

**ELK RIDGE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 25, 2011**

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6 OF MEETING

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14 Amended Agenda on 1-24-11.

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16 **6:00 PM –**

PUBLIC HEARING – ELK RIDGE MEADOWS PUD, PHASE 1 - DEFAULT

Public Hearing/To consider the Developer for the Elk Ridge Meadows PUD, Phase 1, Subdivision, in default.

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25 Mayor Lutes opened the Public Hearing at 6:00 PM.

26 Corbett Stephens was asked to refresh the Council on the issues:

27 Corbett Stephens: A 1" asphalt overlay was required to be laid prior to the end of the 2010 asphalt season. It
28 was not done, in spite of efforts on the part of the City to allow the developer the chance to take advantage of
29 lower costs associated with doing the work at the same time that the City did asphalt work. The developer
30 wanted the work done before he would pay the City; that was not an option. Other developers took advantage
31 of the offer from the City and paid the City beforehand, which resulted in a savings to them and to the City.
32 On October 25, 2007, the developer was granted an extension until December 27, 2007, to complete all
33 required work. On the 5-8-2008, the development was accepted and placed into durability, retroactive to 5-2-
34 2008. That durability was extended and was to expire in April of 2010...this was to allow the developer the
35 chance to finish the required overlay.

36 Mr. Stephens recommended beginning the default process by holding the required public hearing; which still
37 gives the developer the chance to address the Council with his proposal to complete the asphalt work. If he
38 does not do as he says, then the City would be in a position to use the bond to complete the work.
39 The developer is in default now; but the City could not complete the work due to winter weather.

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41 *Discussion: Drawing on the bond now vs. later...*

42 *Though the City could declare the developer in default now and start the process of drawing on the surety*
43 *bond, it might be advantageous to simply have the developer do the work rather than going through the*
44 *lengthy process of applying for money from the bond.*

45 It was decided to set a time limit to complete the work; or until the temperature is at least 70°. Generally, the
46 asphalt plants do not open until about mid-March.

47 When Mr. Henriod arrived, he apologized for being in the position of default due to the economy; but he
48 explained that he is prepared to complete the work and to warrantee the work. He felt it could even be
49 advantageous to the City to have the durability time period extended so the road is guaranteed longer. He said
50 he was in favor of doing the work when the temperature gets to 70°.

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52 Mayor Lutes closed the Public at 6:30 PM.

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54 *(The Work Session items were discussed when time permitted during the Public Hearings; so the digital time*
55 *references jump around slightly.)*

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PUBLIC HEARING – OAK HILL ESTATES, PLAT D - DEFAULT

Public Hearing/To consider the Developer for the Oak Hill Estates, Plat D Subdivision, in default.

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65 Mayor Lutes opened the Public Hearing at 6:30 PM.

66 *(Previous Memo from Corbett Stephens, dated 12-8-2010)*

67 *"I have previously inspected and recommended release of this development with approvals from Mr. Dave*
68 *Hanson. Mr. Hanson recommended that a field inspector review the reseeding of the terraced walls. On the 9th*
69 *of November Mr. Lowell Gardener, Range Conservationist with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation*
70 *Service, inspected the terraced walls and the associated reseeding that was done.*
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Mr. Gardener's letter addresses concerns about the performance of the work. I retract my previous recommendation until these concerns are addressed.

Mr. Yergensen, the original developer, is currently taking care of other business and unable to address these issues, Mr. Lindsey Merritt, Jordan Credit Union, the current owner, is willing and ready to remedy the concerns to the satisfaction of the City."

Mr. Lindsay was at the meeting on December 8, 2010, and Mr. Stephens thought it was very clear that he was to notify him (Mr. Stephens) when they were going to come out to carry out their re-vegetation plan. Lowell Gardner came to the meeting with the recommended plan. Mr. Merritt (Jordan Credit Union) did not convey the message to the contractor that Mr. Stephens should be contacted and present for the work.

According to Mr. Merritt, the re-vegetation has taken place with Mr. Gardner present to make sure the plan was carried out properly. According to Mr. Merritt, the work took place right before Christmas...they "pulled back the top soil and hydro-seeded. Mr. Stephens expressed his frustration that though they may have done what they proposed to do, he has no idea what was actually done, since the City was not involved in the process. This concern was expressed to Mr. Merritt.

