

**ELK RIDGE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
December 13, 2022**

TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING

This regularly scheduled meeting of the Elk Ridge City Council was scheduled for **Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2022, 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 Dec. 12, 2022.

ROLL CALL

Mayor: Robert Haddock

Council Members: Nelson Abbott, Tricia Thomas, Jared Peterson, Cory Thompson, Tanya Willis,

Others: Royce Swensen, *City Recorder*, Laura Oliver, *Deputy Recorder*, Deputy Monsen

Public: Larry Lee, Stacy Haskell, Todd Larsen, Robert Black

OPENING REMARKS– INVITATION

Opening remarks were offered by Councilmember Thompson

Pledge lead by Councilmember Willis

APPROVAL/AGENDA TIME FRAME

**COUNCILMEMBER ABBOTT MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AND TIME FRAME
COUNCILMEMBER WILLIS SECONDED**

VOTE: AYE (5) NAY (0) APPROVED

PLANNING COMMISSION UPDATE

Ron Gailey gave a quick update on the last planning commission meeting.

PUBLIC FORUM

Stacy Haskell stated she has lived here for 20 and her husband for over 40. They are building a new home and are having a difficult time with finding dark sky compliant outside lighting. She feels it is a security issue not being able to light up their property. Not being able to have a decent light on the front porch but having jelly fish lighting is weird. Streets are starting to look like Vegas from jelly fish lighting, but she can't have a decent porch light. She would like to get rid of the code for residential homes.

Todd Larsen is concerned about the retention pond for Highlands Subd. behind his property. It is on his property and feels it is not to city and state codes and passed out a report he had done by an outside engineer.

Robert Black is concerned about the placement of the retention pond for Longview Meadows Subd.

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA ITEMS:

1. JUSTIN HANNIG- CONCEPT, ANIMAL RIGHTS

Justin Hannig wanted clarification that the property which has horses on it right now would keep animal rights if he bought the property. Discussion ensued on grandfathering of animal rights, and it was determined that if he bought the property, he would be able to put horses on it until it goes through the subdivision process, then it loses its animal rights. Councilmember Peterson stated that he could apply for a zone change to R&L which has animal rights. Councilmember Thomas stated that he would need comply point system in the animal code regardless of the zone.

2. BURTON SUBDIVISION AMENDMENT

Mayor Haddock stated this is an older subdivision in 2007. The plat has a horseshoe driveway. Because the elevation of the home being built too high, they are not able to do the horseshoe driveway and would like to amend the plat to remove the horseshoe driveway. They have an area outside the

garage to turn around and the driveway will enter/exit on the very east side of the property. Councilmember Thompson is concerned about the slope of the driveway and the clear view of that curve. Councilmember Thomas asked why the house was built too high, who is supposed to have caught that? Councilmember Abbott stated there are inspectors that do that. Discussion ensued on the dangers of backing out onto Park Dr and visibility on that curve. Councilmember Peterson asked once the wall is in will it impede the clear view of that curve? Any fence in front of the home cannot be higher than 36 inches. Royce Swensen stated that the homeowner has been working with city planner to try and get the horseshoe driveway to work and it just doesn't. Right now, there is still a lot of dirt in front of the house that needs to be removed. Councilmember Thompson asked if the city allows high retaining walls in front the house. Councilmember Peterson stated that inspectors look at the frost line when they inspect footings, not the height. Councilmember Thomas stated the council needs to see more detail of where everything is going to be in order to understand the homeowners plan. Councilmember Willis stated the homeowner knew that the plan called for the horseshoe driveway, why was the homebuilt so that the plat couldn't work. Discussion ensued on the size of the easement would possibly help in the clear view of the curve. Councilmember Abbott stated the garage can be lowered; it has been done before.

COUNCILMEMBER PETERSON MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE PLAT AMENDMENT MINUS THE WALL, FENCE AND DRIVEWAY. COUNCILMEMBER ABBOTT SECONDED.

VOTE	AYE 2	NAY 3	MOTIONED FAILED
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Council decided to hold off any further decision until they understand better the homeowners plan for the wall, fence and driveway and will place this in the agenda for the next meeting.

3. CITY SURVEY RESULTS, RON GAILEY

Ron Gailey presented the city survey results and had 700 surveys completed which is an excellent return. Councilmember Abbott stated that he read through all the comments and that the residents need to know that most of the concerns have been address, are being addressed or not valid. Discussion ensued on communication and transparency and possible ways to improve that such as using social media more, using an intern to post on different medians. Goals setting front the survey. Council stated the survey is great and voiced their appreciation to Ron Gaily for his time in doing the survey.

4. RATIFY POLL VOTE, LIGHTHOUSE SUBDIVISION

The poll vote was on the change of the chain link fence to a vinyl fence.

