

**ELK RIDGE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 13, 2025**

TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING

This regularly scheduled meeting and public hearing of the Elk Ridge City Council was scheduled for **Tuesday, May 13, 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 May 12, 2025.

ROLL CALL

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

OPENING – Cory Thompson

PLEDGE - Charles Wixom

COUNCILMEMBER WIXOM MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AND TIME
FRAME COUNCILMEMBER PETERSON SECONDED

VOTE AYE (4) NAY (0) Approved

Planning Commission Update

Maureen Bushman stated there was a Public Hearing in the last meeting for Layla Subdivision. There were concerns with utilities which will be addressed by the developer. The biggest concern is the trail and that discussion is ongoing. The Trails, Parks and Open Space Master Plan was completed and is now in the Council's hands.

PUBLIC FORUM

There were no comments

PUBLIC HEARING

BUDGET AMENDMENT FEASIBILITY STUDY

COUNCILMEMBER PETERSON MOTIONED TO OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE
FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR THE SEWER PLANT COUNCILMEMBER WILLIS
SECONDED

VOTE AYE (5) NAY(0) Approved

Mayor Haddock stated Woodlands Hills is willing to do \$7,000 out of the \$20,000 which is proportional to the population: Woodland Hills has around 300 connections Elk Ridge has around 1,200 connections. Mayor Haddock recommends paying the \$20,000 and then working through the details after the feasibility study.

Councilmember Thompson stood and remarked as a resident that he thinks this is a great idea. Elk Ridge could use its own sewer plant. Thank you

COUNCILMEMBER PETERSON MOTIONED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING
COUNCILMEMBER THOMPSON SECONDED

VOTE AYE (5) NAY (0) Approved

1. **BUDGET AMENDMENT FEASIBILITY STUDY RESOLUTION 25-05-13-1R BUDGET AMENDMENT FEASIBILITY STUDY**

COUNCILMEMBER WIXOM MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 25-05-13-1R THE BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR THE FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR \$20,000
COUNCILMEMBER PETERSON SECONDED

VOTE	AYE (5)	NAY (0)	Approved
Councilmember Thompson	AYE		
Councilmember Peterson	AYE		
Councilmember Wixom	AYE		
Councilmember Willis	AYE		
Councilmember Paxton	AYE		

2. **RESOLUTION 25-05-13-2R INTERLOCAL BETWEEN SALEM CITY PAYSON SPANISH FORK, WOODLAND HILLS, AND UTAH COUNTY FOR THE NEBO LOOP CORRIDOR STUDY**

Councilmember Paxton stated all of these will be county roads. Elk Ridges' portion of the feasibility study is \$500. Elk Ridge loses a voice at the table if we are not part of the study. This is for the proposed future planning for the extension of 11200 to the east through the orchards which will be three lanes. Councilmember Thompson stated why would anyone from Spanish Fork use this instead of just jumping on the highway? Councilmember Peterson stated there are critical drainage issues on 11200 which need to be addressed and voiced concern on the jog near the highway and wondered why the road didn't go a quarter of a block further and connect straight into the highway. Councilmember Paxton stated this was discussed heavily. There are homes there that the road has to go around. Royce Swensen stated there are other issues such as the train tracks and that the present plan is seen as being the best option.

COUNCILMEMBER THOMPSON MOTIONED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION 25-05-13-2R FOR THE INTERLOCAL BETWEEN SALEM CITY PAYSON SPANISH FORK, WOODLAND HILLS, AND UTAH COUNTY FOR THE NEBO LOOP CORRIDOR STUDY AND ALLOCATE \$500 TO THE PROJECT COUNCILMEMBER WILLIS

VOTE	AYE (5)	NAY (0)	Approved
Councilmember Thompson	AYE		
Councilmember Peterson	AYE		
Councilmember Wixom	AYE		
Councilmember Willis	AYE		
Councilmember Paxton	AYE		

3. **PARKS, TRAILS, AND OPEN SPACE MASTER PLAN**

101 Mayor Haddock stated the Planning Commission recommended moving the Trails, Parks and
102 Open Space Master Plan to Council. Councilmember Paxton recommended changing community
103 meetings to in instead of to. Councilmember Willis thinks the community meeting should be in
104 the index and trails need to be better defined and standards developed for each type of trail.
105 Councilmember Paxton stated she just got word the city did not get the parks grant. The city will
106 be applying for the LCWF grant. Councilmember Wixom asked what the city had for the
107 restrooms and pickleball courts for the Sky Hawk Park, do we know what the cost is on those?
108 Councilmember Paxton stated \$800,000 at last estimate and if those funds that were previously
109 allocated were still there. Mayor Haddock wrapped up the discussion on trails and to will be
110 resumed during the budget discussion. Councilmember Willis recommends adding more detail in
111 the parks and some rearranging and reformatting of some items. Discussion ensued as to whether
112 to send it back to the Planning Commission: it was decided the council and planning commission
113 would work on it together.
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115 4. **TENTATIVE BUDGET 2025-2026**