Without the City's involvement, we will have to wait to see if the re-vegetation took and the plants grow...in the spring...or it could take longer. This would not be good for Jordan Credit Union in that the Durability time period would continue.

Mr. Merritt said they followed Mr. Gardner's advice; but we have no proof of that.

(Neither Mr. Gardner nor Mr. Merritt were present at the Council Meeting to question, though Mr. Merritt was informed of the Public Hearing.)

Mr. Stephens told Mr. Merritt to have Lowell Gardner write a summary of the work done (if he was actually present during the re-vegetation); he is an unbiased party and is employed by the State of Utah. Mr. Stephens was hoping for the summary prior to the meeting that night, but did not receive it.

Comments:

There was concern that the process was conducted properly since there was snow up there and the process was to include weed mitigation as well as planting seeds.

The Council questioned what action would be appropriate since there is the element of waiting involved.

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City Recorder (Suggestion) The Council could require the summary of work performed from Mr. Gardner and table any further action until that is received and presented to the Council for review.

Weston Youd: He felt it is the responsibility of Mr. Merritt to get that report from Mr. Gardner and to the City. *(Mr. Stephens told Mr. Merritt that he needs to get the report and that it is his responsibility to convince the City Council that what they did was proper.)*

Erin Clawson: She mentioned that Council Member Johnson even brought up planting trees and Mr. Merritt was not opposed to the suggestion; but they seemed to have chosen to go with seeds...in the snow (she was not sure how wise that choice was).

Mayor Lutes closed the Public Hearing at 6:45 PM.

6:35 PM -
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CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION AGENDA ITEMS:

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LEI CONTRACT –
DISCUSSION

Mayor Lutes: LEI Engineering needs to have a signed contract to allow them to do work for the City. *(Memo in packets)*

"LEI Contract: This is non-exclusive...the contract, like the one the City still has with Aqua Engineering, simply allows them to provide the services outlined in Articles 3.1 & 3.2...and addresses the indemnification issues (see Article 6).

The City can continue to use Aqua, LEI or any other firm for specific projects.

The City Attorney has reviewed the proposed contract and staff has met with LEI and Mr. Church (via a conference call and in person in another meeting) to address any concerns on the part of the involved parties. All concerns have been taken care of."

The Mayor mentioned that Woodland Hills has an identical contract with LEI.

Mayor Lutes asked Adam Castor to address the contract with any additional information:

Adam Castor: He felt the details had been covered well. He added that the contract before the Council had gone through several rounds of review with the City Attorney to clarify certain clauses; LEI met with Elk Ridge City and Woodland Hills as well as David Church and Mr. Church felt the proposed contract was ready for approval. The reason for the contract, even though it is non-exclusive, is to have in writing all fees and processes regarding work releases and associated approvals, or any other work requested by the City.

Comments / Questions:

Sean Roylance: He asked if rates were comparable to Aqua's.

City Recorder: They are comparable; but they have different terms and titles for the various positions; and they do not have a Planner available...so it is difficult to compare exactly.

Sean Roylance: He pointed out that mileage is paid when using Aqua Engineering (only one way...but from Bountiful).

Adam Castor: He replied that he would be surprised if the City ever saw an invoice with mileage include. (They are located in Spanish Fork.)

There were no further comments at this time.

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To be able to utilize any other IT service, the City has to begin the termination process with Harland Technology Services. The contract with Harland is strictly for hardware and the City needs a wider range of services.

Companies being considered:

- Executech (Co-op presentation to the Council) – The City would pay quarterly
 - Computer Corner (Payson) - No contract...simply call when needed @about \$65/hr
- (An additional bid was requested from a company called TecServ; but they were high...about \$500/month)
 *The City Recorder is to find out how many other cities have actually joined the co-op for Executech.
Weston Youd: He was impressed with the association that Executech has with Caselle (the City's financial software company). He felt that could be a plus.

City Recorder: To have the current provider expand their contract to include more services would be costly.

(Time was left over in the Work Session; so the Council decided to discuss the other items listed in the Regular Session of the Council Meeting so as to expedite the rest of the Meeting.)

