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**ELK RIDGE
CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
December 10, 2016**

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TIME AND PLACE OF MEETING

This special work session of the Elk Ridge City Council, was scheduled for **Saturday, December 10, 2016 at 7:00 AM**. The work session was held at the Elk Ridge City Hall, 80 East Park Drive, Elk Ridge, Utah.

Notice of the time, place and agenda of this work session, was provided to the Payson Chronicle, 145 E. Utah Ave, Payson, Utah, and to the members of the Governing Body on December 7, 2016.

ROLL CALL

Mayor: Ty Ellis

Council Members: Tricia Thomas, Nelson Abbott, Brittany Thompson, Dale Bigler, Paul Crook

Others: Royce Swensen, *Recorder.*

Public: Cindi Ellis

CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION AGENDA ITEMS:

7:00 am

1. DISCUSS NEW WELL COST/TIMING

- Mayor Ellis and City Staff have been working with Aqua Engineering to determine the cost and phasing of construction of the new well. The main goal for the new well is redundancy. Mayor Ellis would like Craig Neeley, City Engineer, to attend the next city council meeting to answer any questions Council may have.
- Discussion was made on the proposed phases, timing and financials of each phase. Part of the cost can be paid with impact fees. In order to have a sufficient water supply, the ability to move water to and from tanks is necessary, along with back-up generators.
- Concerns were discussed on capacity and redundancy of the new well. The capital facilities plan covers these concerns. The city is currently at the maximum storage it needs to be and the new well would fill the storage tanks faster and create redundancy.

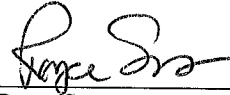
2. DISCUSS WATER RATE PROPOSALS

- Mayor Ellis presented a spreadsheet he created by obtaining fund balances and estimated funds to be collected provided by Curtis Roberts, City Financial Director. The current water rates and funds to be collected need to be adjusted to maintain a strong functioning water fund and to prepare for future expenditures on capital investments such as the well and infrastructure.
- Proposed water rates and tiered structures were discussed by comparing last year's water usage within the city. Proposed changes to the base rate were discussed and changes need to be made sooner than later, preferably at the next city council meeting. A state mandate requires the city's rates to be adjusted.
- Discussion was made on the "snowbird" accounts in the city where residents cancel service and reconnect when they come back into town. Mayor Ellis feels that an account should not be cancelled until the ownership changes. The homes are still connected and they should have to pay to be connected to the city's system as depreciation still occurs. A change and decision needs to be made soon.
- Discussion was made on how to make it beneficial for residents to conserve. Currently, the high end water users are subsidizing the base rate. It's been 9 years since the last water rate change and depreciation cannot be taken away from. The numbers and data have been provided to council so they can answer resident's questions.
- Discussion was made on old water lines and meters that need to be replaced within the city which requires a rate adjustment to cover these costs. Staff has tested older meters and some are not reading accurately. If water rates are raised, reviews will happen in the future to verify the raised rates are working towards a sufficient water fund. General conclusion was made to adjust the base water rate to \$45.00 - \$47.00.

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3. DISCUSS OTHER ITEMS AS NEEDED
No other items were discussed.

Mayor Ellis closed the City Council Work Session at 9:05 am.



Royce Swensen, Recorder
(Transcribed by Melanie Hoover, Deputy Recorder)