



TOWN OF COPPERTON COUNCIL MEETING

OCTOBER 16, 2024, 6:30 PM
BINGHAM CANYON LIONS CLUB
8725 HILLCREST STREET, COPPERTON, UTAH 84006

COPPERTON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Council Members Present:

Sean Clayton, Mayor
Tessa Stitzer, Council Member
Kathleen Bailey, Council Member (via Zoom)
Kevin Severson, Council Member
Dave Olsen, Council Member

Staff Present:

Nathan Bracken, Legal Counsel
Nicole Smedley, Town Clerk
Daniel Torres, Economic Development Director
Biance Paulino, Long Range Planner
Detective Harry Holt, UPD (via Zoom)
Nathan Bogenschutz, UFA
Chief Jason Mazuran, UPD
Laura Ingersoll, Rion Tinto

Others Present: Apollo Pazell

1. REGULAR MEETING

a. Call to Order

Mayor Clayton, presiding, called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

b. Determine Quorum

A quorum was present allowing the meeting to proceed.

c. Pledge of Allegiance

Council Member Olson led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Community Input:

a. Recognize Visiting Officials

There were no visiting officials present.

b. Citizen Comment

Laura Ingersoll with Rio Tinto Kennecott gave an update on the Copperton Drainage Project. Funding is finally secured and they have a contractor on board. They will work with the county to get permits and work will start as soon as Monday on that project. They don't see any impact to residents or the roads, as the work is all being done on Kennecott Property. Once she has schedules, she will pass those on to the council.

Apollo Pazell – commented on the land use discussion coming up, he fully supports changing and amending Title 19, in addition to Titles 15 and 18 which have some major deficiencies. He placed all the Copperton addresses into a spreadsheet and randomized it, he then went to houses and audited for compliance with the existing laws and land use laws. Of the 12 houses he audited, zero of them are complying, so obviously there is a problem with Title 19 and he looks forward to assisting as a member of the board.

Chief Jason Mazuran is here checking in after the organization split, noting things have gone very well. They appreciate the work being done by Chief Del Craig and other officers working in these areas. He did mention staffing and recruitment concerns being shared, noting that he was also concerned about this when the split happened, but they have had an influx of applicants and they have more people applying than positions currently, so HR has done a great job in managing that.

c. Unified Fire Authority

Chief Nathan Bogenschutz shared the UFA quarterly report for Copperton: 19 calls in Copperton proper over the quarter, a small uptick but generally in line with previous years. Some of the top calls were ALS calls, with the others being basic life support. They are in the process of remodeling the bathroom at the station, it is halfway completed; the Xeriscaping has been completed out front. Recruit camp started yesterday in anticipation of adding an ambulance in Kearns. Some teams were deployed for outside agency needs, but that causes minimal staffing issues back here.

Council Member Stitzer asked for the definition of a good intent call.

Chief Bogenschutz explained that was a call about something like a cat in the tree, something with a public assist.

d. Unified Police Department

Detective Holt noted that in September they had 37 calls for service, 12 cases. They are seeing more activity with younger kids, especially near the cemetery. He asked the public to contact the police if they see anything suspicious.

Council Member Stitzer asked about extra coverage at the cemetery for October 31.

Detective Holt will pass that request along to those patrolling.

e. Unified Fire Service Area (UFSA) Tax Increase Presentation

This presentation was moved to November.

f. Salt Lake Valley Law Enforcement Service Area (SLVLESA) Information on a Potential Tax Increase – Rachel Anderson and Richard Moon

Rachel Anderson was here a year ago presenting on the potential tax increase from last year. She gave a brief background of why they came with the tax increase request last year and why they are asking for it again this year. Since the cities involved unanimously decided to stay with the UPD, they are now working to keep everyone covered and work with inflation, which has hit every organization. The goal last year was to get the tax increase to bring them to the statutory maximum rate which was .0023%, and there was an increase of about \$2.2 to \$2.3 million last year which they thought would bring them to that tax cap. After the process, in June when the Assessor's office decides the tax rate, they were surprised to learn they did not hit the tax cap because property tax values calculated differently. They are still lacking funds and realized they could try again this year to hit that tax cap. The board had a majority vote to continue on that path, it was not unanimous and they announce a truth in taxation. There were changes to the interlocal agreement after the split and it was decided that SLVLESA would not be a part of that interlocal agreement going forward. She discussed the average costs for residents if the taxes go up and how that voting will happen. Trustees will meet on December 19 for the public hearing on that potential increase.

