

**ELK RIDGE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 14, 2023**

TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING

This regularly scheduled meeting of the Elk Ridge City Council was scheduled for Tuesday, Mar. 14, 2023, 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 Mar. 9, 2023.

ROLL CALL

Mayor: Robert Haddock

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

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

Public: Todd Larson, Lisa Larson, Larry Lee, Kent Hart, Joe Wilkins, Liz Carter, Tori Black, Collin Brinkerhoff, Lisa Graham, Stephen Clough

OPENING REMARKS- INVITATION

Opening remarks were offered by Kent Hart

Pledge lead by Gordon Reynolds

APPROVAL/AGENDA TIME FRAME

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

VOTE:	AYE (5)	NAY (0)	APPROVED
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PLANNING COMMISSION UPDATE

Maureen Bushman stated there was a presentation on permanent outside lighting and the Central Utah Water Conservation to better understand the program for on the incentives for saving water.

PUBLIC FORUM

Todd Larson stated the developer moved the retentions ponds which they are happy about, but they are still concerned about the 24" culvert on Loafer Canyon is too small and will result in flooding Washougal. He stated they were not informed about the development, and they would have been here at the beginning to speak about the issues.

Larry Lee stated Suggests sloping Park Dr (at the intersection of Park and Loafer Canyon) to go towards Loafer Canyon and not the other direction. Also, they are putting a canal down Loafer Canyon Road and there isn't any information to be found on this and the flow going down Loafer Canyon and feels like it's under the hat and they should be aware.

Ted Mickelsen stated he is working with the project which Larry spoke of. The program which you described that was on maps in the fire station was completed through the NRCS Emergency Watershed Protection Program. That project was completed and the information as taken down. They are now on the second part of the main project is under the NRCS Watershed Operations Program. The channel they had planned which went behind all the houses was not moved forward through the wishes of the city, all residents of Loafer Canyon had to approve this, they did not. Instead, they are going to pipe the water down Loafer Canyon Road which will not impact private property. These are long term programs which can take 3-5 years. There are 3 phases; phase 1 is preliminary, design, and environmental which includes environmental approvals. They are finishing up the environmental and working through some funding issues. Technical assistance is design which takes a year which would be 2024 then they have to reapply again for the construction assistance and that takes another year to 18 months, so they are looking roughly 2025-2026 to have this project started. There will be public meetings that will be held here in the city, and they will be informed. The state office of the NRSC states culverts under roads are not covered because that is considered a transportation issue. They are trying to address that and get it covered. This project is tied to the Pole Creek fire, existing issues like Park Drive would probably not be covered but he would check. The culvert under 11200 was reinspected and it is a 36" inch culvert not 24" as previously thought.

55 Kent Hart is grateful for the contractor for making this plan better than the original. The new basin will contain
56 more water and taking out the dam on the top of the hill in Longview is a safer plan for homeowners.

57 Liz Carter has lived in Elk Ridge for about two years, is concerned that the city is not mandating infrastructure
58 improvement in the whole community instead of just their land. Her and other resident's water pressure has gone
59 down considerably but the city just approved a huge development above Elk Ridge and the water is just going to go
60 down for everyone. She has worked with Salem and Salem requires a developers have to give x million dollars for
61 infrastructure upgrades, and she does not see that happening in Elk Ridge. The roads are in poor repair. The
62 developers are supposed to take care of damaged roads and is wondering when that is going to happen. Also, SEDS
63 rates have gone up and are the highest in the state and what can Elk Ridge do to create an opportunity to use another
64 electric source.

65 Tori Black also encourages the city to approve the change to the basin in Longview and Highlands subdivision and
66 also thinks the 24" culvert is too small.

67 Steven Clough Loafer Canyon has 2 threatening areas the intersection of Park Dr and water coming out of Loafer
68 Canyon. There are accessory buildings that deflect the water into people's homes. There are people with walk out
69 basements that have people living in them. We need to remedy this before this project is done. The water up in
70 Loafer Canyon needs to be sent down the east side of Loafer. There is a ditch that is started. There are 3 homes that
71 do not have ditches that is fanning this water out. We need to get the ditch finished and send the rest of the water
72 down the east side. Anywhere there is a bend the minute the water hits a bend it's going to go over the low curb.
73 All the water laterals have sunk as well as the curbing where the lateral is and that is where the water goes.

74 Ted Mickelsen stated the ditch that was proposed from the NRCS required an easement of that ditch to the city and
75 there were some residents who would not approve it.

76 Unknown resident recommended a basin at the bottom of Park Dr and for all the property owners to put in a ditch.
77 Cory Thompson stated the city will not dig on anyone's property without the homeowner's property and for those
78 residents to contact the city.

79 Tricia Thomas stated the city needs to contact an engineer to make sure the ditch or anything the city does is
80 property done.

81 Jared Peterson stated the problem is you can't just have a ditch here and there it has to go all the way through and
82 could be deemed temporary and it can't be changed. He was there during the fire mitigation and there were those
83 would refuse it and it was free.

84 85 86 **PUBLIC HEARING**

87 **BUDGET AMENDMENT**

88 COUNCILMEMBER THOMPSON MOTIONED TO OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BUDGET
89 AMENDMENT FOR THE REPAIR ON THE PLOW TRUCK_COUNCILMEMBER WILLIS SECONDED
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91 Mayor Haddock stated the budget amendment is for \$6000. All councilmembers responded to the poll vote in
92 favor of the amendment.

