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THE COPPERTON METRO TOWNSHIP COUNCIL, STATE OF UTAH, MET ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2022, PURSUANT TO ADJOURNMENT ON DECEMBER 15, 2021, AT THE HOUR OF 8:00 P.M. AT THE BINGHAM CANYON LIONS CLUB, 8725 W HILLCREST ST., COPPERTON, UTAH.

COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

EXCUSED: KEVIN SEVERSON

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: NATHAN BRACKEN, LEGAL COUNSEL  
SHERRIE SWENSEN, METRO TOWNSHIP CLERK  
By: NICHOLE WATT, DEPUTY CLERK



**Mayor Clayton**, Chair, presided.



Regular Council Meeting

Community Input

*Recognize Visiting Officials*

None.



*Citizen Comments*

**Joel Breinholt** stated he is opposed to mask mandates and feels it should be up to the individual to decide whether to wear one.



*Unified Fire Authority (UFA)*

**Ed Walden**, UFA, stated Chief Dan Peterson will be retiring in March and there are three candidates for consideration. Bootcamp for new recruits starts in February and there will be 26 participants. UFA needs to find a new location for station 112 in Millcreek City, because FEMA will not allow it to be rebuilt at the current location. The non-seismic work on station 115

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is complete and the roof will be removed in the next few months. There are three rigs at the station, and they will be getting a new air and light rig.

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*Unified Police Department (UPD)*

**Harry Holt**, UPD, stated there were 39 service calls in December resulting in 17 cases. One caller in the neighborhood calls on a regular basis and they are working with the mental health unit to get that individual treatment. The transient homeless population has started to move out west, there are more trailers in the area. If Council members see vehicles and trailers, they should contact UPD.



Council Business

*Swearing In / Oath of Office for Council Member David Olsen*

**Nichole Watt**, Salt Lake County Clerk's Office, administered the Oath of Office for Dave Olsen.

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*Election of Mayor and Deputy Mayor*

Council Member Stitzer, seconded by Council Member Bailey, nominated Sean Clayton as Mayor of Copperton Metro Township Council. The motion passed unanimously.

Council Member Bailey, seconded by Mayor Clayton, nominated Tessa Stitzer as Deputy Mayor. The motion passed unanimously.

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*Approval of Minutes*

Council Member Bailey, seconded by Council Member Stitzer, moved to accept the minutes of the Copperton Metro Township Council meetings held on September 15, 2021, October 20, 2021, and November 16, 2021. The motion passed unanimously.

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*Fiscal Items*

**Mayor Clayton** reviewed the attorney bill for \$2237.50.

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Council Member Stitzer, seconded by Council Member Bailey, moved to approve the invoice. The motion passed unanimously.

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*Annexation Plan*

**Council Member Stitzer** stated she has been meeting with Nathan Bracken and working with Kayla Mauldin, Planner, MSD, and Melissa Anderson, Planner, MSD, to develop a policy plan and showed them the conceptual maps listing the priority areas, thoughts, and ideas for Copperton. She also met with Rio Tinto, and they gave some very helpful feedback. They said Copperton should ask for more land. They were happy with how the maps look together. It will be a couple months before Copperton can adopt the map due to noticing requirements. Rio Tinto is willing to put something in writing once the Council has adopted the plan. The current draft is coming along nicely, and Ms. Mauldin is making good progress.

**Nathan Bracken** stated this is one of the best annexation policy plans he has ever seen. Approval will require an initial meeting with fourteen days' notice, ten days of public comments, a public hearing with fourteen days' notice, and a second public hearing with fourteen days' notice. Ms. Mauldin will try to get what she can do.

**Council Member Stitzer** stated there is more information she wants to include and is hoping to have the draft ready for review by the end of the month.

*West Bench Plan*

**Mayor Clayton** stated he read a letter in the Planning Commission meeting and sent copies to the Salt Lake County Council and each planning commissioner. There is a lot of opposition. The Planning Commission instructed the Salt Lake County Office of Regional Development to go back and address the concerns stated in the letter.

**Council Member Stitzer** stated she spoke with Rio Tinto earlier and they provided a written statement in opposition to the West General Plan. There were parts they liked, but ultimately, they oppose it and support Copperton.

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*ARPA Update*

**Mayor Clayton** stated Copperton has only spent \$168 of its allocated ARPA funds. Another allocation is coming this summer and will be approximately \$30,000. They will have until 2024 to use it. The final rule has been established on what the funds can be used for. He believes the best use of the funds would be for stormwater.

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*MSD Bond Update*

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**Mayor Clayton** stated the bond should be issued in February. It is a private placement bond, which is a little easier to process. He will provide an update on what the rate will be once he knows.

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#### *Street Signs in Copperton*

**Council Member Stitzer** stated she does not have an update at this time.

**Mayor Clayton** stated he was contacted by Public Works Operations with the mock-ups with the current logo on it. He asked them for a price and once he gets it, he will update the Council. They are trying to take advantage of downtime and do some odd jobs.

**Council Member Stitzer** asked the Council members to think about what they would like the park sign to look like.

**Mayor Clayton** suggested having a design competition within the community.

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#### *Committee/Board Updates*

➤ Legislative Research Committee

**Mayor Clayton** stated the legislature started yesterday. There is a lot of talk about mask mandates. He asked Mr. Bracken if there is anything they need to pay attention to.

**Nathan Bracken** stated it is still early, but he has heard of some land use bills that may be of interest. It gets moving quickly and he will do his best to keep the Council updated. The rules dictate that Mayor Clayton is authorized to direct him if a decision needs to be made before there is time to hold a meeting.

➤ Bingham Cemetery Board

Nothing to report.

➤ Copperton Community Council

**Council Member Stitzer** stated Community Council met tonight and approved one of their budgets for activities. The administrative budget will be discussed next month. There is a lot of mud on the walking path west of the barricades and this makes walking and hiking difficult. She reached out to Rio Tinto and they will work on cleaning that up. They are planning to reopen the visitor experience this spring.

➤ Planning Commission

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Nothing to report.

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*Copperton Metro Township Council Member Reports*

- Council Member Clayton

Greater Salt Lake Municipal Services District (MSD)

**Mayor Clayton** stated the Municipal Services District has been heavy in a few items, mainly the bond. Marla Howard, General Manager, MSD, is doing a great job in her new position. The job description for the MSD Chief Financial Officer position will be posted and the Board will begin interviewing candidates.

- Council Member Olsen

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

**Council Member Olsen** reported on UPD budget amendments. The SLVLESA meeting in December sought comments on the tax rate cap and truth in taxation. They voted in favor of keeping the tax rate cap and Frank Pignanelli, Lobbyist, will put it on the back burner until later this year.

- Council Member Bailey

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

**Council Member Bailey** stated FEMA will not approve the construction of a fire station in Millcreek City because the area is designated as a floodplain. UFA is working with FEMA to re-evaluate the area. If the station is not built that portion of the bond will either be put into escrow or sold. Chief Dan Peterson is retiring in March and there are three internal candidates that are being reviewed as his replacement.

- Council Member Stitzer

Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling District (WFWRD)

Nothing to report.

- Council Member Severson

Salt Lake County Animal Services

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Nothing to report.

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Other Announcements

*Citizen Comments*

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

SHERRIE SWENSEN, METRO TOWNSHIP CLERK

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

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CHAIR, COPPERTON METRO TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

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