



HOOPER CITY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 06, 2025, 7:00PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
5580 W. 4600 S.
Hooper, UT 84315

The Hooper City Council held a work meeting at 6:00pm and their regular meeting at 7pm on November 06, 2025, at the Hooper City Civic Center located at 5580 W. 4600 S, Hooper, UT 84315.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sheri Bingham – Mayor
Dale Fowers – City Council
Bryce Wilcox – City Council
Debra Marigoni – City Council
Ryan Hill – City Council
Lisa Northrop – City Council

COUNCIL MEMBERS EXCUSED:

CITY STAFF & PLANNING COMMISSION PRESENT:

Morghan Yeoman – City Recorder
Malcolm Jenkins – City Planner
Darren Curtis – City Attorney

6:00PM WORK MEETING

1. Discussion on Agenda Items

At 6:00 PM, the City Council held a work meeting to discuss agenda items, JUB sewer lift station design invoice, RAMP Grant ideas for 2026, website address, interlocal agreement with Weber County transfer station, and 5500 W phases.

7:00PM REGULAR MEETING

1. Meeting Called to Order – Mayor Bingham

At 7:00 pm Mayor Sheri Bingham called the meeting to order.

2. Opening Ceremony

a. Pledge of Allegiance

Council Member Fowers led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

b. Reverence

Council Member Hill offered reverence.

3. Upcoming Events:

- a. 100 Year Hooper Tomato Days T-Shirts available for purchase.
- b. Hooper City Monthly Newsletter on Hoopercity.gov
- c. Thursday, November 20th 5-7pm; Scoping Meeting for SR77 at Rocky Mountain Junior High School.
- d. Thursday, November 20th 7pm. City Council Meeting, State Auditor; Tina Cannon presenting tax increment financing tools.

4. Public Comments:

Amber Kelso- Hooper Resident

Amber read a statement about her thoughts and feelings of our community. Amber urged understanding and support for the council's decisions, emphasizing their role as neighbors and the need to avoid mob-like judgment without full context.

Cathy Verhoeven- Hooper Resident

Kathy talked about the graffiti done on her property and Hooper city property. Kathy spoke about the damage to the property with tires being slashed, fencing damage, and trespassing. Kathy asked what Hooper city can do about the security or lighting in the area.

Rick Wells- Hooper Resident

Rick thanked Council Member Marigoni and Council Member Wilcox for coming to his home to discuss the issues with his neighbor. Rick spoke about his issues with his neighbor and how he would like to see something done.

Kassie Brown- Hooper Resident

Kassie spoke about her experience in municipal government, and cautioned against shifting mayoral powers, citing a similar past action in another city.

Kyle Cooke – Hooper Resident

Kyle spoke on what has been said and posted on social media. Kyle stated that he has served on the city council in another city and spoke to the council to not change the form of government.

Kristen Craig- Hooper Resident

Kristen spoke for her husband (David Craig) who could not be there. Kristen read a set of questions David had about what effects it would have on the city, and other questions regarding taking the mayoral powers.

Larry Ropelato – Hooper Resident

Larry talked about when he decided to run, he didn't run to take on the responsibilities of the mayor. Larry stated that the timing is horrible and wanted to have transparency.

Cassie Belt– Hooper Resident

Cassie questioned how this benefits this city and asked where the transparency is. Cassie asked for factual data.

Taylor Nelson – Hooper Resident

Taylor seconded the questions that have been asked. Taylor stated for them to leave their feelings aside and do their jobs.

Mark Wayment – Hooper Resident

Mark spoke on his time that was donated when the city first became a city and feels that the city council is wrong for what they are doing. Mark stated that the timing is horrible.

Braxton Kelso - Hooper Resident

Braxton stated that this has happened three times in one year for good reasoning not just for nothing and agrees that there should be transparency.

Nathan Ashby – Hooper Resident

Nathan stated that he does not agree with the timing and would like the city council to consider what is happening before they move forward.

Jaydan Ropelato – Hooper Resident

Jayden stated that growing up in Hooper was a city you would brag about but hearing from others within the last few months it has become embarrassing and sad. He also does not believe that splitting powers is the way to go.

Paul Becraft - Hooper Resident

Paul talked about the heritage with Hooper and sees other cities working with each other and would like the same for Hooper. The citizens need to know what is going on.