93 94 **REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA ITEMS:**

95 96 **1. FLOOD MITIGATION DISCUSSION**

97 Fire Chief Waite stated he agrees with everyone. Putting preliminary efforts in place would be aid in
98 someone calling 911 because water is coming in their basement window. He has been meeting with
99 Payson since January concerning emergency management. The burn scar is a big thing with the city.
100 There are 3 drainages areas that are a problem; 1) Loafer Canyon Road, 2) the ravine coming off of
101 High Sierra that comes down into the 55+ area. The snow base is 20% higher today than it was in
102 1983. The snow content that is currently in Payson Canyon- 6 feet of snow has approximately 22 inches
103 of water in that snow every foot. Pray that there is a slow melt otherwise a few 80degree days and we
104 will get washed off the hill. He has put on the social media for people to watch the storm drains, they
105 can get covered up with debris overnight. He has requested a map of the storm drains from Drew, they
106 are hard to find if they are covered with snow. The 3rd area is the area coming off of the golf course
107 onto Elk Ridge Dr. Has the retention pond in the school property prepared to hold run off after the
108 breach? The big basin at the bottom of Golden Eagle Way was empty during the huge rainstorms last
109 fall, where is that water going? That holds a lot of water, and it was dry. The city needs to get some
110 sandbags available. Sandbags do not store well they deteriorate after a couple years so do not buy a

million, perhaps maybe 5,000 bags. The city could close Park Dr at the intersection of Loafer Canyon and place big pile of dirt to divert water down the east side of the road. The city also could put cement barriers, but they close the road as well. Recommending sandbags and set up some nightly patrols to keep an eye on the water. This needs to be a community effort. Someone asked about the CERT program. Fire Chief said that CERT was not functioning at this time.

2. **LONGVIEW MEADOWS AMENDMENT**

The retention pond has been removed and will be caught and sent to the basin in Highlands at the bottom of Canyon View. Discussion ensued on the rocks and where the road is blocked at the start of the new extension at Canyon View. Councilmember Peterson went through some items on the plans that needed to be changed to city standards.

COUNCILMEMBER PETERSON MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE AMENDED LONGVIEW MEADOWS SUBDIVISION WITH THE REDLINES DISCUSSED TONIGHT COUNCILMEMBER ABBOTT SECONDED.

VOTE AYE (5) NAY (0) ALL APPROVED

3. **HIGHLANDS AT ELK RIDGE AMENDMENT**

The retention pond was moved to the other side of Canyon View Dr. Councilmember Peterson went through a lot of items on the plans that needed to be changed to city standards.

COUNCILMEMBER PETERSON MOTIONED TO TABLE THE MATTER FOR CHANGES TO BE MADE COUNCILMEMBER WILLIS SECONDED

VOTE AYE (5) NAY (0) ALL APPROVED

4. **CENTRAL UTAH WATER CONSERVANCY DISTRICT RESOLUTION**

Discussion ensued on what the city wants to add besides the 4 required points and how this would be inspected. Councilmember Willis will draft the resolution for the landscape code and clarify the 4 points required.

5. **NUISANCE CODE UPDATE**

Councilmember Peterson stated the attorney is still working on reviewing the chart and updated the council of changes and the Wildlife Harassment section which covers feeding wild animals. This will be an ongoing agenda item.

6. **WATER RATES**

Mayor Haddock stated the city financial officer, Curtis Roberts, stated the water rated need to be increased by 25% due to the increase in electricity. Councilmember Willis would like to have a public hearing for transparency. Council will ask Ty Ellis to come and present the water usage in the city. Discussion ensued on how the city can mitigate the cost and improve the efficiency of the wells.

7. **DARK SKY, SEASONAL LIGHTING**

Discussion ensued on the recommendation from Planning Council. Discussion ensued on the adopting the national dark sky code. Discussion ensued on whether dark sky works with all the valley light. The jellyfish type lighting is already against code and needs to have restrictions to meet dark sky. Discussion on how many residents really support dark sky and how can the city enforce it and want to do a city-wide survey.

163 8. INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH SALEM CITY; EMERGENCY WATER AGREEMENT

164 Councilmember Abbott stated the water was only supposed to be for emergencies as stated on the first
165 page not for planned events like development. Mayor Haddock stated Salem has helped the city out
166 with emergencies Elk Ridge has had. Discussion ensued water rates - regular rates should apply for
167 non-emergency situation and should that be included in the agreement. Mayor Haddock will call and
168 talk to Salem City Mayor about a non-emergency rate.

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170 9. RATIFY POLL VOTE BUDGET AGREEMENT

171 COUNCILMEMBER ABBOTT MOTIONED TO RATIFY THE POLL VOTE FOR THE BUDGET
172 AMENDMENT FOR THE SNOWPLOW REPAIR COUNCILMEMBER THOMPSON SECONDED

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174 VOTE AYE (5) NAY (0) APPROVED
175 Councilmember Willis AYE
176 Councilmember Peterson AYE
177 Councilmember Abbott AYE
178 Councilmember Thomas AYE
179 Councilmember Thompson AYE
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181 10. BUDGET AMENDMENT

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184 11. APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 28, 2023

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186 COUNCILMEMBER PETERSON MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR
187 FEBRUARY 28, 2023 WITH CORRECTION ON LINE 72 COUNCILMEMBER ABBOTT
188 SECONDED

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190 VOTE AYE (5) NAY (0) APPROVED
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193 COUNCILMEMBER ABBOTT MOTIONED TO ADJOURN COUNCILMEMBER
194 THOMAS SECONDED

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196 VOTE AYE (5) NAY (0) APPROVED
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