



COPPERTON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

February 19, 2025, 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, Mayor Pro Tempore
Kathleen Bailey, Council Member
Linda McCalmon, Council Member
Kevin Severson, Council Member

Council Members Excused: None

Staff Present:

Nathan Bracken, Legal Counsel
Diana Baun, Town Clerk
Bianca Paulino, Long Range Planner
Daniel Hoffman, Senior Accountant
Chief Nathan Bogenschutz, UFD
Chief Del Craig, UPD
Lieutenant Shane Manwaring, UPD

Others Present:

1. REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Clayton, presiding, called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM and noted a quorum was present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. COMMUNITY INPUT

- a. Recognize Visiting Officials – None**
- b. Citizen Comment**

COPPERTON COUNCIL MEMBERS

MAYOR SEAN CLAYTON, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE TESSA STITZER,
COUNCIL MEMBER KATHLEEN BAILEY, COUNCIL MEMBER KEVIN SEVERSON,
COUNCIL MEMBER LINDA MCCALMON

Anne Kurek from the Bingham Canyon History Club in Daybreak offered volunteer services to help celebrate Copperton's upcoming 100th anniversary. She provided her contact information and discussed potential ways their group could assist, including planning events, fundraising, and creating a memorial quilt.

c. Unified Fire Authority (UFA)

Chief Bogenschutz reported on United Fire Authority activities for January, noting that Station 115 responded to 11 calls, with five involving the medic engine and six involving the air and light vehicle. He highlighted the upcoming Fire School 101 designed for elected officials and announced the start of a new recruit camp, which includes 35 firefighters. Additionally, UFA has received four new pumpers, with one designated for Copperton, and three refurbished ambulances. A new air and light truck is also expected to arrive in Copperton within the next one to two weeks.

d. Unified Police Department (UPD)

Detective Holt provided the Unified Police Department report, noting there were 41 calls for service and 13 cases in January, with no unusual incidents to report. He will be working to coordinate with the council on upcoming event dates. Officers have been using "cruise lights" at night to increase visibility, and there are some staffing shortages on the graveyard shift.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approve Council Meeting Minutes – *Diana Baun, Town Clerk*
 - i) January 15, 2025

Council Member Stitzer moved to approve the January 15, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes as published. Council Member Bailey seconded the motion; vote was unanimous 5-0.

- b. Fiscal Items - Mayor Clayton
 - i) Approval of expenditures

Mayor Clayton noted there was one expenditure to approve for \$4,554 for legal services, including \$1,338.50 for legislative tracking.

Council Member Stitzer moved to approve the expenditures listed above as stated. Council Member Severson seconded the motion; vote was 5-0, unanimous in favor.

4. PRESENTATION ITEMS - None

5. COUNCIL BUSINESS

- a. Consider **Resolution R2025-02** Appointing Linda McCalmon to the UPD Board (Discussion/Motion) – *Nathan Bracken, Legal Counsel*

Council Member Bailey moved to approve Resolution R2025-02, Appointing Linda McCalmon to the UPD Board. Council Member Stitzer seconded the motion; vote was 5-0, unanimous in favor.

- b. Consider Resolution R2025-03 Appointing Linda McCalmon to the SLVLESA Board (Discussion/Motion) – *Nathan Bracken, City Attorney***

Council Member Stitzer moved to approve Resolution R2025-03, Appointing Linda McCalmon to the SLVLESA Board. Council Member Bailey seconded the motion; vote was 5-0, unanimous in favor.

- c. UPHEAD – Emergency Text and Council Messaging Policy (Discussion/Motion) – *Council Member Tessa Stitzer***

Tessa reported she would be working with Maridene Alexander from the MSD to develop templates and ideas for the UPHEAD emergency texting service. She explained the service would allow for emergency communications and event notifications. She noted Dakota from UPHEAD wanted to meet in mid-March to discuss how other small communities have used the system.

- d. MSD Capital Improvement Project Requests (Discussion/Motion) – *Tamaran Woodland, Engineering Manager***

Tamaran Woodland, the new Engineering Manager, briefed the council on the 2026 budget projects impacting Copperton. These projects include a re-budget for an ongoing initiative, Phase Two of the Copperton storm drain, and the MSD Transportation Master Plan.

Mayor Clayton informed the council that federal funding, earmarked by Representative Owens, remains within the bill but is currently stalled due to a possible government shutdown. The discussion progressed to park improvements, highlighting a \$7,430 estimate from Rock Landscaping for sprinkler enhancements and a potential \$100,000 budget request for additional upgrades in the next fiscal year. Additionally, the hiring of an MSD grant writer could aid in securing funding for these projects.

- e. FY2026 Tentative Copperton Budget Approval (Discussion/Motion) – *Daniel Hoffman, Senior Accountant***

Daniel Hoffman presented a draft budget for fiscal year 2026. He explained the process of looking at trends over the past three years to make estimates. The council discussed the need to add funds for the town's 100th Anniversary Celebration next year.

Mayor Clayton said he would research appropriate amounts based on other towns' recent celebrations.

