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THE COPPERTON METRO TOWNSHIP COUNCIL, STATE OF UTAH, MET ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 2022, PURSUANT TO ADJOURNMENT ON MAY 18, 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



Mayor Clayton, Chair, presided.



Regular Council Meeting

Community Input

Recognize Visiting Officials

Mayor Clayton recognized Rep. Clare Collard from Utah House of Representatives District 27, who was visiting.



Citizen Comments

[unintelligible] Anderson asked why her family is being singled out for having her children riding mini scooters when others who are riding similar vehicles are not being targeted.

Mayor Clayton stated Copperton follows the state code. He suggested that if she sees other people violating the state code, she should call the police. He knows the police have spoken with others on the issue.

Nathan Bracken stated the state law is established and there is not room for negotiation on the requirements for a vehicle being street legal.

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Detective Holt stated he has not issued many citations and he asked the Council for input. The Council affirmed it wants him to talk to parents and issue citations because it does not want someone to get hurt.

Unified Fire Authority (UFA)

Ed Walden, UFA, stated there are several fire stations under construction. Twenty-two recruits graduated in May. Eight hundred applicants have applied, and they are hoping to get twenty to twenty-five for next year. Seismic work for Copperton station has been pushed back until September.

Unified Police Department (UPD)

Detective Harry Holt stated officers are focusing on educating motorcycle drivers, rather than issuing citations as a first approach.

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Council Business

Cemetery Fee

Council Member Stitzer stated the Cemetery Board has determined they need to make some adjustments to the fee schedule, which has not been updated since 2019. They need to move a fence to have a proper turnaround and to purchase or lease some new equipment. They have some pipelines they need to fix. The board is recommending a 1.5 percent increase. Plot fees will go from \$500 to \$750. The entire Cemetery Board agrees on the new proposed schedule.

Mayor Clayton stated he agrees with the proposed schedule and supports putting it on the agenda for July.

Nathan Bracken stated he suggests the Council amend the fee schedule to include these fees. The MSD staff needs to be notified that the Council will be adding this to the fee schedule.

Approval of Minutes

Council Member Stitzer stated the minutes from May need to be revised to reflect

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that a comment on page 6 was made by Tammy Sheehy; not her. On page 8, a name is noted but a comment is not included, she would like the name omitted since there is no dialogue.

Council Member Stitzer, seconded by Council Member Olsen, motioned to approve the amendments. The motion passed unanimously.

Fiscal Items

Mayor Clayton reviewed the attorney bill for \$325.00 for legal services for the month of May.

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

Later in the meeting, Mayor Clayton reopened Fiscal Items.

Mayor Clayton stated the Utah League of Cities and Towns is a huge lobbying power at the legislature. Copperton has been invited to join them and the annual fee is \$500.

Mr. Bracken stated it would be a good idea to join. There are a lot of small cities that have joined. He has already worked with the League on Metro issues.

Council Member Bailey, seconded by Council Member Stitzer, motioned to join the Utah League of Cities and Towns and pay the \$500 membership fee. The motion passed unanimously.

Park Discussion

Jerry Dunaway stated graffiti is a huge issue right now. The park has been vandalized four times in the last week between the hours of 9:30 pm and 11:30 pm. He called UPD but did not receive a response. This is also an issue in the cemetery. The lights at the park are turned off at 9:00 pm in the pavilion and 10:00 pm in the park, but the park is open until 11:00.

Council Member Stitzer stated they are tagging anything and everything. The lights could be timed to match the park hours.

Mr. Dunaway suggested closing the park at 10:00 pm, which is a standard for parks.

Mayor Clayton stated this needs to be put on the next agenda. The Council will notice it publicly and hold a public hearing.

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Mr. Dunaway stated he is working on the sprinklers. There are some heads and some large lines that are broken. The irrigation person is not doing their job and water is being wasted.

Mayor Clayton stated the Council can contact Parks and Recreation and ask the sprinkler inspector to come out and fix things.

Mr. Dunaway stated a few people have suggested turning the hockey court, which is not being used, into a pickleball court. The pickleball players will bring their own nets; it just needs to be repainted. Alternatively, it could be painted to be a multi-use court.

Mayor Clayton stated the Council should finish the tree project and then see if there is money left in the capital fund for painting the courts. This can be included in the budget for 2023.

Mr. Dunaway stated some of the trees look to be sick and dying.

Mayor Clayton stated the trees are under warranty and they will be cared for.

