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THE COPPERTON METRO TOWNSHIP COUNCIL, STATE OF UTAH, MET ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 2023, PURSUANT TO ADJOURNMENT ON MAY 2, 2023, AT THE HOUR OF 6:30 P.M. AT THE BINGHAM CANYON LIONS CLUB, 8725 W HILLCREST ST., COPPERTON, UTAH.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

PRESENT:

KATHLEEN BAILEY
SEAN CLAYTON, Chair
KEVIN SEVERSON
DAVE OLSEN
TESSA STITZER

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: NATHAN BRACKEN, LEGAL COUNSEL
AMY PITT, DEPUTY CLERK

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Mayor Clayton, Chair, presided.

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Regular Council Meeting

Community Input

Recognize Visiting Officials

There were no visiting officials.

Citizen Comments

There was no citizen comment.

Unified Fire Authority (UFA)

Ed Walden, UFA, stated most of the calls to UFA recently were outside of Copperton. Station construction is going on as expected and should be complete by mid-summer. 31 recruits will graduate in a week. There are currently eight lateral moves from other departments. A lot of candidates do not pass background checks. The snowpack in the mountains will be melting soon and residents should use caution and stay away from moving water. He distributed a Unified Fire Authority Quarterly Report for Copperton Metro Township; a flier for Fire School 101; and a Unified Authority Report for May 2023.

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Unified Police Department (UPD)

Detective Harry Holt, UPD stated there were 42 calls for service resulting in 9 cases. Council Member Bailey had asked for a breakdown on the calls, and he provided this for the Council. UPD is monitoring speeding on Apex Road in Copperton.

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Council Business

Approval of Minutes

Council Member Stitzer, seconded by Council Member Severson, moved to approve the minutes of the Copperton Metro Township Council meetings, held March 15, 2023, April 12, 2023, April 19, 2023, and May 2, 2023. The motion passed unanimously.

Fiscal Items

Mayor Clayton reviewed the attorney bill for \$5,979.50 for legal services for the month of April.

Council Member Olsen, seconded by Council Member Severson, moved to approve the bill. The motion passed unanimously.

Title 18 and Title Adoption Resolution

Curtis Woodward, Senior Planner, Greater Salt Lake Municipal Services District, reviewed the non-substantive and substantive changes to Titles 18 and 19.

Nathan Bracken, Legal Counsel, Kearns Metro Township, stated the resolution could be approved today if the Council saw fit. He suggested amending the fee schedule at the next meeting.

Council Member Stitzer stated she would feel more comfortable having a public hearing before adopting a resolution since there were so many changes.

Nathan Bracken stated a public hearing was held at the Planning Commission. The changes do not require a public hearing, but it is at the Council's discretion to hold one.

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Mayor Clayton stated there are three people in town waiting for this to pass so they can obtain permits. If this was going to be pushed for two weeks, he would want a verbal promise from all the Council members that they would read it.

Council Member Stitzer stated there were things regarding animals that needed to be removed or seemed redundant. She would like to see anything animal related grouped into one section. She stated, for the record, that she appreciated all the hard work of the Planning Commission but wanted to make sure everything was good before adopting the resolution.

Mayor Clayton asked that all edits be submitted to Curtis Woodward by the 29th of May.

Council Member Olsen stated he would like to have conversations about this topic by email to avoid another prolonged conversation.

Council Member Bailey asked if having conversations by email outside of public meetings was allowed.

Nathan Bracken stated the Open and Public Meetings Act allows it because decisions and policy changes are not being made. However, Council Members should not text or email each other during public meetings.

Mayor Clayton surmised that language to the section involving animals should be complete by end of business that coming Friday. Edits regarding the rest of Title 19 should be submitted by Memorial Day. After that, Curtis Woodward will make the appropriate changes and email them to the Council and Nathan Bracken for final review. Adoption is anticipated to take place on Tuesday, June 6th at the beginning of the meeting, as the remainder of the meeting is reserved for discussion regarding the Unified Police Department (UPD). He will provide seven days public notice so that the fee schedule can also be adopted.

It was decided that Title 18 would also be adopted at the June 6th meeting.

Legislation to Convert Metro Townships to Cities or Towns

Nathan Bracken, Legal Counsel, Kearns Metro Township, asked the Council for permission to work with the other metro township attorneys to compose a letter of intent to be sent to the State Legislature. This letter would notify the Legislature of the metro townships' intent to pursue legislation that would omit metro townships from the State Code and convert them into cities/towns based on population, effective a certain date, to be determined.

Mayor Clayton, seconded by Council Member Severson, moved to instruct Nathan Bracken to participate in drafting a letter of intent to the State Legislature for the Council members to review and sign. The motion passed unanimously.

Future Copperton Law Enforcement

Council Member Olsen delivered a summary of the last Unified Police Department (UPD) Board meeting. The Board has agreed that Chief Jason Mazuran will assume the role of overseeing the restructuring of UPD. This means his position now needs to be filled. Undersheriff Jake Peterson will move to only doing County business, which means his salary will be paid solely using County funds. Wayne Dial will be acting as Chief Mazuran's interim replacement. These changes have resulted in UPD being overstaffed by one lieutenant. UPD has offered a \$25,000 incentive to any lieutenant who wants to voluntarily retire early. There are multiple lieutenants who have acquired enough years of service to do this, but so far, nobody has accepted the offer. Sheriff Rosie Rivera intends to increase the amount until someone accepts, and it could go as high as \$65,000. UPD continues to hold work sessions every two weeks.

Mayor Clayton stated he would reach out to Herriman, Riverton, South Jordan, and West Jordan cities to see if any of them want to contract with Copperton for law enforcement services.

