On August 14 John Painter was appointed by the city council to serve as interim mayor following the resignation of Mayor Chris Pengra.

Mayor Painter, a former council member and mayor pro tem, will serve as mayor until noon on January 1, 2018. Mayor Painter is The Eagle’s View’s Q&A subject this month.

Can you share a little about your personal life?

I was born and raised in Gulfport, MS. I met my wife Deborah during college summer break at BYU. We never thought we would end up in Utah but love it here and are now committed to raising our family here. I love working at IM Flash in the semiconductor industry. Growing up I loved learning “how things work” and studying physics in college was a natural progression. Being in an industry where there is no shortage of problems to be solved based on understanding “how they work” is a great fit for me. In large part that inquisitive nature is what propelled me to run for city council years ago. I was very uninformed about how a city operates. I learned a lot about the significant effort it takes to keep the city running smoothly today and with a successful plan for tomorrow. I’m one of those dads who find tremendous joy and pride in coaching/watching my kids play sports. I’ve tried to coach as often as my schedule allows and have had multiple seasons as a Jr Jazz and EM soccer coach. In my spare time I like to read. I’m an odd reader – I typically don’t start a book and read to finish. I like to dabble and as a result will have 2-4 books on my night shelf. Once I cross the halfway point I usually have a hard time putting it down. By contrast, Deborah can blast through a book in a few nights.

What has made you stay in Eagle Mountain City?

We love the friends and neighbors we’ve gotten to know over the last 11 years. My commute to work is only 20-25 minutes and a large portion of that is the daily traffic jam at 2100N passing under I-15. My daughter Eleni is in the A.L.L program and has made some really great friends. As parents we like the extra dimension of the program for her academic preparation. My son Canton has been in the Chinese immersion program at Black Ridge for a couple of years and we want him to continue with that effort. At parent-teacher conferences I get to see him converse with his teacher in Chinese and that’s impressive to me. I studied French in high school and later spent two years in Quebec, Canada. My youngest son Jackson is four and started preschool this fall. Two years ago we sold our first home in The Ranches and bought a home in Cedar Pass Ranch. My kids and I love the large lot with our animals.
What do you see as your most significant accomplishment in the community?

My four years on the city council were financially a rough time for the city. Building permits were down significantly and a lot of really hard decisions needed to be made regarding city staffing levels and expense limits. I think we did a good job of making the necessary changes to keep the city proportional to the needed services. We lowered and removed several items while being cognizant of not creating a knee-jerk response that would hinder the city for years to come. Having an appropriate short-term response while accessing the long-term impact is critical for all city executive and legislative decisions. Eagle Mountain today is in a much healthier position than 6-8 years ago. Some exciting projects during my time on the council were the increase in economic development with Ridley’s Market and the Porter’s Crossing Town Center, the Pony Express Pkwy expansion into Saratoga Springs, and the widening of SR-73 to Redwood Road.

Why did you want to serve as interim mayor?

I enjoyed my time on the city council. The last few years I’ve tried to stay connected but it’s a very different level of engagement. I believe I have the bandwidth and capability to keep the city moving forward over the next few months until the next elected Mayor is sworn into office. The City Council members are very capable and experienced, as are the city staff members. I’m surrounded by people who have a tremendous skillset and believe in doing what’s best for Eagle Mountain.

How do you prefer that people contact you?

Email (mayor@emcity.org) and text (801-564-9342). I will be working to maintain the same level of responsiveness as a full-time elected mayor. I want to be a resource to the residents. I have been a resident of Eagle Mountain for 11 years and even though I am mayor for a few months, come January I am only a resident again. I believe that residents need to have access to the mayor and trust that issues are resolved.

Pop Quiz – Favorites

Food: fettuccini alfredo

Sports Team: feels like I should say Utah Jazz (but deep down my heart says New Orleans Saints)

Movie: The Prestige

Book: The Firm - Grisham

TV Show: Seinfeld

Mayor John Painter

NEWS BRIEFS

Seniors Activities

All are held at City Hall unless stated otherwise. Details and updates are posted on the website calendar. Seniors activities are open to those who are ages 55+

- Sept 6 Domaines, 1 p.m.
- Sept 7 Lunch Bunch, 11:30 a.m.
- Sept 18 Bingo & Potluck Dinner, 5 p.m.
- Sept 28 Canasta, 1 p.m.

Email: seniorcouncil@emcity.org

Shoe Donations Wanted

Miss Eagle Mountain Sara Hafen is collecting shoes for Burkina Faso, Africa. Any size, condition accepted. A donation box is available in the lobby at City Hall through April. The Miss Utah contestant who collects the most shoes will receive an all-expenses paid trip to Burkina Faso to volunteer.

