



COPPERTON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

JULY 16, 2025, 6:30 PM
BINGHAM CANYON LIONS CLUB
8725 HILLCREST STREET, COPPERTON, UTAH 84006

COPPERTON TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES JULY 16, 2025

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 (Via Zoom)
Diana Baun, Town Clerk
Dan Torres, Economic Development Manager
Chief Nathan Bogenschutz, UFA
Lt. Chris Benedict, UPD
Sgt. George Jeknavorian, UPD

Others Present:

1. REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

Mayor Clayton, presiding, called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM and noted a quorum was present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

2. COMMUNITY INPUT

- a. Recognize Visiting Officials – None**
- b. Unified Fire Authority (UFA)**

COPPERTON COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

Captain Jackson reported on behalf of Chief Bogenschutz, who had been excused due to deployment to New Mexico for flood response. Captain Jackson stated that Station 115 handled 12 calls for service in June. Mayor Sean Clayton expressed appreciation to the responders for extinguishing a recent field fire. Council Member Kathleen Bailey asked how many trucks responded to the fire. Captain Jackson stated that Station 115 sent both its engine and brush truck, and that additional brush trucks responded from West Jordan, South Jordan, and Kennecott. In response to a later question from Kathleen Bailey about the fire's cause, Captain Jackson stated that the origin was unknown, noting only that it appeared to have started beneath a power pole and might have involved a spark.

Council Member Kevin Severson asked whether Station 115 had responded to a vehicle-into-building collision near a Domino's in Herriman. Captain Jackson confirmed that the station's rehab unit responded to that incident and added that, since then, the unit had also responded to several gas leaks and other vehicles-into-buildings incidents, with the department taking greater safety precautions than it had the prior month. Council Member Severson also described being nearby at the time of the Domino's crash.

d. Unified Police Department (UPD)

Lieutenant Chris Benedict reported in place of Chief Craig, who was out of town. He introduced Sgt. George Jeknavorian as the successor to Sergeant Harry Holt, who had transferred to Millcreek, and stated that George Jeknavorian had assisted with Fourth of July planning, was still covering patrol, and would officially transfer to the COP unit on the 27th of the month. He added that Sergeant Borders was absent due to an out-of-county firefighter callout.

Sgt. George Jeknavorian stated that he lived in West Jordan, had served as a police officer with the county and the Unified Police Department for 19 years primarily in patrol, and was available to the council for any needs or suggestions as he transitioned into the new position.

Council Member Tessa Stitzer stated that they had an extended conversation with George Jeknavorian earlier and expressed that the discussion had gone well.

Lieutenant Chris Benedict stated that call statistics (Attachment A) for the prior month were affected by a cell tower outage that misrouted 911 hang-ups to Copperton, which made the report show 100 calls for service. He clarified that actual activity involved approximately 19 calls for service generating nine long-form cases and 10 short-form information reports, which he characterized as slightly down from typical levels. He stated that public order incidents—including suspicious circumstances, welfare checks, and neighbor disputes—numbered five and were consistent with seasonal patterns, and he noted that firework complaints could be included in that category. He stated that he was working to compile canine and shared service statistics for a year-to-date update at the next meeting in order to demonstrate recent major cases and the effectiveness of the UPD shared services model.

Council Member Kathleen Bailey asked what constituted a “morals offense,” and Lieutenant Chris Benedict stated that the category could include things like public indecency.

Mayor Clayton moved the order of the agenda around slightly, inviting the representatives from Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling District to give their presentation scheduled for later in the meeting at this time. Those notes are under Item 5A in the minutes.

3. WORKSHOP DISCUSSION

a. Workshop Discussion on Bingham Cemetery Board

Council Member Tessa Stitzer opened an informal discussion regarding the Copperton Cemetery Board, noting that the board still consisted of the same three members who had served since the board's creation in 2016–2017. She stated that the three members—herself, Jerry, and Tammy—had worked well together to maintain records, maps, events, and burials, and that she and Jerry performed most of the interments. She said none of the current members intended to step down, but the ordinance establishing the board contained three-year term limits, which she suggested should be reconsidered. She noted that interments required specific training and experience, which made open applications difficult when a seat became vacant, and that the ordinance was amended in 2019 to require a council member to chair the board for oversight. She recommended eliminating term limits and appointing members as needed.

