On July 26 I announced that I have accepted a position with Rocky Mountain Power as Economic Development Director.

To prevent any perceived conflict of interest related to potential dealings with the City in my new position, I will resign as mayor prior to starting employment with Rocky Mountain Power. My last day with Eagle Mountain City will be August 18. John Painter, a former city council member and mayor pro tem, was appointed at a special city council meeting on August 14 to fill the vacancy as interim mayor until January 2018 (see page 2).

Following is a letter I sent to the City Council and City Staff.

I have been honored and blessed to serve the residents of Eagle Mountain City over the last few years. I have equally enjoyed working with each of you. For this reason it is bittersweet that I write to inform you of my resignation as Mayor of Eagle Mountain City, effective as of August 18.

After determining I would not be running for reelection, and commencing with a job search, I was fortunate enough to have been offered a job working for Rocky Mountain Power as Economic Development Director. This position will begin on August 21, 2017. As you are already aware, we have all worked diligently to provide the residents of Eagle Mountain with clarity and transparency in all communications. It is in that same spirit that I tender this resignation in order to prevent any perception of a conflict of interest.

It would be impossible for me to express in words the appreciation I have to the residents, City staff, and to each of you for the faith you have placed in me over these last few years. While letting go of the things we care about is difficult, the task of leading the City through this transition will be in your capable hands. While I will preside over the coming Special City Council Meeting to select a new mayor, the task of selecting that individual will be yours. I have confidence that each of you will lead with integrity, wisdom, and kindness as you seek to appoint an interim Mayor in the interest of maintaining stability within city operations. If I did not have this confidence in each of you, my decision would have been far more difficult.

Though it is difficult for me to acknowledge that I will soon not be a part of this organization, I could not possibly be any more proud of what we have accomplished together. I will remain expectant and proud of the things I know each of you will accomplish as you continue your service to the people of Eagle Mountain City.

As a resident, I look forward to other opportunities to serve and associate with you in our community.

Mayor Chris Pengra
Blog: www.mayorsvoice.com
Twitter: @emcitymayor
Email: mayor@emcity.org
John Painter has been appointed by the city council to serve as interim mayor, filling the vacancy left by the resignation of Mayor Christopher Pengra, effective August 18. Mr. Painter, a former council member and mayor pro tem, will serve as mayor until noon on January 1, 2018. Voters will elect a mayor to fill the next term from January 2018 through 2022 in the General Election on November 7.

Painter was born and raised in Gulfport, MS. He met his wife Deborah while visiting family in Las Vegas prior to attending BYU for school. Painter graduated from BYU in 2006 with a MS in physics and accepted a job with IM Flash Technologies as a semiconductor engineer.

After an assignment in Manassas, VA with Micron, John, Deborah and their young daughter Eleni, moved into their new home in Friday’s Station, Eagle Mountain. For over a decade he has been actively involved with his community through volunteer activities like Jr Jazz coach, serving as state delegate and HOA delegate. After completing an MBA from the University of Utah, John served a full term on the City Council Jan. 2010- Dec. 2013.

The Painters now have three children, one girl and two boys aged 13, 9 and 4 respectively. John is proud to call Eagle Mountain his home and has been pleased with how the city has been functioning for the last several years. He hopes to continue to see the city mature and grow in a healthy and methodical way that preserves the beauty of Eagle Mountain and provides a positive environment for families.
Some construction activity is underway at Pony Express Parkway and Porter’s Crossing. Prep work is being done for the future traffic signal at that intersection. Poles are expected to be placed in October.

**OHV Trail Improvements**

Eagle Mountain has a vast trail system which is a community asset with the potential to be a tourist attraction. The City is focusing on trail improvement projects to increase awareness and usability.

**Trail Map & Signage Improvements**

The current trail maps have been negatively affected by weather and aging effects. Eagle Mountain City staff are researching what materials will be the best for creating long-lasting maps for trail heads. Durability of maps is key in order for patrons to understand what trails are available.

Some of Eagle Mountain’s trails are well marked and coordinate with the current trail maps. Currently, city staff are working to make the map a more complete representation of trails available, and connect them to the current system. Trail markers will be added in appropriate locations to help guide OHV riders through the fun. The goal is to have signage that communicates where trails start clearly, and matches the design of current markers.

**Trail Surveying**

The city is also monitoring the trails to find what areas of the trails need to be groomed to encourage use. Staff are driving trails to verify what areas need improvements, possible grading, etc. Our hope is that trails will be used more when they are of better quality for OHV riders.

We hope to see you out there!

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Utah County has posted unofficial results for the Municipal Primary Election.

Based on information from Utah County, Eagle Mountain City anticipates updated results will be posted on August 18 and the official final results following the canvass on August 29. The County will canvass on behalf of the City.

The two mayoral candidates and four city council candidates receiving the most votes will move on to the General Election on November 7.

**General Election - Deadlines to register:**

- **By mail**
  October 10

- **In person, online**
  October 31

- Ballots will be mailed 21 days prior to the election.
- Envelopes must be postmarked by the day before the election to be counted.
- Ballots may be hand delivered to the City Recorder’s Office or Utah County prior to the election or on Election Day.
- Registered voters may vote by provisional ballot with ID on Election Day at a voter service center (City Hall).
Q&A with Asst. City Administrator Paul Jerome

Paul Jerome began working for Eagle Mountain City as a senior accountant in 2007. He has since served as the City’s finance director and continues that role in addition to his current position as assistant city administrator.

Can you share a little about your personal life?

I was born in Wisconsin but have lived in Utah since age 8. I am married to Lonni and have three children, Kendell (14), Chelsea (12) and Will (9). I have a Bachelor’s Degree in Accounting from the University of Utah and a Master of Public Administration degree from Brigham Young University. I love spending time with my family, cycling, hiking, seeing new places, and learning about history. I am also actively involved with my church – specifically in mentoring youth.