It was brought to the City Recorder's attention by the Treasurer that the previous action to increase the sewer payment to Payson by \$.88 did not address the issue of the charge to Elk Ridge residents. Caselle rounds the finances to the dollar and the \$.88 would be an added dollar to the charge (increase from \$36/connection to \$37/connection).
No comments.

1. The City Recorder asked that the Council be reviewing projected costs for the amended budget for the current fiscal year; as well as any budget items for the next fiscal year (2011/2012), which will be addressed in the near future.
Erin Clawson: She would like to re-visit "traffic calming" issues. She wanted to know if there is any budget set aside for any of the devices previously discussed.
City Recorder: There was about \$2,000; but that would not go very far. Council Member Clawson would have to get estimates and proposed options for the Council to consider; that could be either in the current fiscal year or the Council could wait for 2011/2012.
 *Council Member Clawson was told by the Mayor that she could go forward to gather information and costs for traffic calming devices to present to the Council.

City Council Minutes of 1-11-2011:
Corrections:
Sean Roylance: Page 3: (line 53) delete "against having" and add "up to"
 (line 30) Add "for cul-de-sacs" to the end of the sentence
Julie Haskell: (Page 4 – line 11) Change "code amendment at ~~that~~ this..."
No further corrections.

Council Member Haskell wished to re-visit the discussion of the extension to allow the developer to install the required overlay.
Julie Haskell: She wondered how long the Council (or Mr. Stephens) would recommend for any extension granted. She did not feel the developer should be given too much time.
Corbett Stephens: As mentioned by the Recorder, the more asphalt the City does, the cheaper it is for all. The developer wants to put it off as long as possible.
Weston Youd: He pointed out that asphalt is going to get expensive in the near future...and all of the major corridor projects will be concrete over asphalt...any orders from the City may have to wait in line.
Sean Roylance: He wanted to know if the developer's bond was sufficient to cover costs.
Corbett Stephens: The bond is more than sufficient; even if the costs are 50% more than last fall.
Erin Clawson: She suggested extending the time to the end of May, 2011.
(Mr. Stephens agreed.)
More discussion agreeing with this time frame.

1. Sean Roylance: *(Park - Playground Equipment)*:
 He wanted to know if there is anything planned for the park and replacing the playground equipment.
Derrek Johnson: Though he has been in contact with various individuals regarding playground equipment, he is waiting until the spring to address this further.
Weston Youd: He offered his assistance with any proposals associated with this.
There is impact fee money that needs to be spent by 2012...there is a lesser amount that needed to be spent by 2011, but this has been spent.

2. *(Youth City Council)*:
Jamie Towse: The Youth City Council is trying to raise funds by selling valentine cookies on sticks in the City.
 *This announcement is going to go into the City Newsletter.
 - The Youth Council also wants to organize a City-wide garage sale
 - They are looking at a farmer's market (summer)
 - Concerts in the park

The Youth City Council Meetings are to be held on the 3rd Thursdays of the month. There are about 7 youth involved.

Erin Clawson: She added that the youth are also involved in activities regarding why they like their Community and what they want to do for the City. When they come to be introduced to the City Council, Council Member Clawson will have handouts listing their goals.

3. *League of Cities and Towns:*

Weston Youd: He did not have much to report about any current or proposed legislature at this point.

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OPENING REMARKS &
PLEDGE OF
ALLEGIANCE

An invocation was offered by Council Member Erin Clawson; and Deputy Butters led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance, for those willing to participate.

AGENDA TIME
FRAME
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The Meeting started on time...at 7:00 PM.

STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS – MAYOR KENNETH O. LUTES

Mayor Lutes' comments were largely contained within the January Newsletter – the Elk Ridge Bugle... (He passed out copies to those present).

It seems to be traditional to address the City in February with an update of the accomplishments and goals. He welcomed those present and thanked them for their participation.

The Mayor started out by telling a story that made the point of the importance of good and open communication. It is the key to most everything. Miscommunication can cause many problems and "grief". It is important to clarify those things we are unsure of.