Mayor Sean Clayton asked why term limits were necessary, stating that the work was specialized and difficult to learn. He suggested removing the term limit and potentially removing the requirement that a council member chair the board, though he supported continuing oversight through liaison or point-of-contact arrangements. Council Member Kathleen Bailey stated that the council now had more understanding of cemetery operations than when the ordinance was created.

Nathan Bracken advised caution against eliminating terms altogether, recommending that the council retain term lengths but remove restrictions on the number of terms a member could serve. He compared the board to a planning commission, noting that terms allowed for periodic reassessment and continuity. He also advised that the board adopt rules of order and comply with open meeting requirements. He explained that sensitive discussions related to burials could be conducted in closed session under the law. Mayor Sean Clayton asked whether the board's role could be restructured so that it would not fall under open-meeting requirements, but Nathan Bracken said the board still qualified as a public body. Council Member Kathleen Bailey supported keeping terms, saying they allowed for orderly rotation when needed.

Council Member Tessa Stitzer raised concerns about complying with the Open and Public Meetings Act when most board meetings involved private family arrangements for burials. Nathan Bracken said closed sessions could be used for such matters, though Council Member Tessa Stitzer noted the difficulty of calling frequent closed sessions on short notice. Mayor Sean Clayton suggested the board function as staff or contractors rather than as an advisory body, but Nathan Bracken said the board still held authority to make decisions. The council discussed whether cemetery revenues were tax-based or fee-based, and Nathan Bracken agreed that since revenues came from fees, there might be an argument that the board was not a public body, but further clarification was needed.

Council Member Tessa Stitzer explained that Copperton's situation differed from other towns that hired sextons or contractors, and that equipment rentals for burials were increasingly expensive and hard to secure. She said recent rentals cost over \$1,000 each time, sometimes nearly the full amount charged for an interment, leaving little margin. She and Jerry often operated rented equipment themselves or even dug by hand. She said the board was considering grant funding to purchase equipment and reduce long-term rental costs. She also raised concerns about insurance coverage for volunteers operating heavy machinery, though Mayor Sean Clayton stated they were covered under the town's volunteer policy.

The council discussed raising cemetery fees, which had not changed since 2019. Council Member Tessa Stitzer presented options for 15, 20, and 25 percent increases, stating the current plot fee was \$500 and that a 25 percent increase would raise it to \$625. She emphasized that the greater expense was interment costs, not the plots themselves. Council Member Kevin Severson and Council Member Kathleen Bailey noted that the fee increase would help cover expenses, and Council Member Linda McCalmon said the board needed to ensure the increase covered costs adequately.

Mayor Sean Clayton suggested charging different rates for residents and non-residents, similar to Riverton Cemetery, where residents paid \$1,200 and non-residents paid \$3,000, but Council Member Tessa Stitzer and Jerry said residency distinctions were difficult to manage given long-time residents who had moved away. Council Member Kathleen Bailey also pointed out that Copperton residents did not pay property taxes to support the cemetery, unlike Riverton.

The discussion turned to whether board members such as Jerry should receive compensation. Jerry said he and Tammy had invested substantial unpaid time in cemetery work, often six hours or more for a single grave, and suggested compensation could take the form of grave plots rather than money. Council Member Kathleen Bailey supported compensation, and Mayor Sean Clayton suggested the possibility of contracting the work as a business arrangement, which would allow fair pay and the use of owned equipment.

Council Member Tessa Stitzer raised the possibility of contracting out annual cemetery clean-up since volunteer turnout had dwindled, noting only five volunteers had come the previous year. She said rentals and supplies for cleanup days often cost over \$1,000, with most costs borne by the board. Mayor Sean Clayton questioned whether such cleanups were required by contract, concluding they were not, though Council Member Tessa Stitzer emphasized the importance of keeping the cemetery presentable for families.