How did you come to work for Eagle Mountain City and what has made you stay?

In 2007, one of the pumps on a city well broke down and consequently there were outdoor watering restrictions. While on the city website finding out how long I would not be able to water my yard, I noticed a posting for a Senior Accountant. I applied and got offered the job! It was much closer to home than my two previous employers in downtown Salt Lake City (KUTV Channel 2 and LDS Church Headquarters). I have been here almost 10 years now and have stayed because this is my home and I love being a part of making the city great – and I work with amazing and dedicated people!

What do you see as your most significant accomplishment with Eagle Mountain City?

Promoting transparency of Eagle Mountain finances – including meeting the requirements for the GFOA CAFR award, GFOA Distinguished Budget award, and GFOA PAFR award. Eagle Mountain City is funded through taxpayer dollars and residents need to know where those dollars are going.

What is a typical week like for you on the job?

I have two roles in the city and each have different tasks that need to be accomplished – including Streets, Library, Facilities, Project Management and Fleet. Throughout the week, I meet with several department heads (Streets, Library, Facilities/Project Management/Fleet) to aid them with issues they face in performing their functions within the city. I supervise employees in the Finance Department where we are process payments, process cash receipts and maintain the general ledger. I also work on a variety of one-time projects and there are always emails to get through!

What is your vision of Eagle Mountain 20 years from now?

I see Eagle Mountain City still growing in 20 years, but with much more retail and commercial options than we have now. As more rooftops come, so too will businesses to serve the residents living beneath them. I also envision that Cory Wride Memorial Park will be finished and that there will be more recreation options for the residents. I see the roads and parks being maintained to a high level as we continue to prioritize both. Eagle Mountain will still be a safe, well maintained and beautiful city.

Pop Quiz – Favorites

Food: chocolate and a good hamburger
Sports Team: Green Bay Packers
Movie: Jason Bourne series
Book: The Boys in the Boat or John Adams
TV Show: 24
EM residents with utility accounts receive up to two FREE landfill passes per year? Each pass is good for one load at the IRL landfill in Fairfield. Visit the reception desk at City Hall to pick them up!

Don’t Get Caught in the Weeds!

Weed Reminder: Trim all weeds below 6.’” New home owners may be waiting for their front yards to be done by developer but are still responsible for weed abatement.

8.07.020 Weeds and other refuse.
A. Responsibility to Keep Property Clean. It is unlawful for any person, corporation, partnership or legal entity owning or occupying real property in the city to let the height of weeds on such property grow beyond the maximum permitted, or to fail to remove from the property any such weeds or refuse, dog manure or waste, unsightly or deleterious objects or structures, after having been given written notice by the city.

B. Weed Control Standards. Weeds shall not be permitted to reach a height of more than six inches at any time or to otherwise create a fire hazard to structures or habitat for disease, insect vectors, or vermin. As used in this chapter, the term “weeds” means plants which are unwanted in the location where they are growing and which are not a part of landscaping, xeriscaping, or native plant landscaping. The term “weeds” also includes noxious weeds which are described under the Utah Noxious Weed Act, defined by the State Weed Committee of the state of Utah and by Utah County.

17.60.040 General landscape provisions.
The following landscape provisions shall be adhered to by all land uses unless otherwise noted:

A. Park Strips. Park strips adjacent to residential dwellings shall be landscaped and maintained by the property owner whose property abuts the park strip.

B. Landscape Maintenance. All landscaped areas shall be maintained by watering of landscaping, removal of weeds, the cutting of lawn or any other activities required to maintain healthy and aesthetically pleasing landscaping. Topping of trees as a pruning technique is prohibited.

C. Tree Clearance. Trees which project over any sidewalk shall be pruned clear of all branches between the ground and a height of eight feet for that portion of the foliage located over the sidewalk.

D. Clear Vision Triangles. No landscaping over three feet in height shall be allowed within a clear vision triangle as shown in this chapter except trees with single trunks that are pruned such that all branches and foliage are removed to a height of at least eight feet.

Let Neighborhood Improvement know if a vehicle will be temporarily parked on the street.

10.10.090 Parking prohibited on public streets – Exceptions.

A. It is unlawful to park any:
1. Commercial vehicle, agricultural vehicle, recreational vehicle, occupied or empty trailer or truck on any public street within a residential zone of the city for a period of time longer than 24 hours;

For more information please go to eaglemountaintocity.com/neighborhood. Please feel free to contact Neighborhood Improvement with any questions 801-789-6690.

Neighborhood Improvement Officers
Mike Malay and Diane Liberti
**Public Meeting**

When: Thursday, September 7  
5:30-7:30 p.m.

Where: Black Ridge Elementary  
9358 North Sunset Drive

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**State Route 73**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY**  
Eagle Mountain to Saratoga Springs

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**SAVE THE DATE**

The Lights Fest  
Wride Memorial Park  
Saturday, September 16

[www.thelightsfest.com](http://www.thelightsfest.com)

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**DANCE PARTY**

**WITH THUNDER DJING**

- Food Vendors
- Glow Sticks
- Prizes
- Great Music

*All Ages Welcome*

Silverlake Amphitheater  
August 19th  
7:00 PM to 10:00 PM

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**SING**  
Aug 25, 2017  
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**SUMMER MOVIE SERIES**

**SING**  
Aug 25, 2017

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**Silverlake Amphitheater - 7920 N Silverlake Pkwy**

- Food Truck 8:00 P.M. | Show Starts at 9:30 P.M.
- Free Admission | Bring Chairs & Blankets