

DATE WEDNESDAY MAY 18, 2022

THE COPPERTON METRO TOWNSHIP COUNCIL, STATE OF UTAH, MET ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 2022, PURSUANT TO ADJOURNMENT ON APRIL 20, 2022, AT THE HOUR OF 6:30 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  
KEVIN SEVERSON

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

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**Mayor Clayton**, Chair, presided.

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Regular Council Meeting

Community Input

*Citizen Comments*

**Ranuta Alder** stated Spy Hop has six computers they would like to donate to the community. People are racing ATVs on her street. There is no stop sign and there have almost been several accidents.

**Mayor Clayton** stated the stop sign needs to be replaced. He will follow up and let Detective Holt know. He has heard previous complaints.

**Nathan Bracken** stated ATVs can be on the roads if they have an OHV sticker.

**Mayor Clayton** stated he would like to thank Spy Hop for the donation and they will decide how to use the computers at the next meeting.

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*Unified Fire Authority (UFA)*

**Ed Walden**, UFA, stated the recruit class finishes in two days and twenty-two recruits will graduate. They are still losing newer employees. Fire fighters and law enforcement

are having difficulty hiring right now. Station 251 in Eagle Mountain needs a two-person fire truck. Midvale station is having supply chain issues. Magna is coming along nicely. Olympus Cove is no longer being built and the money for that station will go into other stations. There was a grass fire in West Jordan; people need to make sure their lawns are green and trimmed. People who notice weeds on Kennicott property need to mention that to them. Fireworks are currently banned on a year-round basis. Burning tree trimmings and rubbish is also illegal.



*Unified Police Department (UPD)*

**Detective Harry Holt** stated there were twenty-seven calls for service resulting in two cases. He is designated to respond to mental-health situations in Copperton.

**Mayor Clayton** asked if it is okay to drive ATVs that are not street legal on roads and filled him in on the conversation that took place during Citizen Public Comment.

**Detective Holt** stated he is familiar with these individuals and has stopped them before.

**Mayor Clayton** asked what would be done if these individuals were pulled over again.

**Detective Holt** stated he would get the parents involved and possibly seize the car.



Council Business

*VECC Discussion*

**Nathan Bracken** stated Mayor Kelly Bush of Kearns asked him to research how the metro townships are represented on the Salt Lake Valley Emergency Communications Center (VECC) board. Currently, the metro townships are represented by UFA and UPD. They pay dues out of their budget, but do not have a specific seat on the board. Other cities that pay dues directly have seats on the VECC board. The difference is that they pay dues directly to VECC. VECC is not enthusiastic about Copperton having a seat and some people did not understand that Copperton is a township and represented by Salt Lake County. Being represented by UFA and UPD would allow a higher voting percentage. The downside is that UFA and UPD represent a lot of interests in addition to Copperton. Some of the metro townships desire to have their own seat on the VECC board. He suggests Copperton talk to UFA and UPD first. The MSD members have decided to take it back to their councils. For this to work, all the metro townships would need to be on board.

**Council Member Bailey** asked if Copperton gaining a seat on the VECC board would cause UFA and UPD to have to give up a seat.

**Mr. Bracken** stated he was not sure how that works.

**Council Member Bailey** stated UFA understands the problem and came up with a plan and forced VECC's hand to fix it. VECC was not doing what they were supposed to do.

**Mr. Bracken** stated the biggest benefit of UFA and UPD is having a bigger organization.

**Mayor Clayton** stated Kearns has more interest in VECC than Copperton. If there were a clear channel for Copperton as a council to communicate with VECC and voice concerns, that would be just as good as having a seat on the board. Being able to pass citizen complaints onto a liaison would be helpful.

**Mr. Bracken** stated there might still be some concern on what the townships are. Copperton should at least have a conversation.

**Mayor Clayton** stated if UPD or UFA were to lose a seat or have its vote diluted, he would not want a seat on VECC.

**Mr. Bracken** stated Copperton could piggyback off a meeting with Kearns and get more information. The other metro townships will probably have conversations about it.

**Ed Walden** stated Copperton is a user of VECC and when a person dials 911, VECC is who they talk to. He asked if there is something specific the Council is unhappy about.

**Mr. Bracken** stated Kearns has had some problems with response times and priority issues.

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*Approval of Minutes*

**Mayor Clayton** stated there were two sets of minutes from March 16, 2022, and April 20, 2022 to be approved.

Council Member Bailey, seconded by Council Member Stitzer, motioned to approve both sets of minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

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*Fiscal Items*

**Mayor Clayton** reviewed the attorney bill for \$1618.25 for legal services for the month of April.

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

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*Park Discussion*

**Council Member Stitzer** stated Jerry Dunaway and his wife and son are going to be caretakers for the Copperton park. Jerry asked for the opportunity to talk about some expectations and long-term goals for the park.