Copperton Code Rewrite

Nathan Bracken stated as the Copperton Metro Township codes are rewritten, he will provide drafts for the Council to review. Once the drafts are completed, it will be brought before the Council for final adoption.

Arborist Tree Update

Council Member Stitzer stated there is a concern from a resident about the placement of a tree because of its proximity to the races that are held in Copperton.

Council Member Bailey stated tree removal is done through Parks and Recreation and they have approved it. Daniel Allen, Arborist, SuperTrees Inc., continues to work on the black mold issue.

Street Signs in Copperton

Council Member Stitzer stated stickers have been placed on the street signs that read Copperton Metro Township instead of Salt Lake County.

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Council Member Clayton stated the signs in the park can be replaced once the curfew at the park is decided upon.

Council Member Stitzer stated they may want to revamp all the signage for the park.

Mayor Clayton suggested having a “Design the Sign” contest at Town Days at the end of August.

Council Member Stitzer stated Rio Tinto wants the Council to be cautious about what is done with the bridge. The bridge needs to be beautified and they like the idea of opening it up to the community. Rio Tinto still owns a massive portion of where trail systems are being discussed.

Committee/Board Updates

- Legislative Research Committee

Mr. Bracken stated he will be working on the Utah League of Cities and Towns water and land use issues.

- Bingham Cemetery Board

Council Member Stitzer stated last month they talked about potentially having billing statements sent in a better way and asked if she needed to follow up.

Mayor Clayton stated he has been working on it.

Council Member Stitzer stated the Board is working with the Jenx family on genealogy for the cemetery. Graffiti continues to be an ongoing issue and anyone who sees anything should call the police. Until they can get a remote gate, it will need to be manually opened and closed every morning and night.

Detective Holt stated a patrol office can check on the gate.

- Copperton Community Council

Council Member Stitzer stated Rio Tinto would like to be added to the agenda in July to discuss dust mitigation. They are building an additional building that will be solar powered that will run the concentrator and they offered to give a presentation on the building. The parade will be on June 30th and the event has been posted to the Facebook page.

- Planning Commission

Nothing to report.

Copperton Metro Township Council Member Reports

➤ Council Member Clayton

Greater Salt Lake Municipal Services District (MSD)

Mayor Clayton stated they hired a new Director of Finance who will be starting in July. They will be discussing budgets soon. If anyone has ideas for capital improvement, they should let him know. The MSD is usually pretty good about giving Copperton its fair portion. They have a lot of support from Emigration Canyon and Kearns.

➤ Council Member Olsen

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

Council Member Olsen stated they are looking at a way to present their request for ARPA funding. There are fifteen items on the list of things they are requesting. SLVLESA will meet on July 14th to discuss their rapidly diminishing fund balance. They are treating their lack of funds as an emergency. He had a one-on-one meeting with Lisa Dudley, Chief Financial Officer, UPD and Chief Jason Mazuran, UPD, and it was educational. Property taxes went up last year by 16.5 percent, but that was based on last year's valuations. They will be going after more property taxes next year.

Mayor Clayton stated Paula Flint, Mayor, White City Metro Township, suggested having SLVLESA meet with the MSD about allocating franchise tax to SLVLESA. He objected to this because it should go to the Metros rather than the MSD.

➤ Council Member Bailey

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

Council Member Bailey stated UFA will likely have a tax increase.

➤ Council Member Stitzer

Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling District (WFWRD)

Council Member Stitzer stated they have almost completed the transition to a local district. They are working on revising the policy manual to account for these changes. There is discussion about employees having to have a background check completed. She has some dump vouchers that expire June 30th. The landfill needs to approve the printing of new vouchers.

➤ Council Member Severson

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Salt Lake County Animal Services

Council Member Severson stated Animal Services is offering a promotion during June for half off adoptions on Tuesdays and Thursdays. They are looking for monetary donations or purchase a bed (<https://shelterbeds.org/donate/24022>). They will have a pet pantry on June 25th and are running low on cat food. Animal Services is always happy to receive food donations.



Other Announcements

Citizen Comments

Harvey Seal reported on Copperton Improvement District (CID). The water bill for the park increased by \$500 in one month due to leaks in the system. He has tried to discuss this with the Parks and Recreation Division. They are looking at going two days a week in July, which would also apply to the park. Council Member Bailey will follow up with Parks and Recreation.

Council Member Stitzer stated CID would like to have a standing spot on the agenda.

Mayor Clayton stated he will place CID back on the agenda.



Announcements

Nothing to Report.



Closed Session

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



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 _____
Deputy Clerk

CHAIR, COPPERTON METRO TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

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