

DATE W E D N E S D A Y AUGUST 17, 2022

THE COPPERTON METRO TOWNSHIP COUNCIL, STATE OF UTAH, MET ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17, 2022, PURSUANT TO ADJOURNMENT ON JULY 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: AMY PITT, DEPUTY CLERK  
NICHOLE WATT, DEPUTY CLERK

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**Mayor Clayton**, Chair, presided.

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Regular Council Meeting

Community Input

*Recognize Visiting Officials*

Representative Clare Collard reported on her efforts during her first term.

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*Citizen Comments*

**Joel Brienholt** stated he was concerned about the storm drains being clogged. This was reported by many County staff in response to the weekend's storm.

**Council Member Bailey** stated Public Works cleaned out the storm drains weeks prior, which lessened the need.

**Mayor Clayton** stated Public Works was out and waiting with the vacuum truck. Saturday, they cleaned all the dirt and debris from the road, and they also cleaned all the drains, even those that had been cleaned previously. Some of the residents did not move their cars, which impeded the cleanup. A storm drain study has been commissioned for September to help prioritize projects. Copperton received \$750 thousand for infrastructure programs, and this did

not come from taxpayer funds.

**Brian Denton** stated Copperton had a similar storm in 2019. He lives on Park Street and when that street floods, the water goes into his house. He questioned what the study will cover.

**Mayor Clayton** stated the study is contracted through an engineering firm specializing in stormwater. There was poor record keeping when the city was built and there are no storm drain maps in the state archives or elsewhere. The consultant is putting together a map and assessing the size and condition of the pipes that are in the ground. They will also provide GIS coordinates. A representative from this firm will attend the September meeting.

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*Unified Fire Authority (UFA)*

**Ed Walden**, UFA, stated UFA recently lost one of their recently retired members to a motorcycle accident and the funeral will be this Saturday. Having completed the initial testing of new applicants, they are heading toward camp for new recruits. Three medics will go straight to work because there is a national shortage of paramedics. They received a case of smoke detectors that are available for residents. Construction on stations is moving forward and they will soon start seismic upgrades on the Copperton station.

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*Unified Police Department (UPD)*

**Detective Harry Holt**, UPD, stated there were forty calls for service and an individual broke into the local Methodist church.

**Council Member Stitzer** stated fortunately, the church did not experience significant damages and it does not look like anything was stolen. The break-in was reported by a local resident who had been walking late at night.



Council Business

*Emergency Manager Designation*

**Mayor Clayton** stated Copperton Metro Township pays for a portion of James Woodward's, Emergency Manager, Unified Fire Authority, time to develop emergency plans for Copperton.

**Council Member Stitzer** stated Mr. Woodward is very responsive and proactive.

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Mayor Clayton, seconded by Council Member Stitzer, motioned to continue to use Mr. Woodward as Emergency Manager. The motion passed unanimously.

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*Approval of Minutes*

No action was taken on this as the minutes were not ready to be signed.

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*Fiscal Items*

**Mayor Clayton** reviewed the bill for liability insurance for \$8,775.00 and Workers Compensation insurance for \$19.63 totaling \$8,794.63.

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

**Mayor Clayton** reviewed the attorney bill for \$3,810.00 for legal services for the month of July.

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

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*Park Update*

**Council Member Bailey** stated she will put together a report on the work Jerry Dunaway is doing on the park.

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*Copperton Code Rewrite*

**Nathan Bracken**, Legal Counsel, provided an overview of the first nine chapters of the Title 19 re-write. The Council will review it and provide comments.

Mayor Clayton, seconded by Council Member Stitzer, moved to start the next meeting at 6:00 PM for a workshop prior to the regular Council meeting.

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*Recent Weather Impacts*

**Mayor Clayton** stated he recently met with Chief Clint Mecham and Jim Woodward’s counterpart. They are doing a beta test on the app that enables residents to report damage to their property. They recommend that Copperton survey the residents. Some key questions are: Is the damage water or mud related; Is it over 16 inches (high enough to reach outlets); Is the residence habitable; Is there any visible structural damage; Does it reach FEMA levels (400 minimum units affected). There are other levels, though, which is important to understand. For example, there is an SBA level that would allow residents to get a low interest loans. Homeowners’ insurance does not cover flooding. Flood insurance is usually paid annually. It is expensive, and the deductibles are high. Copperton has flood zones and people who live in those zones tend to pay even more. He handed out a map of the flood zone to members of the Council. He asked everyone to report issues so they can contact appropriate people to do the work. He felt the contractors did a great job with the resources they had.