He felt 2010 was a year of accomplishment. The City has a good staff...they are a good "team" and they "make this place go". He mentioned individual staff members by position; he mentioned the professionals the City depends on: the City Attorney (David Church), the Finance Director (Curtis Roberts), Aqua Engineering, LEI Planning & Engineering, SESD (power company), neighboring cities; all of us work together. He especially expressed appreciation for the volunteers that have come forth to assist in many projects with time, money, equipment and expertise. He mentioned the work Council Member Erin Clawson has done in organizing the volunteers and projects...she even coined the phrase, "Catch the Spirit of Elk Ridge".

He specifically thanked the City Recorder; Corbett Stephens and his wife, Claudia and his family; Deputy Butters (Sheriff)...and to everyone who has contributed to the City. He feels his job is to facilitate others. He listed accomplishments from Newsletter:

- Saved over \$200k per year in interest, power, labor, and other expenses, putting us in the "black"
- Launched a new City website
- Increased water pressure
- Improved water security
- Improved City police protection
- Decreased vandalism

- Completed a new General Plan
- Implemented automatic withdrawal for utility bills
- Did our own water quality report?
- Revised water source protection plans at no cost
- Moved bus stop to Cove Dr.
- Installed new storm drain sumps and curb & gutter
- Revamped the City sprinkler system
- Corrected water meter reading deficiencies
- Detected and repaired water leaks throughout the City
- Contracted for a certified city planner on an as needed basis
- Avoided garbage rate increases
- Reorganized the Disaster Preparedness (DPEM)
- Revised the fee schedule to cover City costs
- Repaired and sanitized water system to keep water safe
- Improved Volunteer Fire Department and EMT capabilities
- Obtained reimbursement for playground fire
- Appointed three new Planning Commission members
- Arranged to do our own sewer and sump cleaning
- Installed water main sediment “blow off” on Loafer Canyon
- Began upgrading the Loafer Canyon well
- Appointed a volunteer code enforcement officer who brought violations into compliance
- Upgraded all City FCC radio licenses
- Rebuilt snowplows
- Ran power to salt shed and Goosenest display board
- **Volunteers** . . . refurbished the City office (about \$40k for under \$5k); built a new council table; welded a new salt spreader rack; upgraded backhoe with forklifts; helped do our own road crack and seal; completed three Eagle Scout projects—installed a new City sign on Loafer Canyon Rd, moved display board to Goosenest Dr, and supplemented the City tool supply; helped upgrade water system telemetry; started a Neighborhood Watch program; advertised council meetings; organized park flower maintenance; and more. Many residents will recognize where they contributed time, talents, labor, tools, equipment, money, etc.—

We Thank You!

It has been a “big year” and the help is appreciated. Mayor Lutes looked forward to 2011; hoping for smoother communication and interaction; he would hope without contention. He feels *faith* is the key...“now is the time for some faith”...considering the economy, jobs, world affairs, contention rampant...we need to have faith in the Elk Ridge staff...it is “a great team...a great staff”...“we have gotten a lot done and I think we can do a lot more”.

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“I would suggest we have some faith...more faith...and prepare for the days ahead. We need to have hope...a brightness of hope.”

The scriptures warn of “perilous times to come”...he said that we can see all kinds of things that go on; but “we just need to look up and thank the Heaven that we can be here in such a beautiful place...and work together to keep it that way”.

He offered his hand in “fellowship” to anyone that wants to help...with the Council...with the Planning Commission. He invited developers to work together with the City for common good.

“I do not think it is an accident that we are all here together with the team that we have...that is as good as it is. I think we are being prepared for the future.”

- The Mayor mentioned that the City, because of fiscal restraints, is now “in the black” and he introduced the idea of hiring a full-time employee to assist in Public Works. There are many things the City could do in-house with additional assistance in this area (he mentioned some of these proposed projects to save money).

- There is a good working relationship with Woodland Hills in assisting one another with work.

- Upgrading the Loafer Canyon Well is an on-going project that can save money on power (already \$25,000 + has been saved on power)

- Hydro-power generation (another way to generate money in the Water Dept. and to save on power)

- Development:

- We want to work with developers and help them meet the code
 - We want to improve plan review response (building)
 - Building seems to be looking up
 - Improve security with fencing around the tanks
 - Telemetry for the water system to install
 - City Celebration: Assistance is needed in this area
 - The playground area needs to be enhanced
 - Nuisance issues:
 - "dogs" seems to be the #1 issue across the County
 - Landscape issues coming up in the spring
 - Set up Administrative Court (to address nuisance issues more easily)
- As is typically declared in State addresses, "The City is strong".