The council also discussed how burial payments were currently handled, with Council Member Tessa Stitzer personally receiving checks and forwarding them for deposit, and she asked for a more formalized system through the Municipal Services District. The council agreed to plan further meetings to review fee increases, ordinance amendments, and possible changes to board structure, with Council Member Tessa Stitzer committing to draft notes for council review.

Mayor Sean Clayton summarized that the council had discussed several options, including fee increases, possible compensation for board members, contracting services, or even selling the

cemetery. Council Member Tessa Stitzer provided background on how Copperton inherited the cemetery from the Jordan School District when it could no longer maintain it. She said the cemetery originated as part of Bingham Canyon, transferred to the school district after the city dissolved in the 1970s, and then to Copperton upon incorporation. She concluded by expressing appreciation for Jerry and Tammy's work on the board. The mayor and council agreed the discussion provided useful direction for potential ordinance and fee changes at the next meeting.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Approve Council Meeting Minutes
 - i) June 18, 2025

Council Member Stitzer moved to approve the June 18, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes as published. Council Member McCalmon seconded the motion; vote was 5-0, unanimous in favor.

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

Mayor Clayton asked for approval of \$1638.00 in legal fees in June, as well as Insurance costs of \$1638.00.

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

5. PRESENTATION ITEMS

- a. Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling District Presentation

Pam Roberts presented an update on solid waste and recycling services and explained recent billing questions and the reasons for the price increase. She stated that the residential fee was \$26 per month billed quarterly at \$78, up from \$58.50 per quarter, and said the increase was driven by cost growth the agency had not fully kept up with since its last pre-2023 adjustment. She said overall costs had risen about 40 percent, particularly for labor, and described a "pay-for-experience" approach to attract and retain CDL drivers, along with a board-approved market adjustment that added approximately \$300,000 in annual labor cost for CDL positions. She said a financial advisory review by Zions Bank recommended a \$6.50 increase this year and additional \$1.50 increases in 2026 and 2027, but she was working to defer the latter and believed the next increase might be needed in 2027. She reviewed included services—weekly garbage and recycling; seasonal container reservations; Christmas tree collection; leaf bags; a landfill voucher; and can repair and replacement—and noted carts cost over \$70 each but black and blue cart repairs and replacements were covered by the standard fee.

Council Member Kevin Severson asked whether the pay-for-experience pay structure had improved recruiting, and Pam Roberts stated that it had.

Pam Roberts detailed cost-control measures, stating that the agency changed equipment for the leaf-bag program and downsized certain trucks, which she said would save about \$136,000 this year and \$7,000 per replacement cycle thereafter. She explained a tighter process for “go-backs,” under which staff verify missed-can calls with route dash-cam footage because test runs showed about 46 percent of such calls were false; she said collection mileage cost about \$25 per mile and reported savings of just over \$47,000 from January through June. She reviewed fleet constraints, stating that side-loader trucks were on a seven-to eight-year replacement schedule, four trucks ordered in 2023 had only recently arrived, new CNG trucks cost about \$450,000 each versus \$400,000 for diesel, and the resale market for used CNG trucks had weakened. She said the board approved purchasing eight diesel trucks, which she said would save \$400,000 overall and were expected to have better resale prospects. She added that the agency reduced staffing by four positions—two through vacancies and additional layoffs—and reassigned duties after the quality-assurance inspector retired. She then reported on the seasonal container reservation program, stating it was in its sixth year, the prior street-pile model was no longer feasible due to staffing and illegal dumping, and the former program had required 20 CDL drivers and six ground crew while the current model operated with nine CDL drivers. She said Copperton received 100 percent of requested reservations in 2024 and 2025, that routing moved clockwise through the district, and that Copperton’s 2025 reservations occurred in June with a brief period left open for residents to book remaining containers.