Richard Moon gave some background and explained he has reviewed every city in the county's budgets over the last five years; law enforcement has increased 45% on average in the county. They are currently on par with the other entities and this increase, if approved, would add just over \$3 million to the budget, keep them in the black, and next year they would be above the 5% minimum. If the increase is not done, they would not be able to cover all their bills, and per the contract all the cities/towns in SLVLESA would have to come up with that difference.

Mayor Clayton asked what was being done to keep the county in check, ensuring they are not bloating their costs.

Mr. Moon responded that the board approved \$4.4 million a year to go to the county as of right now. He works for the county and with his fiscal administrator they are coming up with the same kinds of things they can do, like UPD, to be transparent and show where the expenses are. They will not come back to SLVLESA and ask for more money unless they can show they don't have enough to cover their expenses.

Mayor Clayton asked if they will be charging SLVLESA for the Sheriff's officers hanging out in Kearns because they are bored, is that the level of detail they will be using when creating the

budget. He and other council members have seen officers hanging out in Copperton, with nothing to do, and he wants to make sure the city isn't being charged for that. Mr. Moon responded that would be something to take to the Sheriff, and council members responded she doesn't take their calls anymore.

Mayor Clayton noted that working for the county means they are going to be harsher on Mr. Moon, because they want to make sure things are being calculated and split fairly. They should be able to take care of 11,000 residents for the \$4 million allotted. He wants to know why Sheriff's Department officers are hanging out where UPD is already patrolling, and not doing anything. He has had officers from UPD ask him why Sheriff's Department officers are showing up to calls in the area, and he has the same questions. Have they explored cutting anything on the expenses side, rather than raising revenue.

Mr. Moon hasn't looked at things lately, and he wants to look at UPD's billing to see how much wages and benefits are. At last look, that was 88% of the costs, so any cuts means cutting people.

Mayor Clayton responded that is not always the case, and it's a service-related business, so you would expect the majority of the costs to be related to wages and benefits for those providing the services.

Mr. Moon will relay the messages to the Sheriff, and explained he is just here explaining the numbers.

Ms. Anderson added this is a very complicated and delicate political situation that is hard to mitigate. In regards to the questions about monitoring the county, these are the same concerns they had last year, and the answers provided at that time did not satisfy those asking. They went through an intense negotiation process earlier this year and it was difficult because the county was not giving the answers people wanted. When they pushed back on the county, they were simply told those were the numbers and they were reasonable. They were able to get the county down on their request by about \$700,000, despite them saying at the beginning that they couldn't go any lower, but people were still unhappy with the final drop in amount. They also had to cut the UPD amounts as well and Chief Mazuran stepped up and handled that. The negotiations with the county for the end of this year and first 6 months of the next year have been completed, and the last 6 months of the year are still up in the air. A 5% increase has been worked in for the second half of UPD's year, which is a guess that usually requires a budget adjustment later. There has been no increase worked in for the county's portion. She anticipates they will be asking the UPD for numbers at some point to justify the costs being asked for and see if they justify the calls. Mr. Moon currently works for the County and the Sheriff's office, but he previously worked for the UPD and he is here today presenting for SLVLESA, not the county.

Council Member Olsen repeated what others have said, noting that Chief Mazuran will need to be the one that sells the increase, since he has done a lot of the work to reduce the UPD costs. On the flip side, the Sheriff needs to do the same thing on a bigger scale due to her grossly inflating her needs to allow for the negotiations.

Mayor Clayton described how the town also puts the MSD through the same scrutiny when it comes to their spending, and he understands SLVLESA needs to collect the money to cover the UPD. He knows the UPD has made efforts to cut costs, and it is only fair that the UPD is given the chance to share those cuts and their work to lower their costs.

