

**ELK RIDGE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
August 25, 2009**

**TIME & PLACE
OF MEETING**

This Regularly Scheduled Meeting of the Elk Ridge City Council, was scheduled for **Tuesday, August 25, 2009, at 7:00 PM**; this was preceded by **Meet the Candidates Night at 6:00 PM; and a Field Trip in Spanish Fork.**

The meetings were 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, UT, and to the members of the Governing Body, on August 21, 2009.

4:30 PM -

FIELD TRIP TO SPANISH FORK

The City Council met in Spanish Fork at Salisbury Homes to view samples of their development.

6:30 PM -

MEET THE CANDIDATES NIGHT

ROLL

Mayor: Dennis Dunn; *City Council:* Raymond Brown, Nelson Abbott, Julie Haskell, (Absent: Sean Roylance & Derrek Johnson); *Candidates for Election:* Weston Youd, Erin Clawson, Paul Squires & Jason Bullard; *Public:* Kendra Bullard, Paul Eddy, Jim & Jamie Towse, Elizabeth Dayton, Darin & Tracie Magoffin, Gayle & Pete Weber, Gary Prestwich, Brent Johnson, Max Johnson, Jacob Johnson, Brennan White, Lisa Denning, Deborah Squires & Robin Clawson; and the *City Recorder:* Janice H. Davis

INTRODUCTION

Mayor Dunn: Welcome and Introduction to the Candidates:

The Mayor stated the format for the meeting: By number, the Candidates introduced themselves and then there was time allotted for specific questions and answers.

Mayor Dunn introduced Randy Jones, who was there representing Kenneth Lutes, who is Candidate for Mayor...Mr. Lutes was unable to be at the Meeting due to a prior appointment. Mr. Jones was asked to be 5th in line to speak.

Candidates for City Council:

1. Erin Clawson: Wife and mother of three...full-time student. Her family moved to Elk Ridge in 2005. They moved here because they "wanted to live in a safe, small community"...away from the city.

She became interested in politics after attending several City Council Meetings and seeing how the City is run and what issues are facing our City.

She is concerned about several issues:

-Development: How to proceed

- Water – Availability, cost and using it wisely

- Rising costs and the use of money in the City and how that affects each citizen

- Safety of Community

- Maintaining the unique beauty and "feel" of Elk Ridge

She feels she is qualified because of her involvement with City Council Meetings and she has studied and researched the issues. She has and does hold leadership positions in school, work and in Church.

She is not currently on the Planning Commission (the other Candidates are); but she believes this allows her to be a "breath of fresh air" with a unique perspective as an ordinary Elk Ridge citizen who is not already "entrenched in the current state of affairs of the City government". She does not have any secondary gain or ulterior motives in running for Office.

She realizes she has much to learn; but she has "core values she will remain true to".

The citizens could expect from her:

- ❖ She believes that the decisions made by the City Council should protect the citizens of Elk Ridge...not necessarily people with no other interest than the desire to come here to develop.
- ❖ Fiscal responsibility: live within the City's budget...not spend more than we can afford.
- ❖ The role of City government needs to be kept in perspective

2. Jason Bullard: He and his family moved to Elk Ridge about a year ago from Indiana. In Indiana he was a business owner. He and his wife have owned several businesses; within which they have been involved in property leasing, a temporary agency (over 600 employees) & housing development. He is currently looking for a new opportunity here in Elk Ridge with a fine art publishing company.

He and his wife feel very fortunate to live in a Community like Elk Ridge; in fact, very early on they got involved in the Community by volunteering for the Emergency Management Committee.

Mr. Bullard has also been serving on the Planning Commission.

Issues:

Having only lived in Elk Ridge a year, he is still becoming acquainted with many of the issues with the current Administration. He has no "axe to grind" with anyone currently serving on either the Planning Commission or the Council; nor does he have any disagreement with any previous decisions made.

