

DATE W E D N E S D A Y DECEMBER 20, 2023

THE COPPERTON METRO TOWNSHIP COUNCIL, STATE OF UTAH, MET ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2023, PURSUANT TO ADJOURNMENT ON DECEMBER 5, 2023, AT THE HOUR OF 6:30 P.M. AT THE BINGHAM CANYON LIONS CLUB, 8725 W HILLCREST ST., COPPERTON, UTAH.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

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



**Mayor Clayton**, Chair, presided.



Regular Council Meeting

Community Input

*Recognize Visiting Officials*

There were no visiting officials.



*Citizen Comments*

There were no citizen comments.



*Unified Fire Authority (UFA)*

**Nathan Bogenschutz**, Battalion Chief, Unified Fire Authority, introduced himself as the new liaison assigned to take over for Ed Walden.



*Unified Police Department (UPD)*

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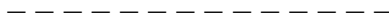
**Detective Harry Holt**, UPD, reported there were 25 calls for service in November, resulting in seven cases.



Council Business

*Approval of Minutes*

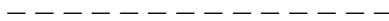
There were no minutes to approve.



*Fiscal Items*

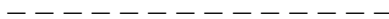
**Mayor Clayton** reviewed the bill in the amount of \$689.50 for the law enforcement survey and the bill in the amount of \$5,497 for legal services for the month of November.

Council Member Stitzer, seconded by Council Member Bailey, moved to approve both bills. The motion passed unanimously.



*Update on Metro Township Bill*

**Nathan Bracken**, Legal Counsel, Copperton Metro Township, stated the bill is in good shape and Representative Jordan Teuscher has committed to keeping it clean and not allowing any further amendments. It should move during the early part of the session.

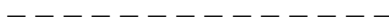


*Law Enforcement Community Survey*

**Council Member Stitzer** delivered a PowerPoint presentation entitled Copperton Metro Township Citizen Survey Results 2023. She reviewed the methodology used, the responses received to the following questions:

- *How Important are fast responses from first responders to emergent calls?*
- *How important is it to see your police officers engaged with our community outside their field of work?*
- *Would you be in favor of a tax or fee increase if that meant better police services?*
- *Would you be supportive of an increase in police patrols in our community?*
- *Do you feel we need more police officers than we currently have?*

She also reviewed the analysis and recommendations, and a summary of the survey.



*Meeting Schedule for 2024*

**Mayor Clayton** reviewed the proposed meeting schedule.

Council Member Stitzer, seconded by Council Member Severson, moved to approve the meeting schedule for 2024. The motion passed unanimously.

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*Current UPD Interlocal Agreement*

**Nathan Bracken**, Legal Counsel, Copperton Metro Township, stated the draft is not ready for review by the full Utah Transit Authority (UTA) Board. The next draft is expected to be sent to the attorneys involved by January 5, 2024, prior to the Zoom meeting scheduled for 11:00 a.m. on January 11<sup>th</sup>. It would be helpful to know whether Copperton Metro Township wants to be a part of Unified Police Department (UPD) to ensure Copperton's needs are reflected in the agreement.

Later in the meeting, after the closed session, he explained the Interlocal Agreement allows for a member to withdraw with 12 months' notice, subject to cooperation provisions.

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*Committee / Board Updates*

- Legislative Research Committee

Nothing to report.

- Bingham Cemetery Board

**Council Member Stitzer** stated the Wreaths Across America ceremony was held on December 16<sup>th</sup>. It went well, and the Board was able to raise funds to sponsor 58 veteran wreaths, three fallen officer wreaths, and honorary wreaths for each branch of the armed forces. The cleanup will be in January and leftover wreaths will be sent to farmers for recycling.

- Copperton Community Council

**Council Member Stitzer** stated the Community Council had not met since the last meeting.

**Mayor Clayton** asked who won the contest for Best Decorated House.

**Council Member Stitzer** stated the time period for residents to submit votes had been extended until two weeks after the new year.

➤ 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 most of the conversation has been budget and Justice Court related. The MSD is trying to recuperate \$1.5 million that has been paid to the Justice Court. He and Mayor Kelly Bush, Kearns Metro Township, would rather see that money reallocated to the metro townships than have it in the MSD's General Fund. They have been going back and forth with legal counsel.

➤ Council Member Olsen

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

**Council Member Olsen** stated the UPD Board meeting regarding the interlocal agreement was last week and the SLVLESA meeting will be tomorrow. The main issue is that Sheriff Rivera's requested funding for more officers to patrol those areas of the Southwest parks up to July 2024. The Board has not acted, and Council Member Olsen anticipates it will ultimately vote to deny the request. The Board could vote on the interlocal agreement as soon as January 18<sup>th</sup>. The other members of the Board feel the need to move forward regardless of Copperton's stance.

➤ Council Member Bailey

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

**Council Member Bailey** stated most of the discussion during both meetings was focused on budgets. There was a 12 percent increase for the upcoming fiscal year on the agenda, and it passed. There will probably be a similar increase next year.

➤ Council Member Stitzer

Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling District (WFWRD)

**Council Member Stitzer** stated the Board of Trustees has not met since the last Council meeting, but there will be a budget amendment hearing on Wednesday, December 27 to

discuss a proposed amendment. A bill for truck maintenance came in much higher than anticipated.

- Council Member Severson

Salt Lake County Animal Services

**Council Member Severson** stated Animal Services recently held a giving campaign where the cat and dog teams raised about \$13,000 each to help injured animal coming to the shelter. The next meeting will be in January. Bjorn’s Brew did a \$5,000 match, resulting in a total of \$31,000 raised.



Other Announcements

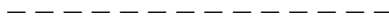
*Citizen Comments*

**Council Member Olsen** stated citizen Sarah Hyde made a comment on the Facebook page expressing her concern for the increase in deer that have been hit by cars around the township entrance. She asked if the township could add additional signage.

**Council Member Stitzer** stated there were now signs.

**Council Member Olsen** stated there is a hole in a fence near the bridge that needs to be fixed to keep the deer back. He proposed working with Rio Tinto, which owns the fence, to fix the hole.

**Council Member Stitzer** stated she would reach out to Rio Tinto to fix the fence and to the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) to fix the lights.



*Announcements*

There were no announcements.



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 the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual. The motion passed unanimously.



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The Council reopened the Copperton Metro Township meeting.

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

LANNIE CHAPMAN, METRO TOWNSHIP CLERK

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

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CHAIR, COPPERTON METRO TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

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