3. Council Business

- a. Fiscal Items (Discussion/Motion) - Mayor Clayton**
 - i. Approval of expenditures**

SuperTrees bill for injections - \$5,850.00

Council Member Bailey moved to approve the tree injection bill from SuperTrees. Council Member Stitzer seconded the motion; vote was 5-0, unanimous in favor.

Legal expenses for Nathan Bracken - \$997.50

Council Member Stitzer moved to approve Legal Expenses as stated above. Council Member Olsen seconded the motion: vote was 5-0, unanimous in favor.

b. Active Transportation Plan

Bianca Paulino reviewed her Staff Report (Attachment C), prepared presentation (Attachment B) and the proposed Active Transportation Plan (Attachment D). She shared they have been working on this plan for two years and they are looking for the council's approval and adoption of the plan being presented tonight. She gave a brief summary of what an active transportation plan encompasses, and clarified that this plan does not revise, remove or override anything from the previously adopted 2020 Active Transportation Plan.

Council Member Stitzer wanted to make sure the council understood that they need to speak with Rio Tinto before approving anything like this, noting that she has given Rio Tinto her assurance in the past that they would be included in discussions for items like this before any final approvals.

Bianca Paulino continued and presented the Active Transportation Plan, outlining six primary goals: improving infrastructure, enhancing community identity and history, addressing challenges related to Bingham Highway, strengthening connections to surrounding open spaces, improving both local and regional destination connectivity, and building community capital. She explained that the plan was informed by a stakeholder committee composed of Copperton residents and Municipal Services District staff, as well as reviews of existing plans and projects such as the Bingham Creek Trail and Bonneville Shoreline Trail. The plan also included an analysis of existing conditions, focusing on infrastructure, regional connections, safety, and community heritage. Bianca Paulino stated that Copperton was already a walkable and generally safe community, but identified gaps in sidewalks and connectivity as key issues. Community engagement efforts included an open house, a barbecue event with interactive mapping, and a door-to-door survey effort, which gathered feedback highlighting concerns

about incomplete sidewalks and a desire for more formalized trails. She described proposed solutions such as restriping roads, filling sidewalk gaps, adding signage, and developing trail connections. The plan also introduced a network concept centered on safe roadways, community trails, community places, regional connections, and infrastructure repairs. She explained project timelines ranging from near-term to long-term, along with demonstration projects and potential funding sources through grants and regional programs.

Council Member Tessa Stitzer raised concerns about terminology used in the plan, specifically the naming of Bingham Highway versus State Highway, noting that inconsistent terminology could create confusion. She also discussed property ownership issues related to proposed improvements, particularly areas owned by Rio Tinto and private stakeholders, emphasizing the need for coordination. She expressed support for the aesthetic concepts presented, particularly enhancements to the bridge area, and highlighted ongoing monthly meetings with Rio Tinto. She later motioned to table the plan to allow for further discussion with stakeholders and additional review.

Mayor Sean Clayton thanked Bianca Paulino for the presentation and asked whether the council was prepared to vote or preferred to delay for further input. He supported tabling the decision to allow additional stakeholder engagement and clarification of project phases. He also addressed funding concerns, explaining that many similar projects were funded largely through grants, with minimal or no impact on local taxes. He emphasized that any future projects would only be supported if they did not negatively affect taxpayers or if they generated a clear return on investment.

Council Member Dave Olsen expressed concern about the financial impact of the plan, requesting greater transparency regarding funding sources and potential effects on taxpayers. He questioned how the council could justify funding such projects while being cautious about tax increases in other areas. After discussion, he sought confirmation that the plan itself would not impose any direct financial obligation on residents.

Town Attorney Nathan Bracken clarified that the plan functioned as a visioning document similar to a capital improvement plan or general plan, and that approving it would not create any fiscal obligation. He explained that projects within the plan would only be pursued if funding became available, often through grants, and that only a portion of such plans are typically implemented over time. Bianca Paulino added that the plan itself had been funded through a Wasatch Front Regional Council grant.