He feels strongly about:

- ❖ Code enforcement – Protect the written ordinances
- ❖ City Budget – This is a big issue
- ❖ Development – He has experience in development and feels they developers should adhere to the city's plans to protect existing citizens.
- ❖ Parks: He feels park areas are a major part of the community; but parks that specifically fit the community's needs.

3. *Paul Squires*: He has been in Utah County for 25 years. He is recently retire from: 1) the U.S. Dept. of the Interior (Bureau of Reclamation) – 33 years; and 2) He was with the US Air Force for 34 years. In both careers, he has been involved with facilities management...property management...contracting...civil engineering projects...& water delivery. He has BS Degrees in: Business Management, Economics & Biology (emphasis in "Range Management"). He currently serves on the Planning Commission. He feels all of the candidates are qualified. He has "ulterior motives" in wanting to run for office...

1. He wants to make judgments and decisions based on the 2007 General Plan Survey results.

He is passionate about:

- ❖ Preserving wild life corridors & wild life
- ❖ CUP (Central Utah Project) & Elk Ridge's delivery of this water
- ❖ Re-vegetation by contractors

4. *Weston Youd*: Mr. Youd has been a resident of Elk Ridge since 2006; but he grew up in South Utah County (Spring Lake) and understands the needs of this area. He currently serves on the Planning Commission as the Vice Chair. The Planning Commission has worked very hard on the General Plan and with some developers that want to develop in Elk Ridge...we want to ensure that their plans match what we want to have in our Community. This experience has given him an insight into City Government.

His platform is based on:

- ❖ Personal Property Rights: Each person has the right to "maximize" the rights on his/her property Without inflicting any undue damage to neighbors...He wants those rights protected.
- ❖ Enforce & adhere to the City's Budget: We need to look for efficiency
- ❖ Adherence to City Code

He feels this is a "great time to serve in Elk Ridge"...he feels there are lessons to learn.

Candidate for Mayor:

5. *Kenneth Lutes (Represented by Randy Jones)*: Mr. Jones read from the hand-out provided by Mr. Lutes: Mr. Lutes "is aware of much of what is in store because he has been a small town mayor before under difficult circumstances." With his leadership, the town was successful in improving its financial condition from one that was virtually bankrupt to one that was counseled by the state that they had too much money, even after a water main project. This was done by using common sense, fiscal restraint, citizen volunteers, and without raising taxes.

Qualifications:

- Listening, servant-leadership attitude
- Honesty & Integrity
- Successful & pertinent leadership experience
- No personal agenda or conflicts of interest

Goals:

- Fiscal Restraint
- Eliminate debt as soon as possible
- Low taxes and water rates
- Quiet, non-commercial atmosphere
- Small, common sense government

Background:

Ken & his wife, Lyndell, have been residents of Elk Ridge since 2002. As a graduate of the military academy at West Point, Ken served in the US Air Force for over 8 years. Ross Perot's Electronic Data Systems hired him as a systems engineer in the California Blue Shield account when he left the military. After serving as the executive vice president for a financial planning company in California & Colorado, he went into business for himself with a small service station, car wash, convenience store, and restaurant complex.

In 1979, Ken began 16 years of employment with The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He retired in 1995 as a project manager in information systems after working in the Temple, Family History, Church Auditing, and Information's Systems Depts. Since retirement, he has been a consultant in small businesses; the mayor of a small Utah town; wrote and published his own books; and edited about 20 books for other publishers. Ken's early training in leadership at the academy has served him well as he gained a wide variety of experience in both the private and public sectors.

Ken has 7 children (the youngest serving a full-time LDS mission) and 11 grandchildren. He has been serving in the BYU 18th Stake since December 2006.

Platform:

Ken firmly believes in the Constitution of the United States, which limits the role of government and protects our God-given, unalienable rights. Therefore, he would keep government as small as possible while providing for the protection, welfare, and liberty of our citizens. He feels that common sense and a servant-leadership attitude must prevail in government to ensure that reasonable decisions are made after listening to the citizens. Ken believes that during this time of economic hardship for many people, fiscal restraint is mandatory and that taxes and water rates must be kept low. He also believes in becoming debt free and being prepared for the perilous times we are facing. Let your voice be heard; he is listening."

