

**ELK RIDGE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
February 27, 2024**

TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING

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WORK SESSION 5:30 PM

EMERGENCY TRAINING FOR COUNCILMEMBERS

Peter Quinter is Lieutenant for the Utah County Sheriff's Office and is the county designated emergency manager on record. He has been very active in the county emergencies. The Emergency Management Bureau was created 2 years ago by the Utah County Sheriff's Office to assist the Sheriff's office and the county. An incident is an occurrence caused by human or nature and includes terrorism that requires response or actions to prevent or minimize loss of life, or damage to property and or environment.

Local government is the first line of offense and is responsible to deal with an incident up until the entity needs assistance then it is time to contact the county for assistance. The county may be proactive. Because the Sheriff's Office may respond to an incident, the county may be involved from the beginning. If there is an incident, and the city declares a "disaster" an individual that is authorized by the city can procure needed items to manage the incident without going through the city's normal procurement requirements - "red tape". The county is the very first level that can declare a disaster when a city is seeking emergency federal funding. The county is reimbursed for funds used in a disaster from FEMA etc. Damage to homes does not count. What does count is damage to infrastructure such as roads, wells, canals, bridges etc. The county threshold is \$3,000,000, the state is about \$5,000,000. If several counties apply for funding not all counties may receive the funding, which is based on several criteria such as documentation, time window, etc. There is an appeal process.

NIMS is The National Incident Management System is the master guide play book which works under the Incident Command System (ICS). It is a narrowed scope of how to deal with an incident. Command is the who has the explicit authority to act in an incident which is the highest elected official. If it is local and contained in the city that authority is the mayor. The city has entities in place to take care of certain things, law enforcement issues would be handled by law enforcement, fire would be the fire department. The mayor has the authority to change who handles the incident if they think the incident is not being handled correctly. However, in a fire application if you tell fire personnel to leave the city is responsible which could be a million dollars a day. Multi Agency Groups (MAC) is the policy level body which comes into play when the incident is a multi-city event and works with surrounding cities. Emergency Operation Center (EOC) is the location where event managers gather to provide support for an incident. The Joint Information System handles the information that will be disseminated to the public to control who, how, where and when information is given. Overview of the senior official's role is to ensure the safety of citizens, protection of property, ensuring the continuity of government,

activating specific legal authorities, protective actions, delegating authority for an incident, coordinating with a PIO (public information), request assistance from other agencies through the EOC, resolve allocation conflicts, coordinate with other senior officials, community partners, and participating in MAC groups. When does city council get involved: City council gets involved when those in authority ask for your help, to make policy and get those policies to the incident managers and to stay out of the way. The council can come and see if there is anything to do and to listen to the professionals that have been put in place to handle incidents. There will be further training with the fire department.

COUNCILMEMBER THOMPSON MOTIONED TO CLOSE THE WORKSESSION AND GO INTO THE REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING COUNCILMEMBER WILLIS SECONDED

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ROLL CALL

Mayor: Robert Haddock
Council Members: Jared Peterson, Cory Thompson, Tanya Willis, Melanie Paxton, Charles Wixom via telephone
Others: Royce Swensen, *City Recorder*, Deputy Monsen,
Public: Larry Lee, Maureen Bushman

OPENING REMARKS– INVITATION

Opening remarks were offered by Jim Chase
Pledge lead by Councilmember Paxton

APPROVAL/AGENDA TIME FRAME

COUNCILMEMBER THOMPSON MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AND ADJUST THE TIME FRAME TO 7:01 PM COUNCILMEMBER PETERSON SECONDED

Mayor Haddock, Councilmember Paxton, Councilmember Peterson, Councilmember Thompson, Councilmember Wixom via telephone

PLANNING COMMISSION UPDATE

Maureen Bushman stated Andrew Jackson is working on the general plan and watching the legislative session carefully and hopes to have a public hearing in April. Payson City would like to collaborate with Elk Ridge regarding the Forebay area at the Payson City Council room in March. This would not be a presentation, it is a round table discussion.

PUBLIC FORUM

No public comment

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA ITEMS:

1. LOAFER CANYON/WOODLAND HILLS PARCEL 30:077:0226 DEVELOPMENT DISCUSSION

Bucky Gay stated the parcel is on Loafer Canyon Road which is very steep. He owns all of the adjoining property which is in Woodland Hills. They are only interested in developing a portion of the parcel which is on top of the ridge. The City Council stated its concerns with all the runoff from Woodland Hills. Bucky Gay stated they have put in a check dam to control runoff. Councilmember Peterson stated he wouldn't have a problem with letting some of that be annexed but the runoff is still a problem and continues to get worse with development. The problem is Woodland Hills and not Bucky's, but it would be a good trade off. Bucky Gay stated the ridge itself would remain open space and will speak with Woodlands regarding the runoff issue.

2. ORDINANCE AMENDMENT WATER CONNECTIONS PER LOT

Discussion ensued that combining improved properties would only allow 1 water, sewer connection per lot. If another connection is needed a property owner may ask for an exception. The connections would be abandoned and stubbed at the property line. Maureen Bushman stated that Andrew Jackson helped the Planning Commission with the language. This would make it the standard and better able to have an accurate count. The city has to count all sewer connections when they actually are not functioning. A swimming pool doesn't need a second connection. There should not be a question to developers how many connections are allowed.