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There are many things to address; the Mayor hopes for peace, harmony and cooperation in considering these issues. He reiterated that good communication is the key. He said he has "no personal agenda except to do what is right for the City and make a good future for all of us". He closed his address with another story making a final point: It is more important to do "right things, than to do things right!"
The Mayor's address closed at 7:30 PM.

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ACTION – PUBLIC
HEARINGS

1. Elk Ridge Meadows PUD, Phase 1 – Default:
The Council agreed on an extension to May 31, 2011; including an option of 70° to install asphalt.
WESTON YOUD MOVED, SECONDED BY ERIN CLAWSON, TO ALLOW THE DEVELOPER OF THE ELK RIDGE MEADOWS PUD, PHASE 1 SUBDIVISION, UNTIL MAY 31, 2011; AND/OR WHEN A MINIMUM TEMPERATURE OF 70° IS REACHED; TO INSTALL THE REQUIRED 1" ASPHALT OVERLAY
VOTE: YES (5) NO (0)
Though the motion did not state the fact that the developer is actually "in default" at this time and the consequence of not meeting the time frame; the Council did discuss that the City has gone through the required Public Hearing and the Council would meet to consider beginning the process of calling on the bond for the work to be completed.

2. Oak Hill Estates, Plat D – Default:
Sean Roylance: He clarified the previous discussion and what he felt the decision of the Council was:
- Table action until it is determined what actually took place with the accepted re-vegetation plan
- A report from Lowell Gardner should come back to the Council for consideration
- Did the appropriate mitigation action take place?
ERIN CLAWSON MOVED, SECONDED BY JULIE HASKELL, TO TABLE ANY ACTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL REGARDING THE OAK HILL ESTATES, PLAT D SUBDIVISION, UNTIL A REPORT FROM LOWELL GARDNER (RANGE CONSERVATIONIST) COMES BACK TO THE CITY COUNCIL VIA JORDAN CREDIT UNION, SUMMARIZING THE ACTUAL WORK DONE AND IF IT MET THE TERMS OUTLINED IN THE ACCEPTED RE-VEGETATION PLAN REGARDING THE FOLLOWING:
- APPROPRIATE WEED MITIGATION
- PROPER RE-VEGETATION OF PLANTS
THE CITY COUNCIL FINDS THE DEVELOPER OF SAID SUBDIVISION IN DEFAULT AT THIS TIME; SHOULD THE RE-VEGETATION EFFORTS APPROVED BY THE DEVELOPER FAIL, THE CITY COUNCIL MAY THEN CHOOSE TO CALL ON THE BOND FOR THE DEVELOPMENT TO HAVE THE WORK DONE BY THE CITY
VOTE: YES (5) NO (0)

1:30:06
PUBLIC FORUM

Jamie Towse:
She thanked the City Council for the service they render to the Community and their willingness to be "in the hot seat".
Concerns:
1. Proposed code amendment regarding "single access":
She was "shocked" that the Council tabled the proposed code brought forward with a recommendation to approve the code from the Planning Commission and the Planner. She did not feel the reasons for tabling the action were substantial. Some of the reasons stated were to have citizens and themselves more informed of the issues. Mrs. Towse felt that there has been ample time to be informed of all of the issues. She looked into the finances to see how much money has been spent in planning and engineering for Elk Haven, Plat E (the petitioners for code change...though a separate issue...still involves the same code); she found an estimate of \$3,100 spent so far on this subject. She understands that the main object is to clarify the code and to make it more consistent with the General Plan; she felt the proposed amendment accomplished this goal. She felt that the developer is being listened to more than the citizens' concerns. It seems with other issues the general perspective is to follow the code; but it has been months and a lot of money spent in the attempt to pacify a developer in this instance; even to the point of considering it a "crisis" and calling an "emergency" meeting last summer to deal with this developer...when there was no crisis at all.

Mrs. Towse referred to a statement in the Mayor's earlier speech to have faith in the experts hired by the City. We now have a certified Planner that we should be paying attention to. She felt the delays have been "silly" and unnecessary.