Questions for the Candidates:

Mayor Dunn: The Mayor opened the Meeting to questions from the citizens present to the Candidates:

Gary Prestwich:

1. (To all Candidates) Water Rates: A couple of years ago the City Finances Director said that the City was collecting more money than the City needed...if that were the case, would you vote to lower water rates?

2. (Recent "chicken ordinances") Would you vote to repeal that ordinance?

Candidates:

- *Paul Squires:* 1) Water Rates: He would vote to lower rates, but not immediately. He would wait until the CUP water is available to Elk Ridge. (He updated those present on the status of CUP water.) The water itself will not be in place in Elk Ridge for at least 4 ½ years; this gives us a chance to get the infrastructure installed.

2) He would not be in favor of repealing the animal control ordinance. The Planning Commission spent nearly a year researching other communities; it was voted on by the City Council.

- Jason Bullard: 1) (Water Rates) If there were an “excess, he would be in favor of lower rates; but it is important to maintain some reserve in case of failure of infrastructure. It is harder to try to “find” money when the need arises than to plan ahead.

2) (Animal Control) He voted against passing the ordinance and would be in favor of an appeal. Many of the reasons this became an issue, was the economy...the Planning Commission heard that a great deal. He did not feel the code should be changed based on what “might happen” in the future. If the economy got so bad that we all need chickens in the yard, then he could see coming back to the issues. He does not agree with passing ordinances that will require a lot of attention from a code enforcement officer. With all of the attention shown to this issue, there have been just a few residents that have come forward to apply for permits.

- Weston Youd: 1) (Water Rates) He agreed with Mr. Squires; he would not immediately. He agreed that there needs to be enough to cover emergencies. During his term of office, the Council would watch to make sure the rates would be balanced out with net income and that money would be used wisely.

2) (Animal Control) They all saw the “wheels of cit government” in action during this process; some compromises were made between what many residents wanted and what the city would allow. He feels the code, while not perfect, is enforceable. He would not vote to repeal it; but he would listen to citizens who may have another idea or ways to improve the code.

- Erin Clawson: 1) (Water Rates) She realizes that the rates are high; and if there were a surplus, the City would have a responsibility to the citizens to safeguard that water as well as look to the future for repairs. Both aspects must be considered.

2) (Animal Code) She would not vote to repeal that ordinance; she was one of the citizens with chickens. She was grateful that city government provided a way to see a change proposed and approved. She respects those who did not want a change in the code; and she would be interested in hearing ways to improve upon the current code.

Raymond Brown: (Directed to Erin Clawson) What are her feelings about the constitutional rights of land owners to develop their property?

- Erin Clawson: She feels that every citizen has the right to develop their land; she also feels that the City Council has the obligation to protect the citizens that are already here. There must be steps set up for development that would meet the needs of citizens who already live here.

(To Paul Squires) How many miles of the CUP water line are installed in Elk Ridge?

- Paul Squires: He knows that all new development is required to install secondary water pipes, though he was not familiar with the numbers. The cities will be assessed according to size. There are grants available and those need to be applied for to help with infrastructure. The longer we wait, the less money available.

(To Candidates Bullard & Youd) Regarding code enforcement: many feel it is “easier to ask for forgiveness than for permission”...how do you feel about codes being enforced and how do you plan on enforcing them?

-Weston Youd: One of the main reasons he was in favor of the “chicken ordinance” was the fact that there was no avenue by which the City could enforce the existing code...it seemed nebulous. If the right codes are written with clarity, then those codes can be placed in the hands of law enforcement officers or enforcement officers who could then have something clear and precise to address the issues with. If the codes are not solid; the enforcement question is secondary. The effort needs to go into writing the codes so the enforcement aspect is clearly understood.