COUNCILMEMBER PETERSON MOTIONED TO APPROVE ORDINANCE 24-3 AS WRITTEN COUNCILMEMBER WILLIS SECONDED

VOTE	AYE (4)	NAY (1)	APPROVED
Councilmember Paxton	AYE		
Councilmember Peterson	AYE		
Councilmember Wixom	AYE		
Councilmember Willis	AYE		
Councilmember Thompson	NAY		
Councilmember Thompson voted Nay, does not feel it is necessary.			

3. BEAUTIFICATION BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Haddock stated there is now a Beautification Committee and Trails and Parks Committee. The Beautification Committee has donations of \$500 coming in but they would like the city to match that with \$500 for the upcoming Beautification event.

COUNCILMEMBER PETERSON MOTIONED TO HAVE A PUBLIC HEARING TO AMEND THE BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE BUDGET COUNCILMEMBER THOMPSON SECONDED.

VOTE	AYE (5)	NAY (0)	APPROVED
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130 4. **ELK RIDGE DRIVE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS PROPOSAL**

131 Mayor Haddock stated this is for improving Elk Ridge Drive from Sky Hawk Way down almost
132 the corner of 11200. Councilmember Wixom explained there would be curb and gutter and
133 sidewalk. The sidewalk on the east side would only go down to where the commercial property
134 starts. The county will not let any cuts in the new road for 5 years. The developer would need to
135 reimburse the city for the water line extension that would only help that development. The cost
136 for the county to do the project is \$550,000. The water line alone is \$80,000. Is it time to do it
137 now or to do it down the road? Royce Swensen stated this project would need to be added to the
138 capital facilities in order to use impact fees. The County would front the project and enter into an
139 interlocal agreement with the city. Councilmember Peterson spoke with a colleague and the
140 savings for the city to do it instead of the county would only save less than \$100,000 and will
141 have to deal with all the issues. Councilmember Willis stated waiting to do it down the road could
142 mean increasing the cost to a million dollars instead of \$200,000. On the other hand, the road
143 would be tapered right where the city wants people to slow down and doesn't see the benefit of
144 spending the money. Councilmember Paxton stated Salem City is planning a trail from 11200 all
145 the way down to the highway and wants the city to put in the trail above 11200. Councilmember
146 Thompson stated he agrees with Councilmember Willis not to spend that kind of money on that
147 road for essentially 4 lots. Mayor Haddock stated if it were \$200,000, he would be on board with
148 the construction. Councilmember Peterson stated the city asks every developer to bring the road
149 up to standard. The city has an opportunity to improve a road that would benefit 99% of the
150 residents and thinks the city should do it but doesn't agree with the cost of \$550,000.

151 Discussion will be continued at the next meeting.

152 Councilmember Wixom left the meeting.

153 5. **COUNCIL REPORTS: SESD, 911, SUVMWA**

154 SESD - Councilmember Thompson stated SESD is willing to come to the city and talk about
155 power production, how prices are set, which will be very informative and interesting to the
156 council. SESD purchases power from 7-8 different plants. There are a few legislative bills the city
157 should watch, HB306, HB374, HB215 and SB189. HB306 could affect and or eliminate impact
158 fees. The others have to do with solar and net metering. SESD had a meeting with some
159 government weather experts which stated due to climate change there could have increased
160 outages, and Utah will likely become drier and an increase in fire risk. There was also a report
161 concerning groundwater subsidence, when the total water held in an aquifer is reduced due to
162 excess pumping the ground actually shrinks reducing the aquifer space.

163 911 - Councilmember Peterson stated the city spent quite a bit of money on radios a while back
164 and there was concern they wouldn't work with the new technology the county is implementing
165 but they will work with the newer technology.

166 SUVMWA - Mayor Haddock stated the last meeting they voted in the chair etc. there were no
167 other updates.

168 6. **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

169 There were no concerns.

170 7. **APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES FOR JOINT WORK SESSION JANUARY**
171 **30, 2024**

172 Councilmember Willis stated she would like the recommendation from Sheri that the city have a
173 city administrator added around line 50.

174 COUNCILMEMBER PETERSON MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE CITY COUNCIL
175 MINUTES FOR JANUARY 30, 2024, WITH THE STATED ADDITION COUNCILMEMBER
176 THOMPSON SECONDED

177 VOTE AYE (5) NAY (0) APPROVED

178 8. **APPROVAL OF CITY COUNCIL MINUTES AND PLANNING COMMISSION JOINT**
179 **SESSION FOR FEBRUARY 13, 2024**

180 Tabled

181 COUNCILMEMBER PETERSON TO TABLE THE FEBRUARY 13, 2024, MINUTES
182 COUNCILMEMBER WILLIS SECONDED

183 COUNCILMEMBER PETERSON MOTIONED TO ADJOURN COUNCILMEMBER WILLIS
184 SECONDED

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186 Laura Oliver