2. Fire Dept. Bay Area – Parking:

She feels that expanding the bay area to allow better parking of the public safety vehicles should take a higher priority than it has. Plans should be made to figure out the costs and start budgeting for the future of the City's public safety.

(Council Member Roylance wanted to clarify that the previous City Planner was and is a "certified planner" in Urban Planning.)

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LEI CONTRACT –
APPROVAL

No further discussion.

ERIN CLAWSON MOVED, SECONDED BY SEAN ROYLANCE, TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT PRESENTED BY LEI ENGINEERING; FOR ENGINEERING AND PLANNING SERVICES TO ELK RIDGE CITY

VOTE: YES (5) NO (0)

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MAYOR
APPOINTMENTS

1. Planning Commission Position:

The Mayor thanked Mr. Paul Squires for his service rendered as a member of the Planning Commission; his term is expiring. He recommended Nelson Abbott to fill this position, beginning in February, 2011.

SEAN ROYLANCE MOVED, SECONDED BY JULIE HASKELL, TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF NELSON ABBOTT AS A MEMBER OF THE ELK RIDGE PLANNING COMMISSION; THE TERM OF OFFICE BEGINS IN FEBRUARY, 2011

VOTE: YES (5) NO (0)

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2. City Council Appointments:

(City Celebration)

Council Member Johnson has handled this assignment for the past few years pretty much on his own, with the help of his wife and family and some other Council Members, namely Council Member Clawson last year.

The Mayor proposed relieving him of the obligation of organizing the whole event. He is willing to assist in supplying contact information and any way he can; but the proposal was for Council Member Weston Youd to take over the full responsibility for the Celebration...assisted by Council Member Johnson (sort of a "role reversal").

Council Member Youd has made it known that he will not be here during the time period of the Celebration itself (he will be out of the Country); so the Mayor also proposed that Council Member Julie Haskell also assist Council Member Youd with the City Celebration responsibilities.

Summary:

- Derrek Johnson: He is still assigned to Parks

- He would assist Weston Youd with the City Celebration

- Weston Youd: In addition to what he already has, would be assigned to head up the City Celebration

- Julie Haskell: In addition to her present duties, would assist Weston Youd with the City Celebration

Julie Haskell: She was not sure she would be available during the dates of the Celebration; it is in the middle of "hay season". She would be happy to assist before hand. This is not something she was aware of before this proposal; so she had not had a chance to consider the assignment.

Weston Youd: He suggested tabling the proposal to allow a chance to discuss it and outline it further. He is concerned that he will not actually be there for the Celebration; he knows how much work is involved that day.

Mayor Lutes: He encouraged the discussion then rather than postponing it.

Weston Youd: He recognizes that there are people that help run the various events; but when the day of the Celebration comes; the one in charge should be present.

City Recorder: (Suggestion) In past years, the Council Person in charge had a chair person to actually run the event; and that chair person had a committee to assist; that takes pre-planning and organization to put all of that in place in time to effectively take responsibility...under the direction of the Council Members involved.

There was discussion in favor of this idea of having a supervisor and committee under the supervision of the Council.

Sean Roylance: He advised that Council Member Youd could take the next few weeks to assemble a committee and a committee head; but either Council Member Clawson or he (Council Member Roylance) would need to commit to assist during the Celebration.

The Mayor expressed concern about authorizing citizens other than the Council to spend City funds.

- The Recorder pointed out that typically the ordering is done ahead of time and the funds are actually spent after the Celebration, when the bills come in. Council Member Johnson explained the arrangement with Party Land and the exchange of toys and credit that takes place.

- The parade has a chair and an assistant: Connie Reece and Catherine Fillerup

- Chief Wait takes care of the Fire Dept. budget and the breakfast

The main thing is to get the committee in place now. There may be consideration to pay the Supervisor.

Mayor Lutes asked if Council Member Youd was willing to take the assignment.

Weston Youd: He agreed to do so. He will get back to the Council with more information.

Sean Roylance: He said he would help with being present during the Celebration; he needed to check to make sure there are no conflicts. He is concerned over a previous obligation.

Julie Haskell: She is willing to assist in any way she can; she is not sure how much she can help.

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2 IT SERVICES

Mayor Lutes: It will be necessary to discontinue services with Harland Technology to be able to utilize any other service on an "as need" basis or any other basis.

