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THE COPPERTON METRO TOWNSHIP COUNCIL, STATE OF UTAH, MET ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2023, PURSUANT TO ADJOURNMENT ON DECEMBER 21, 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
SEAN CLAYTON, Chair
KEVIN SEVERSON
DAVE OLSEN

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE: NATHAN BRACKEN, LEGAL COUNSEL
LANNIE CHAPMAN, METRO TOWNSHIP CLERK
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

Recognize Visiting Officials

Lannie Chapman, Salt Lake County Clerk, introduced herself to the Council.

Citizen Comments

There were no citizen comments.

Unified Fire Authority (UFA)

Ed Walden, UFA, stated seismic work is progressing at the Copperton station. Everything in the bay is complete. Station 125 is complete. Main Street Magna Station is expected to be done in June, City Center Eagle Mountain will be done in February, and Central

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Eagle Mountain should be done in June. The budget process has begun. Recruit camp starts February 6th, 2023, with thirty-six new recruits.

Unified Police Department (UPD)

Detective Harry Holt, UPD stated there were thirty-two calls for service and three cases. Sergeant John Neron will be running the enforcement unit, which is part of the COP unit. He is a great asset and will be appearing to introduce himself sometime soon. Two patrol officers have recently transferred to Copperton.

Mayor Clayton asked if UPD would be patrolling the area that was recently annexed into Rio Tinto.

Detective Holt stated he has not heard of any changes yet.

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Council Business

Approval of Minutes

Council Member Stitzer, seconded by Council Member Bailey, motioned to approve the minutes from December 21, 2022. The motion passed unanimously.

Fiscal Items

Mayor Clayton reviewed the attorney bill for \$1,081.50 for legal services for the month of December. There was also a past due balance remaining of \$963.50 from November.

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

Council Member Stitzer stated the PO Box needs to be renewed.

2023 Meeting Schedule

Mayor Clayton reviewed the 2023 meeting schedule. The Council will continue to meet every third Wednesday at 6:30 at the Bingham Lion's Club.

Council Member Bailey stated the December meeting might need to be changed

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to coincide with the budget hearings.

Council Member Stitzer, seconded by Council Member Bailey, moved to approve the 2023 meeting schedule. The motion passed unanimously.

Copperton Elections Responsibilities

Mayor Clayton stated there had been some questions relating to what constitutes electioneering. The Council wants to understand its responsibilities on Election Day, in general, and what the responsibilities are of poll workers.

Lannie Chapman, Salt Lake County Clerk, stated the Clerk's office would be administering the election for Copperton. Anybody noticing anything inappropriate taking place less than fifty feet from the entrance to the vote center can call the main office at 385-GOT VOTE. They will make sure the trained poll workers properly resolve the situation. Typically, someone from the Clerk's office will place the signs on the ground face down and then instruct the candidate or campaign to remove the signs. This should not be something a member of the Council or public needs to deal with. If necessary, the Clerk's office will reach out to UPD for assistance.

Council Member Bailey asked if political discourse was allowed inside the vote centers.

Ms. Chapman stated poll workers they should try to get people who are engaged in political discussion through the vote center as soon as possible so they can continue their conversation outside. If that is not possible, the Clerk's office should be called so they can have the lead poll worker address the situation.

Council Member Stitzer asked if Ms. Chapman could compile a list of the open seats available in preparation for candidate filing week coming up in June.

Ms. Chapman stated she is currently working on such a list and once complete, she will bring it to the Council to be proofed for errors.

2023 Council Responsibilities

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

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

Council Member Stitzer, seconded by Council Member Severson, nominated Kathleen Bailey as Treasurer. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Clayton stated continuity is generally best when it comes to board assignments, but if any council members desire to sit on a different board, they should speak now.

The consensus among all council members was agreement that continuity is best since relationships have already been created.

Mayor Clayton, seconded by Council Member Stitzer, motioned that all the council members continue with their current board assignments with no changes. The motion passed unanimously.

Utah League of Cities of Towns

Nathan Bracken stated as a paying member of the Utah League of Cities and Townships (ULCT), Copperton will have all the same rights as other municipalities. ULCT meets every Monday during the legislative session at the Capitol. They have a bill tracker and will be doing daily briefing calls. Things move quickly during the legislative session, and it is important to be plugged in. Copperton needs a representative and an alternate.

Council Member Bailey, seconded by Council Member Severson, nominated Sean Clayton as representative for Copperton in the ULCT and Kathleen Bailey as alternate. The motion passed unanimously.