The change for the fencing was approved and Council ratified the change as follows:

VOTE	AYE (3)	NAY (2)	APPROVED
Councilmember Thomas	AYE		
Councilmember Abbott	NAY		
Councilmember Thompson	AYE		
Councilmember Peterson	AYE		
Councilmember Willis	NAY		

5. 2023 PUBLIC MEETING CALENDAR

Discussion ensued on the need for public works to be at council meetings to discuss projects and concerns and the possibilities of someone being present at council meetings from public works.

Councilmember Abbott stated there have been previous public works directors that met with the mayor and the mayor presented public works issues. Council had no concerns with the calendar as is.

101 6. **PROPOSED SALE OF CITY PROPERTY BY PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING**
102 **DISCUSSION**

103 Mayor Haddock stated there is a strip of property between the public works property and the
104 neighboring resident. There is a sewer easement in that property that would remain. The property
105 would need to go through the process requirements for selling property at fair market value.
106 Councilmember Thompson stated the funds from the sale of this property could be used to do
107 something the citizens want on the survey. Council did not have any concerns with selling the strip of
108 property. Councilmember Abbott would like to off all the pieces of property that the city has that are
109 unusable.

110 7. **EQUIPMENT PURCHASES – PLOW TRUCK, MINI EXCAVATOR, SKID STEER**

111 Mayor Haddock sated the small plow truck was sold last year and the replacement plow truck will
112 happen in the next budget year. Public Works would like to sell the backhoe and buy mini ex and skid
113 steer. Councilmember Peterson stated a mini ex is preferred to a backhoe and is where the industry has
114 transitioned. Council really needs to discuss with public works what level of services is the city going
115 to do. If the city is going to do projects such as the water pipes that need replaced etc. then buying
116 equipment would be good but if the equipment is just going to sit there, then it shouldn't be purchased.
117 Along with that there needs to be a discussion on the amount of service that is expected with snow
118 removal that way an educated discussion on the type of equipment is needed so the correct equipment
119 is purchased. If the city isn't going to plow, why get plows? When do we put the plows out, when there
120 is 2 inches as soon as it starts snowing? Councilmember Abbott stated in the past there is a mark on the
121 wall at the fire department that showed at what snow level to start plowing. Councilmember Peterson
122 stated is the city going to plow all the way to the curb or a lane in both directions? 11 mailboxes were
123 destroyed by going all the way to the curb. He gets calls about dead grass because they have thrown
124 salt too far. Landscaping gets destroyed. Councilmember Abbot stated his neighbor's yard was plowed
125 into the councilmembers yard. Councilmember Peterson asked when should the plows go out?
126 Councilmember Thompson asked if there was a time set for plowing? Mayor Haddock stated
127 administratively plows stop at 10 pm and start again at 4 am. Councilmember Thompson stated that
128 after 10 is the best time when there are fewer cars on the road. Councilmember Peterson stated he
129 watched 2 buses slide sideways one morning. If it is dropping snow at midnight, it would be better to
130 go move 3-4 inches at that time than to move 10 in the morning. If the busses wait until the am then
131 the roads aren't done when the busses the majority are on the road. He is a backup plow driver, and he
132 has not been called once. Councilmember Willis stated she received a call from the bus terminal that
133 the bus routes are not being done. Councilmember Peterson stated he thinks they need to just do lane
134 of travel and not curb to curb. Councilmember Thompson stated plowing should be based on
135 conditions not time and should be done lane of travel and not curb to curb and trails don't have to be
136 plowed. Some cities wait until there is 4 inches on the road, others send trucks out when it's still
137 raining to throw salt. The most common complaints are snow pushed into/in front of the driveways, not
138 plowing, landscaping and mailboxes being destroyed, the islands coming up Elk Ridge Dr.
139 Councilmember Thompson stated he would prepare something with the expectations/procedures for
140 plowing. Royce Swensen stated that anyone other than the public works director would have to be paid
141 overtime for coming to the meeting and the cost of snow removal may increase and there may need to
142 be a budget amendment. Councilmember Peterson stated direction needs to be out there now for the
143 upcoming storm. Back to the equipment purchase, the city needs to have a game plan first before any
144 equipment is bought.

147 **8. RESOLUTION 22-12-13-1R**

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149 COUNCILMEMBER ABBOTT MOTIONED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 22-12-13-1R
150 AS PRESENTED COUNCILMEMBER WILLIS SECONDED

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152 VOTE AYE (5) NAY () APPROVED
153 Councilmember Willis AYE
154 Councilmember Peterson AYE
155 Councilmember Abbott AYE
156 Councilmember Thomas AYE
157 Councilmember Thompson AYE
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159 **9. FINANCIAL REVIEW**

160 There were no concerns.
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162 **10. APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 8, 2022**

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164 COUNCILMEMBER ABBOTT MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 8, 2022;
165 MINUTES COUNCILMEMBER THOMPSON SECONDED

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167 VOTE AYE (4) NAY () APPROVED
168 Councilmember Peterson Abstained
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170 COUNCILMEMBER ABBOTT MOTIONED TO ADJOURN COUNCILMEMBER WILLIS
171 SECONDED
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173 VOTE AYE (5) NAY () APPROVED

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Laura Oliver