- Jason Bullard: He felt the answer is “very simple”; he thinks the codes are written well. He feels the Planning Commission and the City Council have written the codes well and he thinks they should be enforced...all of the codes. He has spoken to several people in the Community and actually had a volunteer in the audience at a Planning Commission Meeting to be a part-time code enforcement officer for the City. One of the reasons he did not vote in favor of the “chicken ordinance” was that enforcement has been such an issue. The laws should be protected.

Tracie Magoffin: She is very interested in secondary water; she wanted to know how the other three Candidates feel about it (They know how Mr. Squires feels about it):

- Erin Clawson: She admitted she does not know a great deal about secondary water, other than the cost for Water could be lower and it sounds like a reasonable idea to have the City’s culinary water separated off. If it would benefit the City as well as the citizens, she would be in favor of it.

- Weston Youd: HE has worked with Mr. Squires on the Planning Commission and they have discussed the issues associated with CUP water; he has good insights into the whole process. The availability of grants to assist in funding this type of project is very attractive to him. He feels that it could have the affect of protecting the City’s culinary water for its proposed use, rather than for watering lawns. Other cities have moved to secondary water. He thinks that Elk Ridge should pursue this.

- Jason Bullard: He agrees that the City should consider the secondary water option. Grants are always a good way to assist the City.

- Paul Squires: There is no cost to apply for the secondary water; it is already planned for and where the pipe line will be installed...they have the rights-of-way. The City’s hook-up will be located at the mouth of Loafer Canyon...it will not follow the Highline Canal. CUP water costs \$2.30/acre foot...so it would be lower in cost.

Jacob Johnson: (To Paul Squires) He was interested if a new General Plan survey would go out to the citizens, since Mr. Squires said he would base much of his decision-making on this survey. Things have changed since 2007.

- Paul Squires: Yes. The survey was a real “eye-opener”...many new people have moved into Elk Ridge. Many of the Planning Commission members have been heavily involved in the re-writing of the General Plan; and as soon as this is available to the general public, he feels citizens will be able to see the direction that the City is trying to go in. There is need or new input. He would hope more people would respond.

Paul Eddy: Does anyone know what the infrastructure for secondary water cost in Salem? (He heard that it was about 27 million dollars + a \$400 connect fee/house.)

- *Paul Squires:* He does not; but he knows that Salem has their petition in for the \$5,000,000 grant. They have been working on their infrastructure for at least three years. Spanish Fork has nearly completed theirs. Salem has more residents than Elk Ridge. He is not sure, but each resident may have the right to refuse connection.

Jamie Towse: (Directed to All) What do they feel the role of government is? It is her understanding that we have rights and that the only way the City Council has rights is if they are given those rights.

- *Erin Clawson:* She feels the role of government should be small; unless the government needs to step in when rights are being infringed on. Citizens should be responsible to themselves and to each other in the Community.

- *Weston Youd:* He agrees government is an entity by the consent of the people. That is one of the great things about the United States...government is here at the consent of the people. Everyone has rights and if those rights "bump into each other", that is the only time government should come into play...to identify how those rights conflict...if they don't then government should "stay out of the way". He believes in small government. The Council should take guidance from the citizens.

- *Jason Bullard:* He also feels government should be as "small" as possible. He worked as a policeman for 5 years and learned that when a citizen does not need the police, they don't want them around; but as soon as there is trouble, the police are needed called. This is much like a fire truck...it is needed for its purposes. He feels the same about government...it is needed to handle certain services. HE feels government should stay out of the business of the people as much as possible; but he does think that it needs to be involved in helping citizens. People need to voice their opinions. One of the first things he would like to do, if elected, is to get the City web site more useful to all. Not everyone will be law abiding and government needs to protect others from those people.