James Kelsey, Sustainability Coordinator, presented recycling and diversion metrics for Copperton. He stated Copperton’s diversion rate was 16.05% in 2024 and 16.63% year-to-date in 2025 against a district goal of 18%. He said Copperton included 285 homes, or approximately 0.33 to 0.36 percent of district customers, generated 393 tons of refuse in 2024 and about 152 tons year-to-date, and produced 69 tons of recycling in 2024 with about 28 tons year-to-date. He reported five tons of green waste in 2024 and roughly 1.5 tons year-to-date with nine subscribers, and he corrected minor typos in a displayed chart regarding Copperton’s share and green-waste proportions. He said Copperton’s clean-recycling rate improved from 66.97 percent in 2021 to 79.5 percent in 2024, and was 78.5 percent year-to-date in 2025, close to the district’s 80 percent target. He explained that processing fees at the material recovery facility depended on market commodity prices, inbound material composition, and contamination rates, and he described the agency’s efforts to reduce contamination through route audits, public education, and increased driver participation, noting driver-submitted contamination reports rose from two last year to 16 this year.

Council Member Kevin Severson asked for clarification on “contamination rate,” and James Kelsey defined it as the presence of non-recyclable materials in recycling loads, citing common contaminants such as plastic bags, Styrofoam, and green waste. In response to a follow-up from Kevin Severson, James Kelsey said leftover product in otherwise recyclable containers accounted for a very small portion of contamination. Council Member Kathleen Bailey asked about wet cardboard, and James Kelsey stated that the processor allowed some moisture but encouraged residents to keep lids closed and break down boxes to minimize moisture.

James Kelsey described data-tracking methods using monthly sample sorts for each city to measure contamination and composition and to target education. He said estimates from 12

sample sorts in 2024 showed Copperton's recycling stream was approximately 58.5% cardboard by weight, with additional components including mixed paper, HDPE (natural and colored), PET drink bottles, aluminum, tin, and mixed plastics such as tubs, jars, and clamshells; he advised keeping caps on plastic bottles so lids could be captured during processing. Council Member Tessa Stitzer asked about pizza boxes, and James Kelsey said they were acceptable if clean and not saturated with grease or food, which Council Member Stitzer interpreted as recycling the clean lid and discarding a soiled bottom. He concluded with estimated annual resource savings attributable to Copperton's recycling—approximately 322,000 gallons of water, 782 mature trees, about 239,000 kilowatt-hours of electricity, a reduction of 55 metric tons of greenhouse gases (roughly the equivalent of 12 passenger vehicles per year), and about 115 cubic yards of compacted landfill space—and said further gains could come from increased participation in the green-waste program.

Mayor Sean Clayton thanked the presenters, stated appreciation for the savings efforts alongside the necessary price increases, and said the council understood that efforts were being made on both sides of the ledger. Council Member Kathleen Bailey congratulated Pam Roberts on retirement.

6. COUNCIL BUSINESS

a. Discussion and Potential Approval of FY2026 Copperton Town Insurance Policy

Mayor Sean Clayton introduced the annual renewal of the town's liability insurance and reported that the overall cost came in lower than the prior year. He stated that the general liability portion was \$7,016.69, which was approximately \$1,500 less than last year. He said the property insurance, covering the park, playground, bathrooms, and shed, was \$2,158.58, and the workers' compensation coverage, which was required, was \$636.30, reflecting a \$70 decrease from the prior year. He noted the deductible was \$1,000 and the assets were valued at \$1.3 million. He recommended renewing the coverage through Utah Local Governments Trust and credited Brian Hartsell for working to reduce the cost.

Council Member Stitzer moved to approve the FY2026 Copperton Town Insurance Policy as presented tonight. Council Member McCalmon seconded the motion; vote was 5-0, unanimous in favor.

b. UPAHEAD – Emergency Text and Council Messaging Policy Updates

Council Member Tessa Stitzer reported that the Municipal Services District would have a booth at Copperton Town Days on August 23, where residents could sign up for services, provide feedback, and make suggestions.

Mayor Sean Clayton suggested that the town consider publishing some of the recycling and sustainability metrics presented earlier by Pam Roberts and James Kelsey, such as tree and energy savings, on the town website and in UPAHEAD notices. Council Member Tessa Stitzer said UPAHEAD could be used for that purpose and noted that the Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling District app already provided detailed information and was easy for residents to use.

