



# COPPERTON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES JULY 15, 2026

Bingham Canyon Lions Club  
8725 Hillcrest St.  
Copperton, Utah 84006

**\*\*UNAPPROVED MINUTES – DRAFT\*\***

**Wednesday, July 15, 2026 – 6:30 PM**

**Council Members Present:** Mayor Sean Clayton, Council Member Tessa Stitzer, Council Member Kathleen Bailey, Council Member Linda McCalmon, Council Member Jonathan Pratt

**Staff Present:** Diana Baun – Town Clerk, Daniel Hoffman – Accounting Manager, Ian Hartman – Traffic Engineer, Chief Nathan Bogenschutz – UFA, Captain Matt Langton – UFA, Lt. Chris Benedict – UPD, Det. George Jeknavorian – UPD, Lea Kingsley – Grant Coordinator

## **Others Present:**

### **1. REGULAR MEETING**

- a. Call to Order

Mayor Clayton called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM

- b. Determine Quorum

All Council Members were present in person, constituting a quorum.

- c. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Clayton led the pledge of allegiance.

### **2. COMMUNITY INPUT**

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

Chief Bogenschutz presented the monthly UFA report, stating that Copperton had thirteen calls for service in June. He informed the Council of Captain Jen Bevan's retirement after several years serving the community. Mayor Clayton thanked UFA for their support at recent community events, including the Fourth of July celebration.

- c. Unified Police Department (UPD)

UPD staff reported seven calls for service in the prior month, including conservation-related calls, informational public-order calls, and two traffic citations. Mayor Clayton and Council Members thanked UPD for assisting with community events, including the pancake breakfast.

### **3. CONSENT AGENDA** (Discussion/Motion)

- a. Approve Council Meeting Minutes
  - i) June 17, 2026

**Council Member Stitzer moved to approve the June 17, 2026 Town Council Meeting Minutes as published. Council Member McCalmon seconded the motion; vote was 5-0, unanimous in favor.**

- b. Fiscal Items
  - i) Approval of expenditures

Mayor Clayton reviewed annual insurance expenditures from the Utah Local Governments Trust, totaling \$9,060.54, including general liability, property, and workers' compensation coverage. He noted the amounts remained consistent with prior years. He also reviewed the legal invoice from Smith Hartvigsen for council approval.

**Council Member Bailey moved to approve both expenditures. Council Member McCalmon seconded the motion; vote was 5-0, unanimous in favor.**

- ii) Acknowledgment of Monthly Finance Report

**Council Member Bailey moved to acknowledge receipt of the report. Council Member McCalmon seconded; vote was 5-0, unanimous in favor.**

**4. WORKSHOP DISCUSSION - None**

**5. PRESENTATION ITEMS**

- a. Engineering Updates

Ian Hartman provided background on the Town's speed-study request related to citizen concerns, particularly along Apex and Hillcrest near Copperton Park. He stated the study would proceed now that construction impacts had diminished. He also described the Old Bingham Highway Project Open House scheduled for July 16, 2026, explaining South Jordan and West Jordan's long-range transportation concepts and encouraging Council attendance. Discussion followed regarding traffic expansion, future roadway design options, and related development.

**6. PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS - None**

**7. COUNCIL BUSINESS (Discussion/Motion)**

- a. Discussion and Potential Action Regarding Dissolving the Community Council

Council Member Stitzer asked that the item be moved to the September agenda, noting ongoing Town Days activities made discussion premature. The Council agreed to defer consideration.

- b. Updates on Transfer of Copperton Park from the County to the Town

Nathan Bracken requested the Council discuss issues regarding the transfer of Copperton Park during closed session under the permitted property-related exception. The Council agreed.

- c. Discussion and Potential Action Regarding Application(s) for Tourism, Recreation, Cultural and Convention (TRCC) Grant Funding for the 2027 Grant Period

Leah Kingsley addressed the Council regarding TRCC grant opportunities. The Council discussed future project

eligibility, the upcoming park master plan, and potential improvements such as pavilions, benches, landscaping upgrades, power improvements at the roundhouse, and bathroom renovations. Ms. Kingsley explained TRCC's focus on cultural, recreational, and community-space improvements. The Council agreed future proposals should be aligned with the forthcoming master plan.

d. Discussion and Potential Action Regarding Copperton's use/assignment of the town's "Beer Tax" funds

Daniel Hoffman asked the Council to designate use of approximately \$1,500 to \$1,600 in beer-tax funds. After discussing permissible uses—primarily prevention and educational programs related to alcohol—the Council agreed to allocate the funds to UPD and requested the department report back on how the funds are used.

**Mayor Clayton moved to approve the designation of the town's Beer Tax Funds to UPD as discussed tonight. Council Member Stitzer seconded the motion; vote was 5–0, unanimous in favor.**

**8. COMMITTEE/BOARD UPDATES** (Discussion/Motion)

a. Legal Updates

Nathan Bracken requested Council direction on proceeding with a full code restatement rather than attempting to revise outdated county-based code sections. The Council unanimously directed him to begin the restatement from scratch.

b. Bingham Cemetery Board

Council Member Stitzer had no updates.

c. Planning Commission

Council Member McCalmon reported the July Planning Commission meeting was cancelled due to lack of quorum. The next meeting was scheduled for August 5. Nathan Bracken added that upcoming Planning Commission agenda items would include landscape-code updates, a fee schedule, and required adjustments to wildland-urban interface standards.

