ELK RIDGE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 8, 2025

TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING

This regularly scheduled meeting and public hearing of the Elk Ridge City Council was scheduled for **Tuesday, April 8, 2025, 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 April 7, 2025.

ROLL CALL

Mayor: Robert Haddock
Council Members: Jared Peterson, Charles Wixom, Cory Thompson, Melanie Paxton, Via telephone -Tanya Willis,
Others: Royce Swensen, *City Recorder,* Laura Oliver, *Deputy Recorder,* Deputy Monson
Public: Larry Lee, Becky Simmons, Clint Ashmead, Cindi Ellis, Ty Ellis

OPENING - Councilmember Wixom
PLEDGE - Councilmember Thompson

COUNCILMEMBER COUNCIMEMBER PETERSON MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AND TIME FRAME COUNCILMEMBER THOMPCON SECONDED

VOTE	AYE (5)	NAY (0)	Approved

PLANNING COMMISSION UPDATE

Maureen Bushman - There is no update.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Becky Simmons – She is interested in the Dark Sky Code discussion and the recent thefts and would like to be educated on the police presence in Elk Ridge. She supports safety but also supports the Dark Sky Code.

Deputy Monsen was present and stated she works 86 hours per pay period. 90% of her time is spent in the city unless she has training. She is part of the drone team that has been surveilling the city in regard to catching those who have been stealing from unlocked cars. If she is not in the city, Salem and other County Deputies are called in when needed. As far as Dark Sky: she worked for Payson City, and they have streets lights everywhere and it did not deter crime. The video footage from the victims in Elk Ridge shows the thieves wearing masks and are completely covered up. They do not care if there are lights on or if there are cameras. They are crimes of opportunity, try the door – locked- move to the next. The thing that will deter them is not allowing yourself to be a victim; lock the car, bring valuables inside. Elk Ridge is a safe town, the crime rate is *extremely* low compared to the surrounding cities. Most of these crimes are happening closer to 11200 where the homes are closer together. There was an incident further up the hill but that was not the norm.

1. **DARK SKY ORDINANCE 10-12-43 DISCUSSION**

Discussion ensued on Dark Sky pertaining to only new buildings after the code went into effect and needing to pertain to everyone, and the permanent (Jelly Fish types) outside lighting that is always on and how they are not Dark Sky compliant and the issues of code enforcement. Discussion ensued on possibly rewriting the code that simplifies and better pertains to Elk Ridge. A joint work session with the Planning Commission will be planned.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MARCH 25, 2025**

COUNCILMEMBER PETERSON MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR MARCH 25, 2025, COUNCILMEMBER THOMPSON SECONDED

VOTE AYE (5) NAY (0) Approved

COUNCILMEMBER PETERSON MOTIONED TO GO INTO CLOSE SESSION PER UTAH CODE 52-4-204 FOR CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS COUNCILMEMBER PAXTON SECONDED.

VOTE AYE (5) NAY (0) Approved

COUNCILMEMBER PETERSON MOTIONED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING COUNCILMEMBER THOMPSON SECONDED

VOTE AYE (5) NAY (0) Approved

Laura Oliver

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