Council Member Tessa Stitzer then raised the need for a coordinated procedure for sending alerts during emergencies, such as the recent fire, to ensure consistent messaging. She emphasized that if

the incident occurred on private property, such as Rio Tinto's, council members should seek approval from those property owners before issuing alerts. For incidents on town property, she recommended that messages go through the mayor, with all council members communicating via group text or phone to ensure alignment before posting.

Mayor Sean Clayton asked Nathan Bracken whether other municipalities had reverse-911 or similar emergency alert systems, noting that he would like to review their policies. Nathan Bracken stated that Magna Water used such a system under contract but did not appear to have a separate policy, and he noted that other communities often used these systems for general notices rather than emergencies.

Council Member Tessa Stitzer said UPAHEAD was effective in reaching residents quickly but asked how the council could formalize a process to ensure messages were handled properly. Diana Baun reported that Emigration Canyon used CodeRED, with one council member authorized to send alerts but only after receiving approval from the full council, though no written policy existed. Council Member Tessa Stitzer said most UPAHEAD posts were managed by Maridene Alexander, but she herself had full access and could post if needed. She urged the council to establish a clear agreement on communication responsibilities.

Mayor Sean Clayton suggested separating responsibilities, such as having Maridene handle event notifications while a council member managed emergency alerts. Council Member Tessa Stitzer noted UPAHEAD allowed multiple groups to be created for such purposes.

Madison Warner offered to attend a future meeting to share information on how other municipalities managed their alert systems and to help Copperton create a plan tailored to its needs. Mayor Sean Clayton asked Diana Baun to add that item to the next meeting agenda. Council Member Tessa Stitzer added that while informal communication during the recent fire had worked, it was not efficient, and a more streamlined process was needed. Mayor Sean Clayton agreed and said he would also consult with Joe to gather details about another municipality's program in advance of the next discussion.

7. STRATEGIC SESSION - None

8. COMMITTEE/BOARD UPDATES

a. Legal Updates – *Nathan Bracken, Legal Counsel*

Nathan Bracken reported that he had participated in a second Salt Lake Valley Law Enforcement Service Area (SLVLESA) facilitated discussion earlier that day. He stated that the discussions were going well, that positive progress was being made, and that he would provide the mayor and council with a confidential summary by email.

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

None – discussed previously in the meeting.

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

Council Member Tessa Stitzer provided a Community Council update, noting that Copperton Town Days would take place on August 22, followed by Movie in the Park on August 23. She

stated it would be a full-day event with both the Municipal Services District and the Copperton Council hosting booths, and she explained that she coordinated and ran the event, which required her to be actively involved throughout the day.

Council Member Sean Clayton asked who the council should contact to obtain an EZ-Up shade tent with the Copperton logo. Diana Baun said Maridene would likely be the right contact. Mayor Sean Clayton asked that Maridene be consulted about acquiring one.

Council Member Tessa Stitzer also reported that BINGO continued to take place and was receiving positive reviews.

d. Planning Commission – *Council Member Kevin Severson*

No updates – no meeting since last update.

9. COPPERTON COUNCIL REPORTS

a. Mayor Sean Clayton

- i) Greater Salt Lake Municipal Services District (GSLMSD)**
- ii) Council of Governments (COG)**

Mayor Sean Clayton provided an update on the Greater Salt Lake Municipal Services District, stating that recent meetings had been relatively short and that the board was considering reducing the schedule to one meeting per month. He said the board continued to approve contracts and budget transfers, and he complimented Daniel Torres, Tamaran, and Daniel Hoffman for their work on operations, cataloging assets, and the new MSD building, which he said was less expensive than leasing county space and provided the district with its own facility. He also noted there had been election-related disputes in other areas of the MSD, but Copperton could use the situation as a learning opportunity since services were now managed internally rather than by the county. He reported that Dan Torres had shared maps with him and Council Member Tessa Stitzer and that he met separately with the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) to discuss Bacchus Highway realignment. He said UDOT planned within the next two years to straighten routes in the area, extend 9000 South through to Bacchus, and potentially abandon New Bingham Highway, which the state would transfer to West Jordan for maintenance. He explained that UDOT typically required a road exchange when transferring state routes to local governments, but Copperton had no roads to trade. He said Daniel Torres and Lizel at MSD were helping explore ways to secure fair treatment, such as ensuring the road was brought up to standard and establishing a perpetual maintenance fund. He said if Copperton assumed responsibility, the highway segment within town would become a town asset, which would allow Copperton to control crosswalks, speed features, and design.