**Ryan Perry**, Rio Tinto, reported on the rain events over the weekend. It was an incredible experience to see a town come together at a moment’s notice to address the rain events. He is happy it was not worse than it could have been. They did an analysis and had additional crews attend. They have provided the Alders with some temporary housing and have tried to take care of their immediate needs. They have hired a cleanup company to help with this.

**Brendan Murphy**, Rio Tinto General Manager for Minerals, stated Rio Tinto had some equipment the following day and built some berms to reduce further risk. They think they have completed the initial work. The next step is to gather information. They have set up an investigation team. They use essential factors for investigation and are hoping to have more information next Friday and report the following week.

**Mayor Clayton** stated it will be important during the information gathering phase to refer anyone who has input to the Council. People should reach out to their neighbors.

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*Oquirrh View Blvd Update*

**Council Member Stitzer** stated she was contacted by the Greater Salt Lake Municipal Services District (MSD) to get feedback for the boulevard. She emailed everyone on the Council for feedback and only heard from one person. Subsequently, she went with what she and Mayor Clayton had previously discussed. She reviewed a map to the Council. She feels that to run another north/south freeway close to Copperton is worrisome. She feels it needs to be pushed further east. Everything that has been proposed so far has been approved. While development is inevitable, it should be done responsibly.

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*Committee/Board Updates*

- Legislative Research Committee

Nothing to report

➤ Bingham Cemetery Board

**Council Member Stitzer** stated they will be busy the rest of this week remedying problems from the rainstorm. There is not a lot of structural damage but there are a lot of gopher and snake holes that need to be filled.

➤ Copperton Community Council

**Council Member Stitzer** stated Rio Tinto gave the same update we heard tonight. Copperton Town Days is on August 26<sup>th</sup>. There will be a relay hosted by Unified Fire Authority (UFA). Following the relay, there will be a movie in the park. The Iceberg Shake Shack will be there. August 27<sup>th</sup> is the all-day event with a car show, food trucks, vendors, face painting, etc. Council Member Bailey will make sure the sprinklers don't go off in the park during the movie.

➤ 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 the MSD met and went over some budgetary items with the Justice Courts. There are some concerns with the Salt Lake County Justice Court and there are investigations underway. He would like everyone to think about contracting with other courts. Kearns and Magna are possibilities.

He also met with the Jordan School District board recently and they promised there will be realignments in the future. They are more than likely building ten schools in the near future, and these will be flexible schools. They are raising starting pay for teachers and they will be raising property taxes to pay for this. He mentioned the possibility of buying land from Rio Tinto. This will affect the schools Copperton students attend.

➤ Council Member Olsen

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

**Council Member Olsen** stated UPD did not have a meeting. He did have some conversations with the Mayor of Midvale City, and he is proposing some policy changes to increase transparency with expenditures.

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**Mayor Clayton** suggested Representative Collard might be able to request an audit from the State with John Dougall to look at UPD the way they did UFA.

- Council Member Bailey

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

**Council Member Bailey** stated the fire station will be worked on this month.

- Council Member Stitzer

Wasatch Front Waste and Recycling District (WFWRD)

**Council Member Stitzer** stated WFWRD does not meet in July and the August meeting is on this coming Monday.

- Council Member Severson

Salt Lake County Animal Services

**Council Member Severson** stated Animal Services is talking about implementing a program wherein people can perform community service in lieu of paying fees associated with pet ownership. Impounding animals is costly so this would benefit everyone. They are also talking about a new fee schedule since that hasn't been updated since 2017. The SPAYghetti and No Balls fundraising event is coming up on August 26<sup>th</sup>.



Other Announcements

*Citizen Comments*

A citizen spoke who stated he is a retired Kennecott employee. He spoke about water codes. Knowing the intensity of the storm is a good barometer. His name and parts of his comments were inaudible.



*Announcements*

There were no announcements.



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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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