Communities that Care Orientation

Communities That Care (CTC) is working to prevent youth problems in Eagle Mountain. CTC helps strengthen communities, families, and the school system.

The success of the Communities That Care process depends on the efforts of a wide range of participants. Community leaders have already agreed to participate in the CTC process and now we are looking for community members to join our efforts. There will be an orientation on September 28 to explain what CTC is, how it will benefit our community, and the role of community members in the process. To participate, please contact Caryn Nielsen: cnielsen@saratogaspringscity.com or 801-888-9147.

Community Emergency Response Team

September is National Preparedness Month. With the devastation of Hurricane Harvey fresh in our minds, it is a good time to assess our emergency preparedness.

In partnership with Unified Fire Authority (UFA), Community Emergency Response Team classes may be offered in Eagle Mountain in October. This training provides residents with skills that will benefit their family and neighbors and support public safety personnel in the event of disaster. Those who are interested in completing the CERT program may find information on upcoming CERT classes and registration on the UFA website.
City Administrator Ifo Pili was the featured speaker last month at the Lehi Area Chamber of Commerce's Eagle Mountain Business Forum. Pili discussed the City's efforts to continue to increase economic development in Eagle Mountain.

**Primary Election Results**

Official Results for the Primary Municipal Election have been verified and the following candidates will appear on the ballot for the General Election on November 7.

Mayoral Candidates
Stephanie Gricius
Tom Westmoreland

City Council Candidates
Donna Burnham
Melissa Clark
Jared Gray
Matt Visser

General Election - Deadlines to register:

- By mail: October 10
- In person or 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).
Growth in Eagle Mountain and the surrounding areas has been a focus for many in northern Utah County, especially in the last few years. With that growth comes more demands on our local transportation system. This is why the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) is starting a State Environmental Study (SES) along Cory B. Wride Memorial Highway (S.R. 73) from Pioneer Crossing to Eagle Mountain Blvd.

The SES will further evaluate the natural and built environment, and determine a preferred alignment for a future freeway with frontage roads. It will also include a complete public involvement process so UDOT can consider stakeholder input throughout the study.

UDOT invites you to provide input on transportation and environmental considerations in the study area at a combined S.R. 73 and Mountain View Corridor (MVC) public open house.

When: Thursday, Sept. 7, 2017, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Where: Black Ridge Elementary School, 9358 N. Sunset Drive, Eagle Mountain

UDOT completed a six-month Corridor Planning Study in January 2016. The Corridor Planning Study team recommended a Freeway with Frontage Roads concept based on preliminary evaluation of several concepts and stakeholder input. The Freeway with Frontage Roads concept was recommended for further study because it best addresses congestion, preserves access, and accommodates transit, bike lane and trail improvements.

At the public meeting, you’ll get a chance to see where we left off with the Corridor Planning Study and what happens next in the full timeline of a transportation project, from study to construction. Study team members will be at the meeting to discuss any questions or concerns you may have and representatives from the MVC project team will also be there to provide an update and answer questions about MVC.

For more information or to provide feedback, visit www.udot.utah.gov/sr73, email sr73@utah.gov or call 801-707-3662.
Fall is coming soon... Winter is around the corner...

Parking prohibited when snow accumulates. It is unlawful to park vehicles, trailers, or other property constituting obstructions to traffic on the streets of Eagle Mountain City from November 1st to March 15th of the succeeding year whenever snow accumulates on streets in the city. Vehicles subject to towing.

Bring in the Cans

Placement of containers for collection. The city may designate the time and place of solid waste collected and hauled by the city. Containers of solid waste shall not be set out upon the street prior to the evening of the day before scheduled collection and shall be set out before 7:00 a.m. on the scheduled collection day. All empty containers shall be removed from the street the same day they were emptied.

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.

For more information please go to www.eaglemountaincity.com/neighborhood. Feel free to contact Neighborhood Improvement with any questions 801-789-6690.

Neighborhood Improvement Officers
Mike Malay and Diane Liberti
The Lights Fest
Wride Memorial Park
Saturday, September 16
www.thelightsfest.com

$5 off with code: EMCITY
sign up @thelightsfest.com

Email/Text Notifications
Sign-up:
Emergency & Traffic Alerts
City News
Special Events
Public Meetings
Jobs
www.emcity.org/notifyme

CITY HOTLINE
(AFTER HOURS OR URGENT)
801-789-5959

OPTION 2: PARKS
OPTION 3: WATER
OPTION 4: SEWER
OPTION 5:
STORM DRAIN
(street flooding or illegal dumping in drains)
OPTION 6: STREETS