- *Paul Squires:* He read from a document entitled the "Federalists Papers"; "In a civil society, ownership of private property and liberty are inseparable". He read on from these papers regarding property rights...he agrees and is a firm believer in those rights. He also believes that those property right need to contribute to the good of the community. When certain rights infringe upon the rights of another property owner; that is when government can "step in". He feels that the City Council and the Planning Commission represent the community and citizens should address these bodies withy problems.

Jim Towse: 1) if a great deal of the City's funding comes from water, when money is saved in the Water Fund, how will the City be funded?

2) Do any of the Candidates have ideas on how to increase the City's tax base?

- *Paul Squires:* He does not think the majority of the City's money comes from water...he thinks it comes from impact fees & taxes.

- *Jason Bullard:* He is not sure what the City's water revenue totals are; but in a small community, it is difficult to raise taxes or to create new taxes because there is little opportunity for commercial.

(Increasing tax base)

- He feels there could be greater opportunities for commercial in the City.

- He also listed the obvious that no one wants to hear about: increased property taxes is a way to raise revenue.

- There needs to be a balance between culinary water and secondary water...if it "hurts the budget" and costs are too great, then is it really feasible?

- Enforcement of codes can create revenue in the form of fines.

- *Weston Youd:* He agrees that a lot of revenue for the City comes from impact fees; but there are other "streams of revenue": gas tax is one and development and building yield revenue; but the City can only built out so much and that "revenue stream" gone...then what? That question needs an answer...what are the lessons to be learned today that can be applied in the future?

"Small" Commercial should be considered in our area...something that would fit with our Community.

It is important to utilize the City's money in an efficient and effective manner.

- *Erin Clawson:* She has learned that money comes form not only impact fees, but from other areas as well.

The City does not charge the rates just to "make money"; the City also uses that money to maintain infrastructure to keep citizens safe and to provide basic necessities of life (water & sewer). While things are "slower" it does give us, as a City, to function within the budget. The consensus in the survey referred to is that most people do not want a commercial base in Elk Ridge.

Elizabeth Dayton: (To Jason Bullard) Since Mr. Bullard mentioned he has been a developer, she wanted to know if he is still involved with land development and how does he want to see Elk Ridge grow in the future?

- *Jason Bullard:* 1) He is not involved with land development at this time.

2) (Future of the City) It is important to help "make a town" a place that his kids want to come back to when they are old enough to leave. He foresees a City that is largely residential; but he would like to see a small commercial area develop...possibly near the future City Center. By "small commercial", he was referring to something like a small office complex or maybe a general store. He would also like to see more functional parks to support Elk Ridge's kids.

Mayor Dunn: The Mayor closed the question/answer period. He commented that all the Candidates seem to be exceptional people. He noticed throughout the discussion that none of the subjects addressed are "new issues". The same things were spoken of when he was still on the Planning Commission as Chairman and as a member. He feels that some commercial in the City can help the Community, if done properly.

-CUP Water has been a topic of discussion for most of his life...as Mayor, he has not had the information that Paul Squires presented at the meeting...this is good information. He also knows that people with secondary water do not necessarily have less expensive water; they have two water meters rather than one. One of the first things Mayor Dunn did when he took office was to approach Payson City to request an agreement to lease or purchase some of their secondary water that comes out of Payson Canyon...his request was denied. These issues have been worked on and they still need to be pursued.

-He was impressed with the question from Mr. Johnson regarding sending out a new survey. The General Plan is to be re-written every seven years. The City has been three years in the process of re-writing the General Plan; unfortunately, the information gathered is already two years old.

-The Water Conservation Plan was one of his first assignments as a new Mayor...it now needs to be renewed.

- (Water Rates) He wanted to clarify a misconception: In city government, there are various revenue "streams" (as referred to)...