Council Member Kathleen Bailey briefly noted that the plan served as a list of potential projects rather than a commitment. Dan Torres suggested including more detailed information in staff reports regarding typical funding structures and community match requirements to improve transparency and address concerns.

Laura Ingersoll discussed prior involvement in planning discussions and noted that some proposed trail areas had not been fully reviewed for feasibility. She emphasized the need to revisit and evaluate specific locations before moving forward.

The council reached a consensus to table the item until the next meeting to allow for further review, stakeholder discussions, and additional clarification on funding and feasibility.

c. Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) Grant Update - Bianca Paulino, Long Range Planner/MSD

Bianca Paulino explained that the grant had been applied for jointly with White City, and that Copperton received funding specifically for demonstration projects tied to the Active Transportation Plan. She stated that the intent was to use the plan to identify locations within Copperton where temporary traffic calming measures could be tested, allowing the community to see how proposed improvements might function in practice. She noted that coordination was ongoing with the Department of Transportation and that staff were seeking direction from the council regarding their desired level of involvement in these demonstration efforts.

Mayor Sean Clayton responded that the most impactful and immediate demonstration project would likely involve traffic calming measures on Hillcrest and Apex roads. He emphasized that these areas would provide a strong opportunity to demonstrate the benefits of such improvements to the community.

Council Member Tessa Stitzer confirmed that those areas had already been identified in the plan and referenced prior community engagement, noting that residents on Apex had signed petitions twice in support of changes.

Council Member Kathleen Bailey added that previous temporary road closures in the area had been successful, describing them as a positive example of traffic calming efforts.

Bianca Paulino concluded by stating that staff would continue to update the council as the demonstration project planning progressed.

d. Capital Improvement Project Selection

Mayor Sean Clayton introduced a discussion on selecting capital improvement projects, referencing prior conversations in which the council had deferred decisions to allow time for consideration. He proposed prioritizing improvements to the park's sprinkler system, suggesting a two-phase approach that would begin with planning and cost estimation, followed by implementation. He indicated that preliminary discussions with landscape designers estimated a full replacement for the nine-acre park could cost approximately \$120,000, and noted that grant funding might help offset costs while improving water efficiency and reducing long-term expenses.

Council Member Kathleen Bailey supported the sprinkler project as a top priority, emphasizing that the current irrigation system was insufficient and contributing to tree health concerns. She discussed feedback she had received regarding sprinkler heads and bubblers, noting that while some alternatives had drawbacks, the existing system was not meeting the community's

needs. She agreed with pursuing additional bids and professional input to determine the most effective solution.

Council Member Tessa Stitzer also supported prioritizing sprinkler improvements, highlighting the importance of maintaining trees and community assets. She suggested additional capital considerations, including constructing a building at the cemetery that could serve both as storage for equipment and as a meeting space for families. She noted that her home was currently being used informally for such purposes, indicating a need for a dedicated facility.

Mayor Sean Clayton discussed the possibility of incorporating broader facility planning, such as a small town hall structure that could serve multiple functions, including cemetery-related needs. He also raised the idea of renovating the Roundhouse, noting it had previously been identified as a liability and had been included in earlier planning efforts with Salt Lake County.

Council Member Kathleen Bailey clarified that any work on the Roundhouse should involve full renovation rather than minimal improvements. Council Member Tessa Stitzer reiterated that sprinkler upgrades were the highest priority, while other projects such as the cemetery building and Roundhouse improvements would require further consideration and sequencing.

Council Member Dave Olsen asked about sequencing concerns, specifically whether installing new sprinklers should align with future tree planting plans. Mayor Sean Clayton responded that tree placement would follow an established plan and that irrigation improvements and tree planting could be coordinated accordingly.

Dan Torres suggested obtaining bids from additional contractors, including Roth Landscaping, noting that comparing bids with current county services had been beneficial in other areas. Mayor Sean Clayton expressed interest in exploring alternative maintenance contracts and acknowledged the potential for cost savings.