- f. Process of Adding to the Council Meeting Agenda (Discussion/Motion) – *Mayor Sean Clayton***

The council deliberated on implementing a standardized procedure for including items on meeting agendas. They settled on a concrete timeline: submissions to the Clerk are required 7 days prior to the meeting, specifically by the preceding Wednesday. The agenda is to be posted by the Friday before the meeting date. If necessary, amendments can be made up to 24 hours before the meeting.

Council Member Bailey moved to approve the proposed agenda process as described above. Council Member McCalmon seconded the motion; vote was 5-0, unanimous in favor.

**g. Discussion Regarding Voting Options for the 2025 Municipal Elections
(Discussion/Motion) – *Diana Baun, Town Clerk***

Diana Baun presented the voting options for the upcoming election, which included the traditional primary and general election process, and ranked choice voting. The council discussed the differences between these two systems and decided to review more information, including educational videos, before making a decision at the next meeting.

6. STRATEGIC SESSION - None

7. COMMITTEE/BOARD UPDATES

a. Legislative Research Committee – *Nathan Bracken, Legal Counsel*

Nathan Bracken updated the council on significant legislative developments. These updates included proposals aimed at restricting municipal mandates for garages and parking, adjustments to building inspector regulations, and a potential dissolution of the Salt Lake County Justice Court. Additionally, he highlighted housing affordability measures and modifications to public official requirements.

b. Bingham Cemetery Board – *Council Member Tessa Stitzer*

No updates

c. Copperton Community Council – *Council Member Tessa Stitzer*

No updates

d. Planning Commission – *Council Member Kevin Severson*

No updates

8. COPPERTON COUNCIL REPORTS

a. Mayor Sean Clayton

i) Greater Salt Lake Municipal Services District (GSLMSD)

Mayor Clayton reported on the Greater Salt Lake Municipal Services District meeting, noting most of the time was spent on legislative updates. He mentioned the district's support for Copperton's \$100,000 budget request.

- ii) Council of Governments (COG)
- b. Council Member Linda McCalmon
 - i) Unified Police Department (UPD)
 - ii) Salt Lake Valley Law Enforcement Service area (SLVLESA)
- c. Council Member Kathleen Bailey
 - i) Unified Fire Authority (UFA)
 - ii) Unified Fire Service Area (UFSA)

Council Member Bailey reported on UFA and UFSA meetings, noting ongoing discussions about the impact of recent union-related legislation. She shared that she volunteered to be on the Audit Services RFP committee.

- d. Deputy Mayor Tessa Stitzer
 - i) Wasatch Front Waste and Recycle (WFWRD)

Tessa announced a meeting with Rio Tinto to discuss land use ideas and park-related matters. Laura Ingersoll from Rio Tinto explained they had approval to donate a section of the park still owned by Rio Tinto to Copperton, but boundary adjustment issues needed to be resolved with the county first.

Mayor Clayton discussed the park issues between the town and the county, noting that unless they want to accept the park transfer now with the County's reversionary clause, they will have to keep fighting. He will work on this between now and the next meeting and he will bring an update in March.

- e. Council Member Kevin Severson
 - i) Salt Lake County Animal Services

Kevin reported on recent updates in Animal Services, highlighting the appointment of a new chair, Dustin Gettle from Midvale, and a vice chair, Rita Lund from Bell Creek. He discussed the launch of a pet retention program aimed at aiding residents with pet issues through behavior training. Additionally, he covered the staff's participation in active shooter situation training and announced the upcoming mobile spay/neuter clinic dates, which will be available for residents to schedule free appointments.

9. OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. Public Comment - None
- b. Announcements

Nathan Bracken brought up the Planning Commission meeting dates and how sporadic they are; that schedule no longer works for him and does not work well with the MSD Staff either. He proposed some dates and will continue to work with the planning commission in the future, however currently for he and Brian the following dates work: The first Tuesday or Wednesday, every third Monday or Thursday and every fourth Monday.

The council agreed to let Nathan work with the planning commission on a new date and asked that he get that date to Mayor Clayton ASAP so he can ensure the building is available at the requested times/dates.

Council Member Stitzer announced that she and Daniel Torres will be meeting with the Boyer Group, the ones who bought the “triangle” area. Rio Tinto was able to get her contact info, and they are working on scheduling that meeting to see what the plan for that area will be, and any potential impact on the town. The space purchased was annexed into West Jordan but does directly affect Copperton.

Council Member Stitzer moved to recess the City Council Meeting and move into a Closed Session. Council Member Bailey seconded the motion; vote was 5-0, unanimous in favor.

10. CLOSED SESSIONS IF NEEDED AS ALLOWED PURSUANT TO UTAH CODE §52-4-205

- a. Discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual (§ 52-4-205(1)(a))**
- b. Discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation (§ 52-4-205(1)(c))
- c. Discuss the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property (§ 52-4-205(1)(d))**
- d. Discuss the deployment of security personnel, devices, or systems (§ 52-4-205(1)(f))

11. ADJOURN

Council Member Stitzer moved to adjourn the City Council Meeting. Mayor Clayton seconded the motion; vote was 5-0, unanimous in favor.

The February 19, 2025 Town Council Meeting adjourned at 8:49 P.M.

This is a true and correct copy of the February 19, 2025 Town Council Meeting Minutes, which were approved on March 19, 2025.

Attest:



Diana Baun, Town Clerk



Sean Clayton, Mayor