General Fund: B&C Road Funds, Gas tax, Liquor tax, hotel tax, sales tax

Enterprise Funds: (Sewer, Water & Storm Drain) "Enterprise" infers that these Departments are supposed to make money up to a certain percentage (return on investment in the Water Fund should be around 6% or higher). It is very difficult to transfer money from one Fund to another. Water revenue stays in Water...Sewer revenue stays in Sewer...if the money is transferred from one Fund to another, it can be done through a loan, with interest. Government Accounting is difficult to understand. The recession is affecting all cities at this point. There have been many measure taken to "tighten out belt"; expenditures have been cut wherever possible...it is important for citizens to know that.

He has great faith in those people that step up and want to serve this Community. The motivating factor in wanting to serve is usually not for selfish reason, nor for "pride". Some of the best people you will find are those that are willing to give of their time and talents.

The Mayor briefly explained different forms of local governments. He also discussed the possible build-out of Elk Ridge...change will happen to meet the City's needs.

He expressed his appreciation to the small group gathered at the Meeting and to the Candidates.

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ROLL

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OPENING REMARKS & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

An invocation was offered by Raymond Brown and the Mayor also led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance, for those willing to participate.

NON-AGENDA ITEM

Mayor Dunn: The acquired a new 80' flag pole. The original price was \$15,000 and the company sold it to the City for \$2,000. The base is being constructed and the pole will be installed as soon as the base is ready.

AGENDA TIME FRAME

MOTION WAS MADE BY RAYMOND BROWN AND SECONDED BY JULIE HASKELL TO APPROVE THE AGENDA TIME FRAME; ADJUSTING THE START TIME TO 7:25 PM

VOTE: YES (3) NO (0) ABSENT (2) DERREK JOHNSON & SEAN ROYLANCE

PUBLIC FORUM

STORM DRAIN DISCUSSION

Mayor Dunn: The large storm last June resulted in over an inch of rain within about 40 minutes; this created some issues with certain lots experiencing an "intrusion of water"...one intrusion was the result of one neighbor blocking the water right-of-way (drainage ditch). At the last City Council Meeting, there was serious discussion with Russell Sly and Heidemarie Foulger (around the Oak Ridge Drive area). There is a section on the north side of Oak Ridge Dr. in front of three homes (a little over 300 ft.) that does not have curb & gutter. When the homes on those lots were built, curb & gutter were not mandatory for subdivisions...on the east and west of those homes, curb & gutter was required with development.

During the above mentioned storm, water collected on the road and overwhelmed the sumps in the area and encroached onto Ms. Foulger's yard (not inside her home). There was some damage to her landscaping. It is on the Agenda for this Meeting to see what can be done to remedy the situations that have arisen.

Options:

- Find the funds to install the improvements now:

1. SAA (Special Assessment Area...former SID)

Under this option, the City would install; the improvements and assess the applicable residents; they may either pay the assessment up-front or they could be assess over time for reimbursement with interest.

2. We could get the citizens to buy into the installation; without having to form an SAA.

Raymond Brown: His area for Council responsibility lies with the storm drainage areas:

- Oak Ridge Drive Oak Ridge Drive, Columbus Dr. & Magellan Ln. are major concerns.

- There is another concern at the top of Canyon View Ln.

- A new sump design is in place and the new ones function pretty well (regular cleaning helps) (Spanish Fork has a jet truck for cleaning sumps...for a pretty reasonable price.)

There are some down-pours that will not be stopped and will have to be dealt with. This massive amount of rain seldom comes to our City.

Councilmember Brown recommends the option of an arrangement with the affected residents to buy into the installation of the curb & gutter. He needs to get a quote from Noel Hyatt as soon as he can supply the number of linear feet involved. Some of the work could be done in-house to save money.

As he looked at Ms. Foulger's house; and he feels that when homes are built next to a mountain and the foliage has been eaten away by horses...mud is going to slide.

There are two or three sumps that could be replaced; or install new sumps next to them...this was done on Amerigo Lane and Columbus Lane and they work great.

He spoke to as many of the affected residents as he could and found that about 60% of those he spoke to were in favor of participation; about 10% said they were not in favor (for one reason or another) and another 25 or 30% he could not find at home.