The council generally agreed to prioritize the sprinkler system project as the top capital improvement, with additional projects—including tree planting, cemetery facilities, and Roundhouse renovation—identified for further consideration and inclusion on the project list, to be tracked and implemented as funding and planning allowed.

e. Title 19

Council Member Tessa Stitzer introduced a discussion on potential amendments to Title 19, formally declaring a conflict of interest due to both residing on a corner lot and operating a business within Copperton. Town Attorney Nathan Bracken confirmed that she had complied with state law by filing the required disclosure and explaining her conflict on the record. He clarified that under council rules, she would be restricted from participating unless the remaining council members voted to allow her involvement. Council Member Kathleen Bailey motioned to permit both Council Members Tessa Stitzer and Dave Olsen to participate in discussion and voting due to their relevant perspectives, and the council approved the motion.

Council Member Bailey moved to allow Council Member Stitzer to participate in the discussion on Title 19 amendments after her declaration of a potential conflict of interest. Mayor Clayton seconded the motion; vote was 4-0, unanimous in favor, with Council Member Stitzer abstaining from the vote.

Mayor Clayton moved to allow Council Member Olsen to participate in the discussion on Title 19 amendments after his declaration of a potential conflict of interest. Council Member Bailey seconded the motion; vote was 4-0, unanimous in favor, with Council Member Olsen abstaining from the vote.

Council Member Tessa Stitzer then presented an extensive critique of Title 19, explaining that she had previously provided the council with a detailed written analysis. She stated that the ordinance, as currently written, imposed overly restrictive regulations on residents—particularly those on corner lots—and limited opportunities for home-based businesses. She highlighted provisions requiring businesses to operate only within a home or garage, restricting floor area usage, and limiting signage placement, arguing these constraints hindered entrepreneurship and were inconsistent with the town's economic development goals. She also identified issues with accessory building regulations, noting that current setback requirements and yard definitions made it effectively impossible for many corner-lot owners to construct structures such as garages or outbuildings while remaining compliant.

Council Member Tessa Stitzer further explained that inconsistent and unclear definitions—particularly regarding side yards, interior side yards, and corner lots—created confusion for both residents and code enforcement. She described how overlapping setback requirements conflicted with one another, resulting in situations where compliance with one rule caused violation of another. She also criticized limitations on lot coverage and landscaping requirements, stating they conflicted with water conservation practices and existing property conditions throughout Copperton. She emphasized that many properties were already noncompliant due to historical development patterns and that enforcement of current standards could unfairly penalize residents. She expressed concern that reliance on fines and restrictions could negatively impact community trust and advocated for a more flexible, equitable ordinance that supports residents and local businesses.

Mayor Sean Clayton acknowledged the concerns and stated that revisions to Title 19 had been anticipated when the ordinance was originally adopted. He expressed support for forwarding the issues to the Planning and Zoning Commission for further review. Nathan Bracken outlined the formal process, explaining that the council could direct the commission to evaluate the proposed changes, develop recommendations, and return with revised language following proper public notice requirements.

Council Member Kevin Severson noted that similar challenges had arisen during the original drafting of the ordinance and emphasized that reviewing and revising the code would require time and careful consideration. Dan Torres recommended involving Municipal Services District planning staff to review the proposed changes and provide professional input, cautioning that existing regulations may have been adopted to address prior concerns or unintended

consequences. He encouraged collaboration between staff and the Planning and Zoning Commission to ensure any revisions were well-informed.

Comments from Planning Commission Chair Apollo Pazell indicated that the commission was familiar with the code and capable of reviewing and drafting revisions within a short timeframe. He expressed confidence that the process could be completed efficiently without unnecessary delays.

Mayor Clayton moved to send the proposed changes before the Planning and Zoning Commission to review, along with direction for Council Member Stitzer to submit her redlined revisions to staff, including Dan Torres and Bianca Paulino for evaluation. Council Member Bailey seconded the motion; vote was 5-0, unanimous in favor.

Council Member Tessa Stitzer concluded by thanking the council for reviewing her concerns and reiterating her goal of creating a fair and equitable ordinance that reflects the needs of all Copperton residents.