**Mayor Clayton** stated this can be left on the agenda for the next few months.

**Jerry Dunaway** asked who decides the hours. He is currently allowed to work 50 hours split between three people, and that is nowhere near enough.

**Council Member Bailey** stated the Council can ask to have the hours increased but it will come out of their budget.

**Mayor Clayton** stated he does not have a problem paying for what Copperton needs because the park is its crowning achievement.

**Mr. Dunaway** stated most of the time is spent just caring for dead trees alone and everything else is getting neglected. There are goat heads everywhere. He thought the County would be spraying, but instead they have delivered backpack equipment for him to do it. Spraying requires certification, which he happens to have, but the County does not know that and spraying needs to be done in the morning. There are also broken sprinkler heads. He does not have access to the timers or anything. He cannot get anyone to come out and show him how the system is set up. He works with Clayton Eastman and has asked him to help facilitate a meeting.

**Council Member Stitzer** asked if there has been any training or orientation.

**Mr. Dunaway** stated he has received nothing. Caretakers who make \$13 per hour typically do not do mowing, weeding, or grounds keeping.

**Council Member Stitzer** stated if Copperton is already paying for a service, they should not have to have their own employees perform those tasks. They need to get Mr. Dunaway the resources he needs.

**Council Member Stitzer** stated there are broken pipes and valves and the weeds are taking over. The grass will grow back but the weeds need to be controlled.

**Mayor Clayton** stated the title for the park was never transferred to Copperton. The County is working on it. He will be proposing having the sprinkler system redone in the capital project request in June.

**Council Member Bailey** stated she sent an email to the County requesting a meeting.

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*Copperton Code Rewrite*

**Nathan Bracken** stated he has put together an outline of what we want the code to look like. He will be submitting drafts of titles. He will get the Council's take and then put them aside and finally submit the entire code complete for approval. He and Lisa are trying to split the cost with Kearns as much as possible. They would like to incorporate what they already have done in the new code. There is coordination component they have previously talked about; ideally, the MSD will draft the land use code. He is hoping to have all this done by September, but that may be a challenge due to MSD staffing issues.

*Arborist Tree Update*

**Council Member Bailey** stated Copperton received a quote from Super Trees to plant forty-one trees for about \$15,240. This does not include maintenance. There are twelve trees that need immediate removal. The other trees have a fungus and if they are drilled, it could put black mold into the air. One species of tree has this black mold all over it and this needs to be removed by someone with the right certifications.

**Council Member Stitzer** asked if this mold spreads easily.

**Council Member Bailey** stated it does spread easily and can make people sick. The arborist has not yet priced the removal of the moldy trees yet. The price to chop down the remaining forty to fifty trees would be \$14,000 if done by Super Trees or \$11,000 if done by Parks and Recreation. All things being equal, Copperton should go with the lower quote. The question is who will maintain the newly planted trees if not Super Trees. Parks and Recreation will not take care of them. Copperton can buy a 4-wheeler with a water tank, but the year warranty for the newly planted trees will only apply if they are properly cared for. The quote for tree maintenance is \$12,300, and this would include eighteen total visits, replacement of any trees covered by warranty, and one visit per month during irrigation season.

A motion was made by Mayor Clayton, seconded by Council Member Stitzer, to approve the purchase of forty-one trees along with the maintenance package. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mayor Clayton, seconded by Council Member Stitzer, to spend \$11,000 to remove the forty to fifty trees and grind the stumps. Council Member Bailey stipulated that her vote only applies if stump removal is included in the \$11,000. The motion passed unanimously.

**Mayor Clayton** stated the diseased trees need to come down as soon as possible because he does not want the black mold to spread.

**Council Member Bailey** stated the trees are stable right now and not spreading except for what is blowing around in the air.

**Mayor Clayton** asked for some apples-to-apples quotes to remove the trees and wants those proposals to state what will be done to mitigate the mold. The proposals will not be considered unless they include that information.

**Council Member Olsen** asked if it would be wise to get advice from the arborist on how to write an RFP.

**Council Member Bailey** stated she will make sure everything is done correctly before submitting the RFP.

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*Street Signs in Copperton*

**Council Member Stitzer** stated a new stop sign is needed, as was discussed during Citizen Public Comment.

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*Committee/Board Updates*

- Legislative Research Committee

Nothing to report.

- Bingham Cemetery Board

**Council Member Stitzer** stated for the cleanup, they went with Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling for the trailer. They did a wonderful job. They will send the bill to the MSD. They might need to purchase a backhoe because one cannot be easily rented.