116 Mayor Haddock presented the tentative budget for the 2025-2026 fiscal year. This is yours to
117 tweak and make requests. Councilmember Willis asked if the road project from Canyon View up
118 to Park Dr. is in the new budget. Royce Swensen confirmed it was and is under road maintenance
119 on page 3. Councilmember Wixom asked if there was no new equipment in the budget. Mayor
120 Haddock stated the city has a vac truck ordered but will not pay for it until the following year
121 when it is delivered, which is spread between the water, road and storm drain funds.
122 Councilmember Peterson asked if Shuler Lane was included in the budget. Royce Swensen stated
123 the city has not sent the engineering for the project. Councilmember Willis stated the council can
124 do a budget amendment when everything for Shuler Lane is in. Mayor Haddock stated they could
125 possibly put \$200,000 in the budget for Shuler but need to find where to take it from.
126 Councilmember Thompson asked why there was so much left in the budget for salaries? Mayor
127 Haddock stated the city is down several employees. Royce Swensen stated in order to add funds
128 somewhere it has to be removed from somewhere else, or the council can do a truth and taxation.
129 Councilmember Willis stated the average household pays around \$400 a year in taxes that come
130 to the city, in which snow plows, road maintenance etc. Councilmember Peterson stated the entire
131 time he has been on council etc. the city has not raised taxes. Councilmember Thompson stated
132 he would not vote to raise taxes to fix 50 feet of road. There is \$100,000 allocated to engineering
133 and attorney that may be available and is digging through everything to find funds.
134 Councilmember Peterson stated residents on Shuler Lane have been waiting for a long time for
135 their road to be fixed. Councilmember Willis stated she has a really hard time with taxes, she
136 knows many residents that are on fixed incomes that can't afford that \$100 a year.
137 Councilmember Peterson stated if we are behind in revenue then we will need to have that
138 discussion. Councilmember Thompson stated to Charles point, let's get Sky Hawk Park finished.
139 Maureen Bushman asked if the city doesn't get the grant, you talked about the money earmarked
140 for Goosenest, how much money does the city have for Sky Hawk Park? Mayor Haddock stated
141 there is \$900,000 to be allocated anywhere as long as it is parks. Councilmember Wixom stated
142 the city is better off getting the park done or continuing to delay it. The city needs to get Sky
143 Hawk Park up and running and thinks the city owes it to our citizens. Sky Hawk Park is central
144 to all the families that live down there with a lot of kids and that is going to be more important to
145 focus on. The utilization is going to be much higher. Discussion ensued on how much of the
146 \$900 is actually usable in Sky Hawk Park which was stated is half. Councilmember Peterson
147 stated if the city needs to hold on to \$100,000 to match a grant, then why not spend the other
148 \$400,000 now and get going on both parks. Councilmember Paxton stated the pickle ball courts
149 and restroom were about \$490,000 which doesn't include parking. Councilmember Willis
150 recommends waiting to see what happens with the July grant. The council agreed to continue the
151 conversation in August. Royce Swensen stated the budget needs to be approved in June. Mayor

Haddock stated the city is trying to get Shawn Eliot on board as a city planner. He works for Hales Engineering and would like to subcontract him. They met with Shawn and representatives from Hales who sent a proposal with different services. Hales primarily focuses on transportation. Discussion ensued on impact fees which need to be reconciled, and the Capital Facilities needs to be completed and adopted.

COUNCILMEMBER MOTIONED TO HAVE THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE TENTATIVE BUDGET OF R THE 225/2026 FISCAL YEAR COUNCILMEMBER PAXTON SECONDED.

VOTE	AYE (5)	NAY (0)	Approved
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5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR APRIL 22,2025

COUNCILMEMBER PETERSON MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR APRIL 25, 2025, COUNCILMEMBER THOMPSON SECONDED

VOTE	AYE (5)	NAY (0)	Approved
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COUNCILMEMBER WILLIS MOTIONED TO ADJOURN COUNCILMEMBER PAXTON SECONDED

VOTE	AYE (5)	NAY (0)	Approved
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COUNCILMEMBER WILLIS MOTIONED TO REOPEN THE MEETING COUNCILMEMBER PAXTON SECONDED

VOTE	AYE (5)	NAY (0)	Approved
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COUNCILMEMBER MOTIONED TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS LEGAL MATTER COUNCILMEMBER PAXTON SECONDED

VOTE	AYE (5)	NAY (0)	Approved
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COUNCILMEMBER MOTION TO ADJOURN COUNCILMEMBER SECONDED

VOTE	AYE (5)	NAY (0)	Approved
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Laura Oliver