Copperton Ordinance Updates

Council Member Severson stated the next planning commission meeting will be on February 14. They are still working on getting revisions written and updated. Once finished, those revisions will be sent to legal counsel for review. Then there will be a public hearing on February 28th.

Nathan Bracken stated before anything can be adopted, there needs to be a public hearing before the planning commission and then the commission can make a recommendation to the Council. There is pending legislation on subdivisions, and he is concerned that if Copperton adopts anything now, it may have to do revisions and adopt again later.

Committee/Board Updates

- Legislative Research Committee

Mayor Clayton recognized that State Representative Anthony Loubet, District 27,

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was present.

Nathan Bracken stated there will be some streamlining of subdivisions and building permits. He is also anticipating legislation on limited infrastructure districts (LIDs). The House Speaker, Senate President, and Governor Cox all support this. There are technical details that need to be ironed out, but they could be a good thing and would promote growth.

The UPD/SLVLESA bill that would require Sheriff Rosie Rivera to step down as CEO of UPD/SLVELSA has not been numbered. It is opposed by the Sheriff Association. There are concerns coming from rural counties.

There will likely be legislation regarding parking in Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs).

State Representative Anthony Loubet, District 27, distributed and reviewed a handout of various pending bills.

- Bingham Cemetery Board

Council Member Stitzer stated the wreaths from Wreaths Across America have all been cleaned up. The Board is still having issues finding necessary equipment. It is still trying to find a backhoe. Board members have considered reaching out to Rio Tinto as they own two backhoes. The Board has decided to eliminate the petty cash fund because purchase cards are more ideal. It has not moved forward with additional projects due to remaining snow.

- Copperton Community Council

Council Member Stitzer stated the Community Council met earlier and heard the same reports from UFA and Rio Tinto. It is going through the budget process and will be sending its request for donation to Rio Tinto. It received the Metro allocation. There has been discussion event permits and the appeal process. There are currently no upcoming events.

- Planning Commission

Council Member Severson stated there was nothing new to report other than the public hearing in February.

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 had various presentations on what was done in 2022. He was asked if the MSD should come to Copperton and present and he opted to have

the copies of the PowerPoint presentations sent instead. The Southwest Mayors will be meeting a couple times during the current legislative session, and he will report afterward.

- Council Member Olsen

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

Nothing to report.

- Council Member Bailey

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

Council Member Bailey stated Bluffdale is closing a fire station to avoid a tax increase. This will likely create a strain for UFA. If other cities start doing the same to save money, that could be problematic. Bluffdale is not a member of UFA.

Mayor Clayton asked if there is a population requirement that dictates how many fire stations are needed.

Ed Walden, UFA, stated there is not a population requirement; staffing is determined by the cities. Bluffdale is a part-time station. There is always back-up available, but the downside is that everybody runs short. Staffing keeps dropping until there is a big incident.

- 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 there will be a meeting this coming Thursday where Animal Services will elect board leaders and go over roles.



Other Announcements

Citizen Comments

There were no public comments.

Announcements

Ryan Perry, Rio Tinto announced the early implementation of renewable diesel fuel. This will reduce emissions. Rio Tinto submitted an annexation request to the City of South Jordan for a large piece of property. That process will go through Salt Lake County Mayor's office and there will be some public hearings involved. All of Rio Tinto's land is in unincorporated Salt Lake County, so instead of the County being the land use authority, it will be South Jordan City. Rio Tinto does not have immediate plans to develop. It recognizes it needs to be part of a municipality to develop the land. This annexation could be a three to four year process.

Rio Tinto is also concerned about trespassing issues. People have been scavenging powerlines below the Lion's Club, and this is dangerous because it is not easy to tell the difference between an active and a decommissioned line. UPD is working on curtailing this through heightened security in specific areas. If anybody in the community sees something, they should let UPD know immediately.

Mayor Clayton suggested putting a press release on Facebook.

Mr. Perry stated it is a delicate situation because Rio Tinto would rather not call too much attention to the issue. Releasing very general information would be best.

Detective Harry Holt, UPD stated it would be best simply to mention suspicious vehicles loitering in parking lots and not get too specific. He has alerted the officers who work the graveyard shift and asked them to keep watch.

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Closed Session

Council Member Bailey, seconded by Council Member Severson, moved to close the open session of the Copperton Metro Township Council meeting to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual and imminent pending litigation. 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.

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LANNIE CHAPAN, METRO TOWNSHIP CLERK

By _____
Deputy Clerk

CHAIR, COPPERTON METRO TOWNSHIP COUNCIL

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