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**ELK RIDGE
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
July 27, 2016**

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TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING

This Work Session of the Elk Ridge City Council, was scheduled for Tuesday, July 27, 2016, at 8:00 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 these Meetings, were provided to the Payson Chronicle, 145 E. Utah Ave, Payson, Utah, and to the members of the Governing Body, on July 22, 2016.

ROLL CALL

Mayor: Hal Shelley

Council Members: Tricia Thomas, Ty Ellis, Nelson Abbott, Brittany Thompson remotely, Dale Bigler

Others: Royce Swensen, *Recorder*

Public: *Residents in attendance however roll was not signed*

PRAYER: Nelson Abbott

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Tricia Thomas

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION 8:00 PM

1. **PREPERATION FOR THE TRUTH IN TAXATION HEARING DISCUSSION.**

Mayor Shelley stated that the meeting will be held the following week in the fire station bay, and turned the time over to Ty Ellis for presentation of the proposed budget, noting that this meeting is not a public hearing.

Discussion ensued on the budget.

Ty Ellis began by explaining to the citizens how the numbers were determined and explaining the power point presentation and the process of determining the budget. (Path to Truth in Taxation Slide 5) Two Significant milestones were known on June 6th, 2016. 1. We found out the City's Certified Tax Rate from the state which tells how much revenue the city has to work with. 2. The real final budget for 2016. Through the meetings pointed out in the presentation it was determined a proposed budget increase of 106% may be needed. The public was notified of this prior to the Truth in Taxation meeting and meetings were scheduled to continue to discuss the proposed Budget and Tax Increase. The proposed amount upset many residents, peaking the interest in attending the budget meetings which is useful to gage their opinions on the budget and tax increase.

Brittany Thompson and Dale Bigler stated it was important to have the numbers out there for the residents to see so they can understand the budget issues and why the decisions need to be made regarding the budget.

Mayor Shelley stated that the amount was not meant to shock and bring residents to the meetings, but that it was the actual numbers projected necessary to keep the city going.

Brittany Thompson mentioned that the 106% figure was determined by going over the figures and wasn't just a number pulled out of the air and determined at the time the City had to turn in the numbers.

Ty Ellis went over the operating budget. (Slide 22) General operations are at \$718,000. This is about \$60,000 more than last year. Public Safety will be about the same. Roads are \$239,000. Last year the City spent \$87,000 which was because the City didn't do road maintenance last year.

Tricia Thomas asked why the city "dropped the ball" on road maintenance last year.

Mayor Shelley answered that projects were supposed to be done with cooperation with other cities and the county that didn't work out.

Tricia Thomas mentioned that there was a larger budget for road maintenance last year, the City just didn't spend it.

Ty Ellis continued the budget discussion with Parks at \$66,000 compared to \$36,381 from last year. The difference being the \$25,000 water bill to be charged to parks instead of the water department which brings the total to close to the \$66,000.

1 Resident Questioned where salaries are specifically listed. Mayor Shelley and Nelson Abbott answered that
2 it is on the website and is done through the state. The information on the website is behind about a year and
3 a half.

4 Ty Ellis noted, referring to Page 23 of the Power Point Presentation, that \$40,000 allocated for High Sierra
5 was rolled into the \$165,000 Road Maintenance number.

6 PPP 23 Budget "A" – Notable Items

7 PPP 24 Budget "A" – Un-(under) funded items

8 Ty Ellis 1. (Slide 26) Salem Hills Dr. Widening not going to be done.

9 2. (Slide 27) Public Works Parking Lot \$15,000

10 3. (Slide 28) Park Drive Improvement \$1.2 Million

11 4. (Slide 29) Public Works Storage \$40,000

12 5. (Slide 30) Public Works Equipment Fence \$15,000

13 6. (Slide 31) Shuler Park Lighting \$25,000

14 7. (Slide 32) Tennis Court Repair \$5,000

15 8. (Slide 33) Bobtail Bed \$24,000

16 Nelson brought up the City can't wash the bobtail bed except at an approved facility.

17 9. (Slide 34) Third Bobtail \$150,000 for growth and redundancy. Brittany Thompson brought up
18 that a new bobtail may have to be to replace one that may not make it through the winter.

19 Mayor Shelley answered that the city does maintenance on the current bobtail.

20 Ty Ellis presented Slides 37 and 38 which included the following budget items with estimated costs and
21 amounts that are going to be "put aside" to pay for them.