Pet Scanners

Council Member Severson stated a lot of the local cities are getting scanners so they can identify lost animals before they reach the shelters. He would like Unified Fire Authority (UFA) officers to participate in the program and be issued a few scanners. Scannable microchips are typically planted in the neck area of an animal, but sometimes they shift downward over time, so training on how to properly use the scanners would be needed.

Mayor Clayton asked what the Township's liability would be as some animals can be dangerous and UFA officers are not always properly trained for these situations. He can check the metro township's insurance policy to see if volunteers would be covered, but he feels UFA has enough to do without being involved in this project.

Council Member Stitzer stated scanners can be great, but not knowing the animal's vaccination history can create a safety risk, and sometimes the information about an animal or its owner can be protected. Also, sometimes the microchips do not work or stop working.

Mayor Clayton stated he would like to get some public response on the issue.

Council Member Severson stated he would put the issue out to the public.

Copperton Park Update

Council Member Bailey stated the County has hired one caretaker and is

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working on hiring another one. She has emailed Daniel at SuperTrees to discuss this year's tree plan. There are a few more that probably need to come down. She will ask him to attend the June Council meeting.

Mayor Clayton stated not all the trees scheduled for removal have been removed because SuperTrees is waiting to see if they need to be removed.

Council Member Stitzer asked that the sprinklers be turned off for the Movie in the Park and Town Days.

Committee/Board Updates

- Legislative Research Committee

Nothing to discuss.

- Bingham Cemetery Board

Council Member Stitzer stated the cemetery cleanup took place on May 13th, and it went well. There were several volunteers. Copperton residents Jake and Shantell Rolfe were able to secure a corporate sponsorship, which provided beverages and supplies. The rental equipment worked fine.

- Copperton Community Council

Council Member Stitzer stated the Community Council did not meet because there were no pressing issues. The July 4th Parade is set, and the Council will be inviting the Unified Police Department (UPD), Unified Fire Authority (UFA), marching bands, the color guard, etc. It will be on June 29th and there will be a Waffle Love food truck. UFA might have fire hoses for water play. Town Days will take place on August 25th and 26th. The Council has received some really good ideas for that. Bingo is on every second Wednesday of the month.

- Planning Commission

Nothing to report.

Copperton Metro Township Council Member Reports

- Mayor Clayton

Greater Salt Lake Municipal Services District (MSD)
Council of Governments (COG)

Mayor Clayton stated the Greater Salt Lake Municipal Services District (MSD) met last Wednesday. The Audit Committee, which he chairs, approved the check registers. This

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has improved how the service providers invoice the MSD. The audit is expected to be approved at the June meeting, and the statements will be uploaded to the State Auditor's website by the end of June, as required by statute. The Board discussed the possibility of franchise or stormwater taxes for future cashflows. The Board also discussed the upcoming dissolution of the County Justice Court. Pursuant to the current interlocal agreement, the County is required to provide justice court services. The dissolution will require townships to take their allotment and contract elsewhere. When he asks the cities about providing policing services, he will ask about justice courts as well. The Justice Courts have been billing based on projected amounts, so the Township is owed a refund.

The Council of Governments (COG) meets tomorrow, so Mayor Clayton will report on that at the June meeting.

- Council Member Olsen

Unified Police Department (UPD)
Salt Lake Valley Law Enforcement Service Area (SLVLESA)

Nothing to report.

- Council Member Bailey

Unified Fire Authority (UFA)
Unified Fire Service Area (UFSA)

Council Member Bailey stated UFA had a discussion on flood zones and managing the water flow of creeks due to current snowmelt issues. The Board also discussed the budget, which is expected to be voted upon and approved in June.

- Council Member Stitzer

Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling District (WFWRD)

Council Member Stitzer stated the agenda was short and mostly focused on the quarterly financial update. WFWRD is very vigilant when it comes to reporting, so their financial statements are up to par. The Board also approved an administrative position.

- Council Member Severson

Salt Lake County Animal Services

Council Member Severson stated the Salt Lake County District Attorney's office administered the Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA) training. Next year's budget will amount to \$9.35 per Salt Lake County citizen. This will cover staffing costs and inflation. The Board discussed flooding support for displaced pets in flooding zones. Residents who have a displaced pet should call Animal Services for help until they can get back in their homes. Legislation was recently passed banning ethnicization by gas chamber for cats or dogs. Salt Lake County animal

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shelters will be offering free adoption May 13th through May 31st, but this excludes VIP pets that are photographed to promote adoption. All adopted pets come spayed or neutered. Pet food donations are currently needed to keep food pantries full. Salt Lake County Animal Services is celebrating its 10-year anniversary of being a no-kill shelter. All shelters are currently operating at full capacity.



Other Announcements

Citizen Comments

Apollo Pazell suggested the Council consider the past rulings of potential judges when choosing which city to contract with for justice court services.



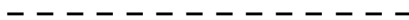
Announcements

Council Member Stitzer stated she would obtain County Landfill vouchers toward the end of June. The current vouchers will expire at the end of June.



Closed Session

Council Member Bailey, seconded by Council Member Stitzer, moved to close the open session of the Copperton Metro Township Council meeting to discuss reasonably imminent litigation, deployment of security personnel, purchase of real property, collective bargaining, and professional character or competence of an individual. The motion passed unanimously.



The Council reopened the Copperton Metro Township meeting.



THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS to come before the Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned.

LANNIE CHAPAN, METRO TOWNSHIP CLERK

By _____

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Deputy Clerk

CHAIR, COPPERTON METRO TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

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