Council Member Tessa Stitzer asked about renaming the road, recalling the difficulties residents experienced with address changes during a past renaming effort. She recommended

keeping the existing name, while Mayor Sean Clayton suggested “Old State Highway” as a possible option. Council Member Tessa Stitzer also reported that roadwork completed 4–5 years earlier at the west end of town, near Immaculate Conception Church, was sinking, and she believed the drainage work had been poorly done. Mayor Sean Clayton said that with UDOT’s renewed attention, Copperton would have an opportunity to require corrective work.

Mayor Sean Clayton also said he would soon meet with Tamaran and the contractor for a final walk-through of the first phase of the road project to ensure any damage caused during construction was repaired. He cited an example of a gutter near his home that had been replaced after he reported damage. He asked council members to notify him of any additional issues so they could be included in the final checklist before sign-off. He said the completed phase represented an \$800,000 investment, while the second phase would be four times larger, estimated at \$3 million, though it had not yet been bid and no contractor had been selected.

b. Council Member Linda McCalmon

i) Unified Police Department (UPD)

ii) Salt Lake Valley Law Enforcement Service area (SLVLESA)

Council Member Linda McCalmon delivered the Unified Police Department update, reporting that the UPD budget had been approved at \$64.4 million, an increase of \$2.74 million from the prior year. She explained that despite the increase, significant cuts were also made. The budget included a 2.5% markup, a 2.5% cost-of-living adjustment, an 8.3% increase in health insurance costs, seven additional sworn positions, a 1.25% increase in part-time positions, and an overall increase of 3.34%.

She also reported on Salt Lake Valley Law Enforcement Service Area (SLVLESA) matters, stating that the board had reviewed and approved the annual financial report and audit, which went smoothly. She said Rachel provided an update on the Salt Lake County facilitation process, noting that a related meeting was scheduled the following Tuesday. She concluded that the facilitation process appeared to be going well and that the SLVLESA meeting itself was brief.

c. Council Member Kathleen Bailey

i) Unified Fire Authority (UFA)

ii) Unified Fire Service Area (UFSA)

Council Member Kathleen Bailey noted that the meetings had been routine because the budget had already been completed. She reported on growing concerns related to lithium battery fires. She explained that these batteries, found in products such as electric scooters, bikes, and Teslas, were increasingly causing fires. The fires were most often linked to B-grade batteries purchased through vendors such as Amazon, which were not designed for the intended machines but could be adapted for use. These lower-quality batteries burned hotter than recommended ones and could not be extinguished with a regular fire extinguisher. Council Member Bailey cautioned that storing Teslas in garages could present risks and added that public relations efforts would be launched to encourage residents not to leave scooters or

bikes plugged in at all times. She further advised that batteries showing excessive heat or performance issues should no longer be used. She emphasized that precautions should be taken when children brought scooters into facilities like the Recreation Center or parked them at home, reiterating the importance of not leaving them charging continuously.

Mayor Clayton asked whether there was room during Town Days for agencies such as Unified Fire Authority (UFA), Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling District (WFWRD), and Unified Police Department (UPD) to provide informational materials to the public. Council Member Bailey inquired whether UPD was planning a booth. UPD representatives responded that no plans had been made yet, but they would consider participating. The council extended an invitation for UPD to join their booth or space to distribute materials. Mayor Clayton concluded that this type of outreach would be a valuable opportunity to share important safety information with the community.

d. Deputy Mayor Tessa Stitzer

i) Wasatch Front Waste and Recycle (WFWRD)

No updates other than what was discussed earlier in the meeting.

e. Council Member Kevin Severson

i) Salt Lake County Animal Services

No updates at this time – there will be a meeting in two weeks.

10. OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. Public Comment

David Sanderson spoke on behalf of the Bingham Fireman's Association. He explained that the organization, which traditionally hosted races during the 4th of July festivities, now had only five members, with minimal participation beyond himself, his father, and occasional support from others. He stated that the races cost approximately \$1,100 each year, with the Community Council previously contributing \$800 annually to offset expenses. This year, however, the contribution was reduced to \$500, leaving the Association to cover an additional \$600. Sanderson requested that the Town of Copperton contribute \$500 to assist with costs, noting that the Association had about four years of funding left and was uncertain how much longer the races would continue given the aging membership. He added that the event had attracted over 225 children this year, based on candy distribution.

Mayor Sean Clayton responded that the Town could likely assist and asked for Sanderson's email address in order to provide him with a form to complete. Mayor Clayton explained that once the form was submitted, the request would be brought before the council at its next meeting for approval and payment. Mr. Sanderson provided his email address for follow-up.

Council Member Tessa Stitzer clarified that the Community Council's decision to reduce its contribution from \$800 to \$500 was to ensure continued funding for BINGO events, which typically drew about two dozen participants, while still leaving room to increase the budget in the future. Mr. Sanderson acknowledged the change and restated that his group had

personally covered around \$600 this year. Council Member Kathleen Bailey asked whether the Association was seeking new membership. Mr. Sanderson responded that the Association had essentially ceased to exist, with little likelihood of revival, and anticipated that the tradition would eventually end. He noted that this might also affect the Lion's Club since the two activities were connected, though for now, volunteers and family members still assisted with setup and operations.

Laura Ingersoll, representing Rio Tinto, also spoke. She offered to provide additional details regarding a recent fire, though not all information could be released immediately. She said she could follow up at the next meeting or provide a report from emergency services if requested. She reminded the council that Copperton's day at the mine was scheduled for August 6 and that free tickets had already been posted on Facebook. Council Member Stitzer noted that notices had also been distributed through UPAHEAD. Ms. Ingersoll explained that tickets would be provided, consistent with other cities, and that flyers would be delivered door-to-door to ensure residents were informed.

Leann Akeron announced that the Copperton Improvement District (CID) would begin issuing fines for watering on Sundays. She explained that due to well problems, residents had been asked not to water on that day, but increasing violations, including by Kennecott, had led to enforcement measures. After a first warning, residents would be fined \$50. Council Member Stitzer asked how the fine would be enforced and collected. Ms. Akeron responded that fines would be added to utility bills and that violations could be verified through photos or in-person checks, with door-to-door notifications given for initial warnings. Council Member Linda McCalmon inquired whether watering could resume at 12:01 a.m. on Monday for those scheduled to water that day, and Ms. Akeron confirmed it could. She also explained that repair parts for the wells were difficult to obtain and often required long wait times. Council Member Stitzer asked about long-term plans to address aging equipment. Ms. Akeron replied that while water systems inevitably broke down, repairs and rebuilds were ongoing, allowing the system to remain functional despite the challenges.

Jonathan Pratt asked whether there had been any updates to the annexation plan that had been drafted approximately three years earlier. Council Member Stitzer replied that there were no updates available at this time but promised to provide information in the future if changes occurred.

b. Announcements

Nathan Bracken requested time on the August council agenda to present restated Code Sections 1 and 2 and a related council governance item. He stated that the purpose was to finalize the transition from the metro township form of government to a five-member council form of government and to ensure the framework was in place ahead of upcoming elections.

11. 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))

12. ADJOURN

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

The July 16, 2025 Town Council Meeting adjourned at 8:38 P.M.

This is a true and correct copy of the July 16, 2025 Town Council Meeting Minutes, which were approved on August 20, 2025.

Attest:


Diana Baun, Town Clerk


Sean Clayton, Mayor