22 Additional Road Maintenance Total Cost --- FY17 Expense \$67,000 (In addition to \$165,000

23 Park Drive Improvement Total Cost \$1.2 M FY17 Expense \$75,000 Dug way

24 Amount needed for matching funds for grants and/or bonding.

25 Salem Hills Trail Widening Total Cost \$25,000 FY17 Expense \$25,000 Trail Only, Safety

26 Shuler Park Lights Total Cost \$25,000 FY17 Expense \$12,500

27 Aerator Total Cost \$2,000 FY17 Expense \$2,000

28 Public Works Parking Lot Total Cost \$15,000 FY17 Expense \$15,000

29 Equipment Fence Total Cost \$9,000 FY17 Expense \$9,000

30 Taking this one out to expand public works building to consolidate equipment.

31 Nelson Abbot was concerned about one-time expenses not expanding.

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33 Storage Shed Total Cost \$50,000 FY17 Expense \$15,000 Equipment Care

34 Digitize Office Records Total Cost \$20,000 FY17 Expense \$4,000 State Requirement

35 Tennis Court Repair Total Cost \$5,000 FY17 Expense \$5,000 Disrepair

36 Additional Bobtail Total Cost \$150,000 FY17 Expense \$15,000 Bonding-Service

37 improvements

38 Bobtail Depreciation Total Cost \$300,000 FY17 Expense \$56,000 Depreciation 4 + 8yr

39 Bobtail Bed Replacement Total Cost \$24,000 FY17 \$24,000 Stainless

40 Vehicle Depreciation FY17 Expense \$11,000 2 Mowers, Tractor,

41 Sweeper

42 Flatbed Trailer Total Cost \$5,000 FY17 Expense \$5,000

43 Office Equip Depreciation FY17 Expense \$750

44 Ty Ellis continued to present Unfunded Items on the next slide (39)

45 Park Maintenance Vehicle Total Cost \$15,000 FY17 Expense \$0

46 Roads: Park Dr./Elk Ridge Dr. Total Cost \$370,000 FY17 Expense \$0 Intersection

47 Roads: Ama Fille Extension Total Cost \$833,000 FY17 Expense \$0

48 Roads: E Salem Hills Total Cost \$188,000 FY17 Expense \$0

49 Roads: Loafer Canyon Wide Total Cost \$374,000 FY17 Expense \$0

50 Civic Center Total Cost \$250,000 FY17 Expense \$0 Site Master Plan, Ph 1

51 These are all capital facilities plan items but all unfunded.

52 Brittany Thompson mentioned that raising taxes isn't the only option to raise funds.

53 Tricia Thomas said that the Council has met several times and has been looking at all options to raise
54 revenue, not just raising taxes.

1 Dale Bigler brought up the fact that this is the most clear and detailed budget presentation he has seen since
2 being on the city council for 3 years. Seeing the specific items will help residents see what is going on and
3 that.

4 Ty Ellis points out that only 29% of property tax bills come to the city. In looking at his own budget he has
5 to determine whether the amount he would pay if the taxes were raised would be worth not having to ride a
6 snowmobile down to where his car is parked in order to go to work. Each citizen needs to look at their own
7 budgets and determine what a raise would be worth to them, including higher homeowner's insurance rates,
8 etc.

9 Ty Ellis in discussing budget B. Fund one-time expenses with on-time money. He thinks the City should
10 fund with a line item for snow removal.

11 Nelson Abbott said that he likes the line item that the city pays so much a month perpetually for snow
12 removal for both equipment, maintenance, and the service.

13 Dale Bigler commended Ty Ellis for his presentation.

14 Mayor Shelley brought up that the city should use the one-time money the city has now on one time
15 projects.

16 Nelson Abbott said that the City should band together with other small south county cities and talk to state
17 legislators and county commissioners to fight for funding for the small towns.

18 Ty Ellis stated that he doesn't feel right voting on bigger future road projects until it is known what the rise
19 in revenue will be due to more homes being built and lived in.

20 Tricia Thomas brought up water, even though the discussion is for another meeting, because residents will
21 want to know that she brought it up at the budget meeting.

22 Residence in attendance mentioned how a gradual increase would have been better than the proposed 106%
23 increase.

24 Mayor Shelley explained to her how the City has been trying for several years to raise it a little bit at a time
25 but they keep getting voted down.

26 Tricia Thomas asked whether or not the residents want an increase can the council vote for it anyway?

27 Nelson Abbott stated that the council represents all residents.

28 Mayor Shelley stated that the City needs to listen to all residents but do what's right for the city.

29 Tricia Thomas said that the ones who attend the meetings

30 Resident in attendance wants to see how the City prioritizes how the funds are spent. A flow chart was
31 requested.

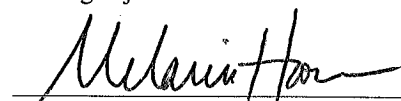
32 Resident in attendance asked about the fire truck not being included in what was presented.

33 Nelson Abbott informed residents that it is included in the fire station budget that is also included in the
34 Operating Fund.

35 Ty Ellis requested an agreement that what was presented is what would be presented at the Truth in
36 Taxation meeting.

37 Council members agreed it was ready for presentation and the meeting adjourned.

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Melanie Hoover, Deputy Recorder
Transcribed by Jan Butler