Council Member Kathleen Bailey stated that she needed to leave the meeting but wanted to inform the council that she would provide documentation related to UFSA including board minutes and detailed budget line items. She noted that these materials outlined how funds were allocated and spent, as well as future budget planning, and described them as a useful resource for understanding those agencies' financial operations. She concluded by stating she had no further updates for the council at that time.

Council Member Bailey left the Zoom meeting

f. UPHEAD – Emergency Text and Council Messaging Policy

Council Member Tessa Stitzer reported on initial progress toward implementing a communication system designed to provide automated responses to residents' inquiries. She explained that the system would function as a "phone tree" style service, where residents could text specific keywords—such as water, code enforcement, animal control, or utilities—and receive automated responses directing them to the appropriate agency or contact information. She emphasized that the responses would be automated rather than personally handled, and that she intended to develop standardized templates for council review before activation.

Council Member Tessa Stitzer also outlined additional planned features, including responses related to schools, bus routes, dump vouchers, cemetery inquiries, and wildlife or roadkill reporting. She stated that all templates would be presented to the council for approval prior to implementation to ensure accuracy and transparency.

Town Attorney Nathan Bracken advised that the existing social media policy would likely apply to this communication system, as it functioned similarly to other official communication channels. He explained that content would need to remain neutral and limited to official business, noting that some aspects of the policy—such as public comment moderation—might not apply due to the one-way nature of the system.

Mayor Sean Clayton expressed support for the initiative and noted that adjustments to policies or implementation could be made as needed after deployment.

Council Member Tessa Stitzer further explained that she planned to create additional templates for emergency notifications, construction updates, traffic concerns, weather alerts, and public meetings or events, allowing for rapid “plug-and-play” communication during time-sensitive situations. She also raised the need for future discussion on how to promote the system to residents, suggesting options such as newsletters, mailers, QR codes, or door hangers. She confirmed that draft templates would be shared with the council prior to the next meeting for review.

g. Rio Tinto Annexation Sub-Committee

Council Member Tessa Stitzer reported on ongoing discussions related to Rio Tinto coordination, stating that no formal subcommittee had been established yet. She explained that meetings were being held on the second Wednesday of each month and that the most recent meeting was conducted virtually. She confirmed that participants included herself, Dan Torres, and Planning Commission Chair Apollo Pazell, given the relevance of planning, annexation, and land use topics. Mayor Sean Clayton requested to be included as an optional participant when his schedule allowed, and she agreed to include him.

Council Member Tessa Stitzer described the meeting as focused on developing ideas for a community agreement, emphasizing the importance of establishing clear communication channels between Copperton and Rio Tinto. She stated that discussions addressed how both parties could effectively share information, raise concerns, and clarify expectations. Topics included land ownership considerations, particularly related to the high school property, as well as mutual expectations regarding land use and access.

She further explained that the group reviewed longstanding community practices—such as drainage maintenance, fire berm management, tree removal near the park, and restrictions on motorized vehicles—while also acknowledging community access for activities like walking. The goal, she noted, was to formally document these understandings to prevent miscommunication and ensure consistency over time, especially given the long history of informal agreements within the community.

Council Member Tessa Stitzer stated that the meeting was productive and represented progress toward more transparent and structured communication. She added that Rio Tinto representatives indicated they were actively listening to community concerns and reviewing ongoing discussions. She concluded by noting that while no formal annexation updates were available at this time, further information might be available following the next scheduled meeting in November.

h. Process to Update Zones to Reflect General Plan Sub-Committee

Town Attorney Nathan Bracken stated that he had no substantial updates but explained that the matter was tied to the ongoing subcommittee efforts. He indicated that the subcommittee's

primary responsibility was to work with Rio Tinto to develop a clear understanding of how potential changes would align with the general plan.

Mayor Sean Clayton acknowledged the update and confirmed that the item would remain on the agenda for continued tracking and discussion.

Dan Torres reported that preliminary work had already begun, including identifying relevant parcels and organizing information to align with planning considerations. He noted that while the task was not overly complex, it would require coordination and review, and he encouraged council members to communicate if additional support or responsiveness was needed from staff.

