law <input type="checkbox"/> Socialist Workers			<input type="checkbox"/> Reform <input type="checkbox"/> Populist <input type="checkbox"/> Republican	
13 Name and Address on Your Last Voter Registration Name on Last Registration _____ Street Address on Last Registration _____ City _____ County _____ State _____ Zip _____			I do swear (or affirm), subject to penalty of law for false statements, that the information contained in this form is true, and that: • I am a citizen of the United States and a resident of the state of Utah, residing at the above address. • I will be at least 18 years old on or before the next election. • I will have resided in Utah for 30 days immediately before the next election. • I am not a convicted felon currently incarcerated for commission of a felony. ▼ SIGN on line in box below			Signature _____ Date (mo/day/yr) _____	
			For Office Use Only			Voting Precinct _____ Official Date _____ Utah Elections 5/00	