**9. COPPERTON COUNCIL REPORTS** (Discussion/Motion)

**Mayor Clayton** reported that the Greater Salt Lake Municipal Services District meeting held the prior Wednesday was particularly informative. He noted that Catherine Cantor from the County Mayor's Office attended and discussed several matters relevant to Copperton. Mayor Clayton advised that those items required confidential discussion and would be addressed with the Council during the closed session. Mayor Clayton stated that additional MSD-related details would be provided in closed session due to the sensitivity of the subject matter. Mayor Clayton reported no new updates for Council of Governments (COG) at this time.

**Council Member McCalmon** reported that UPD had approved its 2026–2027 fiscal year budget. She noted that Chief Jason Mazuran regarded it as the strongest and most comprehensive UPD budget to date. She also

reported that UPD was awarded a \$1.8 million technology grant from Rep. Burgess Owens' office, which will significantly improve departmental operations beginning October 1. Council Member McCalmon described approval of a new Assistant Chief of Police position. She explained this position will oversee operational matters and allow the Chief to focus on administrative responsibilities. She reported that Chief Justin Hoyle was appointed to the role, and the department expressed confidence in his ability to serve effectively. Council Member McCalmon additionally reviewed SLVLESA's proposed truth-in-taxation rate. The Board intended to set the rate at 0.002267, remaining below the cap of 0.0023. She advised that the Sheriff's Office is again considering withdrawing from SLVLESA, and that updates regarding that matter will be addressed in an upcoming meeting.

**Council Member Bailey** stated that UFA and UFSA meetings were scheduled for the following week and she would provide updates at the next Council meeting. She also briefly noted conditions discussed during the Mosquito Abatement District meeting, stating there were no substantive issues to report.

**Council Member Stitzer** reported that WFWRD's most recent meeting centered on financial plans for the upcoming fiscal year. She stated the District discussed procurement of new trucks, reviewed operational needs, and talked about community feedback on annual cleanup programs, including dumpsters and scrap disposal. She noted there were no major issues requiring Council action.

**Council Member Pratt** reported that Salt Lake County Animal Services meets quarterly. He stated the next meeting would be held on July 30 and he planned to attend and report back to the Council.

#### **10. OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS** (Discussion/Motion)

##### **a. Public Comment**

Mayor Clayton opened the public comment portion of the meeting.

Council Member Bailey informed the Council that she had spoken with personnel at Rocky Mountain Power regarding the July 12 outage. She relayed a detailed explanation stating the outage was caused by wildfire-protection settings. Under these settings, breakers do not automatically reclose after a fault. Instead, trained troubleshooters must physically inspect the line before re-energizing circuits to ensure wildfire risk is minimized. She clarified that this practice explains the delay in returning power and the staggered restoration experienced across neighborhoods. Council Members discussed recent outages, noting similar causes during prior events.

Council Member Stitzer addressed social-media concerns regarding a small utility box attached to a pole. She confirmed that the equipment was legitimately installed by telecommunications providers as a temporary generator system designed to maintain internet service during outages. She explained that, although the device appeared unusual, it was standard practice and fully compliant with utility safety requirements.

Council Members also discussed recent fires near the old school property. Council Member Bailey clarified that the fire within the stadium area was caused by human activity rather than electrical failure and emphasized continued vigilance regarding fire hazards.

##### **b. Announcements**

Council Member Stitzer announced that Movie in the Park would take place on August 21 at sundown, followed by Copperton Town Days on August 22 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., with a concert scheduled later that evening. Mayor Clayton announced the Council would soon receive shirts embroidered with the Town's logo for community events and asked each Council Member to provide size and color preferences.

c. Future Agenda Items

Nathan Bracken advised that an interlocal agreement related to newly-required wildland fire compliance standards needed to be added to a future agenda. He explained the Town would be required to sign a State forestry compliance agreement and then concurrently adopt an interlocal agreement assigning operational responsibilities to UFA, since the Town itself does not provide fire-service resources.

Council Member Stitzer requested Copperton Town Days be placed on the next agenda as a discussion and potential action item.

**Mayor Clayton moved to recess the city council meeting and enter a closed session. Council Member McCalmon seconded the motion; vote was 5-0, unanimous in favor.**

**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**

**Mayor Clayton moved to adjourn the city council meeting following the adjournment of the closed session at 8:34 PM. Council Member Stitzer seconded the motion; vote was 5-0, unanimous in favor.**

**This is a true and correct copy of the July 15, 2026 Copperton Town Council Meeting Minutes, which were approved on August 19, 2026.**

**Attest:**

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**Sean Clayton, Copperton Mayor**

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**Diana Baun, Copperton Town Clerk**