Mayor Dunn: The list he has on action items:

- Clean the sumps

- Take care of the water on Elk Ridge Drive as it turns the corner to the north off of Oak Ridge Drive

- Possible curb & gutter on Oak Ridge Drive

Nelson Abbott: He would still like to consider a SAA...to benefit the entire City. He feels that all of the problem areas in town must be addressed...the "puzzle" completed. If only 60% is in favor; then a SAA would be required to accomplish the project.

Raymond Brown: The curb & gutter issues on Elk Ridge Drive could be addressed now because the money is "recoverable" from the residents. He was referring to the property north of Lee Haskell's property...where the water flows down (north) to that big culvert that empties onto the open field owned by Mr. Cloward. We have been passing the water on down-stream. That culvert fills up with dirt and silt and then the water goes everywhere onto the road...creating a safety issue.

Mayor Dunn: He offered to get colored maps of the problem areas for drainage to the Councilmembers. HE felt that the Council needs to review the issues across the City and place a priority on them. They need to find out what the procedure for creating a Special Assessment Area (SAA) is and do all they can with the options available.

Raymond Brown: He can contact those residents that would be affected by the curb & gutter proposal to come into a Council Meeting to have their opinions heard.

(Julie Haskell & Nelson Abbott agreed that would be a good idea.)

APPOINT ALTERNATE ELECTION JUDGES

Paula Eppley was previously appointed as an Election Judge; but she will not be able to act in that capacity; she will be replaced by Ernie Folks; with Wendy Jones approved as a alternate.

MOTION WAS MADE BY RAYMOND BROWN AND SECONDED BY NELSON ABBOTT TO APPOINT WENDY JONES AS AN ALTERNATE POLL WORKER/ELECTION JUDGE AND TO REPLACE PAULA EPPLEY WITH ERNESTINE FOLKS AS A POLL WORKER/ ELECTION JUDGE

VOTE: YES (3) NO (0) ABSENT (2) DERREK JOHNSON & SEAN ROYLANCE

EXPENDITURES:

General: None.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS

1. Mayor Dunn: The County Auditor sent the Mayor a letter regarding information on annexation of the area northeast of town. He wanted to know how the tax rates compare in unincorporated areas to the City's tax rate. The Assessor's office verified that it is actually \$35 per year cheaper in the City for a \$200,000 home.

He is in the process of creating a memorandum of understanding which reflects the work session with the City Council from Woodland Hills and requirements in annexing into Elk Ridge.

Shawn Eliot is to provide a map showing all the property being considered for annexation.

He would like to place the matter on the agenda in October for consideration. He feels this will allow enough time to get all the documentation together.

2. Discussion of Field Trip to Spanish Fork: The Council went to view one of Salisbury Homes' developments in Spanish Fork.

Mayor Dunn: Only 3 of the lots in this development are not sold...that is 80 lots sold since January, 2009; they built most of the homes.

Raymond Brown: The homes they saw were beautiful...a 3,000 sq. ft. home selling for \$207,000; with an unfinished basement. There is no wasted space in the homes; they were very well planned.

Mayor Dunn: Salisbury Homes encouraged different treatments of the exterior of the homes and the plans change so they do not all look the same. The outside treatment was: stucco & cultured stone (mixed); LP Siding (samples have been displayed at one of Elk Ridge's Council Meetings) which has been tested for durability.

The Council felt impressed with the samples they saw and felt it would work for our Community.

Raymond Brown: Councilmember Brown felt they were "smart" in their development...he spoke to them about their development in Santaquin (east side of I-15): He asked why that location and not on the other side and their response was that there was a rock pit, the sewer and the railroad tracks in the other area.

They do not build "spec" homes; they have to have a contract before the home is built.

Julie Haskell: She expected to see every house looking the same; but liked the diversity.

ADJOURNMENT The Meeting was adjourned at 9:50 PM ?.

City Recorder – Elk Ridge City