SEAN ROYLANCE MOVED, SECONDED BY WESTON YOUD, TO DISCONTINUE IT SERVICES WITH HARLAND TECHNOLOGY

VOTE: YES (5) NO (0)

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Elk Ridge City Council Meeting – 1-25-2011

19 EXPENDITURES:

General: None

1. *Snowplow Blades*:

Erin Clawson: She was not present for the vote on the snowplow blades. She wanted to bring it back before the entire Council for re-consideration. As she understood, the purchase of spare blades was previously approved and the request was for more money to purchase a better grade. She received phone calls from citizens expressing their concern that the Council was not willing to do this.

Mayor Lutes asked Corbett Stephens to review his request:

Corbett Stephens: He felt that there may have been a misunderstanding when storage of the blades was brought out as a concern. When he refers to the "blade", that is just the piece that bolts to the bottom of the orange scoop. They are no bigger than a 2X6...it is just the piece that scrapes against the asphalt.

Mr. Stephens checked on whether the blades are "universal" or not...and they are. One blade will fit both plows. The blade on the newest plow is three years old and there is only about ¼ inch of the carbide tungsten inserts left. Once that wears through the tungsten, the manufacturers say the blades will wear fast. The estimate is that the higher grade will last twice as long as a regular carbide blade. The cities he has checked with won't use a regular carbide blade because of the shorter life...about 1 year.

The blades can be "hard-faced" (add to them); but there has to be enough to start with. Tungsten cannot be built back up; it can be "hard-faced" with a welding rod, but it is not as hard as tungsten. The older blades would not be thrown out; they would see how it is to try to build them back up.

Erin Clawson: She commented that she thought it was storage for the entire scoop; and that would be difficult; but storage would not be a problem for just the blade. She feels it is wise to have spares on hand and available so there would be no interruptions during a snow storm. She feels it would be a disservice to the citizens to be ill-prepared.

Julie Haskell: Her main concern was purchasing something costly and having to store it outside, where it could be vandalized. She asked about the "warrantee" on the current blades...would that allow replacement or repair.

Corbett Stephens: He explained further how the blade fits with the plow (scoop); and that the "warrantee" gives an estimate that they will last twice as long as a regular carbide blade; but that is dependent on the varying conditions of the roads, amount of snow; that cannot be predicted. The blades cannot be "guaranteed". The guarantee would be if one of the tungsten inserts comes out, they will replace the entire blade...normal wear would not fall under a guarantee. (*Council Member Haskell thanked him for the clarification.*)

(*Further discussion on the ability to resurface blades*)

Weston Youd: He questioned how well welding rod would bond to tungsten; he was doubtful if it would. Resurfacing may not be an option.

Corbett Stephens: That is the reasoning behind two blades...if it works, great; but if not, plowing would cease until a replacement blade could be ordered and installed.

Mayor Lutes: There is already an approval to purchase blades; the difference to upgrade the quality would be an increase of about \$900; he suggested going "up to \$1,000 more.

ERIN CLAWSON MOVED, SECONDED BY SEAN ROYLANCE, TO APPROVE UP TO \$1,000 MORE FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO "HML" SNOWPLOW BLADES, FOR A TOTAL COST OF \$3,061.52

VOTE (POLL): ERIN CLAWSON-AYE, WESTON YOUD-AYE, DERREK JOHNSON-AYE, JULIE HASKELL-AYE, SEAN ROYLANCE-AYE NO (0)

Passed 5-0

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62 CITY COUNCIL
63 MINUTES

A. City Council Meeting 1-11-2011:

WESTON YOUD MOVED, SECONDED BY ERIN CLAWSON, TO APPROVE THE CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF 1-11-2011; AS CORRECTED

VOTE: YES (5) NO (0)

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67 SEWER RATES

Increase to Elk Ridge residents:

SEAN ROYLANCE MOVED, SECONDED BY JULIE HASKELL, TO ADJUST THE SEWER RATES CHARGED TO ELK RIDGE RESIDENTS FROM \$36.00 PER CONNECTION TO \$37.00 PER CONNECTION

VOTE: YES (5) NO (0)

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ADJOURNMENT

At 8:05 PM, the Mayor adjourned the Meeting.

City Recorder