Nathan Bracken added that before presenting any proposed changes to the Planning and Zoning Commission, it would be important to coordinate with Rio Tinto, as many of the affected parcels involved their interests. He emphasized the need to ensure alignment and understanding with stakeholders prior to formal review.

Council Member Tessa Stitzer agreed that the discussion should continue and indicated that the topic would be revisited at the next meeting as more information became available.

4. Council Member Reports

No Legislative Research Committee updates at this time.

Council Member Tessa Stitzer reported that there were no major updates from the Cemetery Board but noted that an external group had volunteered to conduct a cleanup effort at the cemetery scheduled for that Saturday. She also stated that she had coordinated with law enforcement to request increased patrol coverage around the Halloween period, extending beyond just the holiday itself.

Council Member Tessa Stitzer then provided an update on the Community Council, stating that there had been no significant changes since the previous meeting. She noted that efforts to recruit additional volunteers were ongoing and encouraged community members to participate. She also mentioned that updated bylaws had recently been developed to replace outdated versions from prior decades.

Mayor Sean Clayton reported on Municipal Services District matters, stating that discussions were underway regarding transitioning away from the current justice court provider due to concerns about inefficiencies and misuse of funds. He explained that alternative courts, including those in West Jordan, South Jordan, Taylorsville, and Harriman, were being considered, with the goal of selecting a more efficient and geographically convenient option. He added that this change would not increase costs and could potentially reduce expenses. He also noted that the Municipal Services District's relocation to a new facility in Taylorsville remained on schedule and would provide improved accessibility and a stronger independent identity.

Council Member Dave Olsen reported on Unified Police Department matters, highlighting an upcoming community Halloween event at Holiday City Hall and noting that staffing shortages had improved due to hiring incentives. He stated that a decision would be made on extending those incentives based on their success.

Mayor Sean Clayton noted that Council Member Kathleen Bailey had no additional report for Unified Fire Authority at that time but that a presentation was expected at a future meeting.

Council Member Tessa Stitzer provided an update on Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling District, stating that an upcoming meeting would focus on adopting the tentative 2025 budget and addressing fee increases. She noted that previous discussions had included detailed explanations from staff and opportunities for feedback. She also reported improvements to the scrap dumpster program, explaining that Copperton would now have dedicated scheduling, increased availability of containers, and greater flexibility in placement without waitlists, eliminating the need to share service windows with other communities.

Council Member Severson had no Animal Services Updates.

5. Citizen Comment

Apollo Pazell stated that he believed the council had performed well during the meeting and expressed appreciation for their efforts. He noted that he had sent private messages to council members commending their work and reiterated that they had done a great job.

6. Announcements

Council Member Tessa Stitzer raised a question regarding how election information should be communicated to the public, noting that residents had already begun asking about voting details such as location, timing, and procedures. She asked whether the council needed to formally share this information through official channels.

Town Attorney Nathan Bracken explained that election administration was handled primarily through the county, with support from the town clerk under contract with the County Clerk's Office. He clarified that while the town had some responsibilities, it was not the primary administrator of the election process. He advised that any public communication should direct residents to the County Clerk's Office, which manages ballots and official election logistics.

Mayor Sean Clayton noted that ballots had already begun arriving by mail and confirmed that Copperton would serve as a polling location, with equipment scheduled for delivery. He asked whether it would be appropriate to post polling information on the town's website.

Nathan Bracken responded that the town could share general information, such as polling location and times, but emphasized the importance of coordinating with the County Clerk to ensure accuracy and proper messaging. He stressed that any communication should clearly indicate that the election was not administered by the town.

The council agreed to follow up with the County Clerk's Office to determine appropriate messaging and resources before sharing election details with residents.

7. Adjourn

Council Member Stitzer moved to adjourn the October 19, 2024 Copperton Town Council Meeting. Council Member Severson seconded the motion; vote was 4-0, unanimous in favor with Council Member Bailey absent from the vote.

The October 19, 2024 Town Council Meeting Minutes were approved by the City Council on April 15, 2026

ATTEST:



Diana Baun, Town Clerk



Sean Clayton, Mayor

Tessa Stitzer,
Mayor Pro Tempore