**Mayor Clayton** stated he is not comfortable using resources that could go to the park. Equipment is expensive both to buy and maintain. And it would drain the permanent fund.

**Tammy Sheehy** stated if they cannot purchase a backhoe, they might need to put burials on hold.

**Mayor Clayton** stated if they purchase equipment, they will need to raise prices to pay for it somehow.

**Council Member Stitzer** stated there is room for price increases, but they need this equipment. They have used other cemeteries for contracting and it did not work well. If they cannot buy or lease, they need to have some type of option to contract with someone.

**Mayor Clayton** asked what the price would be.

**Jerry Dunaway** stated he can check, but he is sure the price has gone up. It can be between \$500 to \$1000 a day.

**Council Member Stitzer** stated she would need to look at the statements. Govdeals.com might be a place to look as well.

- Copperton Community Council

**Council Member Stitzer** stated she received the donation from Rio Tinto and the Council can move forward with everything they have planned for Copperton. The Bingham volunteer firemen have requested a donation for the July 4<sup>th</sup> races, which was approved. The parade is June 30<sup>th</sup>. They have started rounding up drum lines, dance academies, UFA, and UPD. Kids can show up at the park pavilion with decorated bikes and join the parade. Town Days will be on August 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. There will be movies, food trucks, car shows, drawings, and vendors. She will post these events on the calendar.

The Community Council has spoken with Rio Tinto. They are okay with people walking on their property provided they are following rules and being respectful. Rio Tinto will do a dust mitigation report this summer. The visitor center is open, and the Lions Club will have their gift shop. Visits can be scheduled at riotinto.com.

- Planning Commission

Nothing to report.

#### *Copperton Metro Township Council Member Reports*

- Council Member Clayton

Greater Salt Lake Municipal Services District (MSD)  
Council of Governments (COG)

**Mayor Clayton** stated we already talked about VECC. Capital improvement budgets are coming up. He wants to focus on funding for the park. Copperton has received some grant money to add sidewalks next year. It will be discussed during June or July. Copperton has agreed to do a storm water study. Most of the townships are disappointed with Parks and Recreation. They have problems with weeds, trees, and water.

- Council Member Olsen

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

**Council Member Olsen** stated UPD is still trying to find ways to fund the mobile command center. The meeting this month will be the same with tentative budget presentations.

The UPD101 course explains how UPD functions. There will be one-on-one discussion with UPD if the Council wants to attend. He is working on scheduling with Harmony McQueen. The objective is to learn where the UPD money goes, and he will present it to the Council. Anyone is welcome to attend since it is a training. Once he gets the dates narrowed down, he will send them out. SLVLESA will do something similar in July with training. He will forward the information regarding that as well.

- Council Member Bailey
  - Unified Fire Authority (UFA)
  - Unified Fire Service Area (UFSA)

**Council Member Bailey** stated most of what is going on with UFA and UFSA is budget discussions and getting ready to set the new year's budget. The finance committee is looking at a 7 percent member increase because of inflation and gas. They have apparatus that, when broken, is serviced outside of UFA because they only have three mechanics. During the last hiring, three people applied who were all unqualified. There are talks about it being less expensive to send out repairs without hiring a mechanic.

- Council Member Stitzer
  - Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling District (WFWRD)

Nothing to report.

- Council Member Severson
  - Salt Lake County Animal Services

**Council Member Severson** stated Animal Services will be voting for a new Chair and Vice Chair. They are looking for donations for the upcoming gala "Spayghetti and No Balls". This helps to pay for spaying and neutering services for pets. The goal this year is \$70 thousand. The event will be Friday August 26<sup>th</sup>.



Other Announcements

*Citizen Comments*

**Council Member Bailey** suggested having a fundraiser for the cemetery to buy a backhoe.

**Mayor Clayton** stated he would put it on the agenda for next meeting.

**Council Member Stitzer** stated an independent film company doing a documentary series contacted her and asked if there is a type of permit that they need to get.



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**Nathan Bracken** stated they would need to get a permit if they were going to close the street or go onto private property. Such a permit would be granted through the MSD. If they are just filming, they do not need a permit.

**Mayor Clayton** stated if they want to use the entire park, they will need to get a permit.

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Closed Session

A motion was made by Council Member Bailey, seconded by Council Member Stitzer, to close the Copperton Metro Township Council meeting to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual.

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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.

SHERRIE SWENSEN, METRO TOWNSHIP CLERK

By Nichole Watt  
Deputy Clerk

  
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CHAIR, COPPERTON METRO TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

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