Ray Hancock - Hooper Resident

Ray would suggest making public comments at the end, so everyone knows what is going on. Ray also spoke about what he would like to do when he is in office.

Sierra Helstrom – Hooper Resident

Sierra stated that she reached out to each city council member and did not hear back from them. She feels that the citizens should know what is going on and put this information forward.

Brian Murrah - Hooper Resident

Brian spoke about the controls of the city council. Brian feels that the concerns should be brought up and not losing control and stripping powers.

Janet Price - Hooper Resident

Janet stated that person in question (Mayor Bingham) has done a lot for the city and feels that the mayor has brought a lot of joy to the city and that taking her powers is wrong.

Michelle Christensen – Hooper Resident

Michelle stated her feelings about the contention and agrees that there will always be mistakes made and turn the page and move on. Michelle also thanked everyone's service.

Jessica Smith – Hooper Resident

Jessica stated that other cities are watching and that they are setting stages. Jessica asked if they be concerned for everyone else and asked the city council to state the specifics and not the generalities.

5. Consent Items

- a) Motion- Approval of Minutes dated August 7, 2025, to be brought forward for additional review.

Council Member Hill talked about what the minutes stated in 8(b). Council Member Hill does not feel that is what happened within the minutes. Council Member Hill wants section 8(b) rewrote and corrected.

- b) Motion- Approval of Minutes dated October 02, 2025
No corrections.

**COUNCIL MEMBER HILL MOTIONED TO
APPROVE THE MINUTES DATED OCTOBER 02,
2025, WITH NO CORRECTIONS. COUNCIL MEMBER
FOWERS SECONDED THE MOTION. VOTING AS**

FOLLOWS:

<u>COUNCIL MEMBER:</u>	<u>VOTE:</u>
WILCOX	AYE
FOWERS	AYE
HILL	AYE
NORTHROP	AYE
MARIGONI	AYE

MOTION APPROVED.6. Public Hearings:

None

7. Discussion Items, Reports, and/or Presentations.a. Preparation for a new Parks Impact Fee Facility Plan (IFFP).

Mayor Bingham discussed that our city engineer came before the council stating the parks impact fee study has not been done since 2003. Mayor stated that the city received a grant to update the study of \$88,000. A notice will be done, and public hearing will be done as well.

b. Hooper City participation with America 250.

Mayor Bingham talked about the 250 years of America. Utah has asked for cities to celebrate. The state asked that we approve a Resolution to acquire the \$1500 stipend.

c. Planning Commission Policy and Procedures.

Mayor Bingham stated that this needs additional review by the legal council and city council then we can motion on it. Darren Curtis, the city attorney said that the request for two planning commissioners can request something on the agenda – which is unique. He will be reviewing that and bringing it before them. Mayor Bingham also stated that there are additional training courses for planning commission that should be added to the policy and procedures that is being discussed tonight.

8. Action Items:a. Motion: Resolution No. 2025-06; Supporting America 250 Utah and Recognizing and Approving of the Hooper City Utah 250 Community Committee.

Mayor Bingham stated that there needs to be a committee to help this. The resolution needs to be signed and submitted by the end of December to receive the \$1500.00. Council Member Marigoni stated she thinks that it is a good thing for us as a city. Council Member Northrop asked if there is a requirement for how many people there are on the committee.

**COUNCIL MEMBER WILCOX MOTIONED TO
APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2025-06; APPROVING
AMERICA 250. COUNCIL MEMBER MARIGONI
SECONDED THE MOTION. VOTING AS FOLLOWS:**

COUNCIL MEMBER: **VOTE:**

WILCOX **AYE**

FOWERS **AYE**

HILL **AYE**

NORTHROP **AYE**

MARIGONI **AYE**

MOTION APPROVED. (ROLL CALL VOTE)

b. Possible Motion to approve Planning Commission's request for state auditors' presentation on November 13th, 2025.

Mayor explained that this was discussed in the work session to have it scheduled for November 20, 2025.

**COUNCIL MEMBER FOWERS MOTIONED TO
APPROVE PLANNING COMMISSION REQUEST FOR
STATE AUDITORS' PRESENTATION ON
NOVEMBER 20, 2025, CITY COUNCIL MEETING.
COUNCIL MEMBER MARIGONI SECONDED THE
MOTION. VOTING AS FOLLOWS:**

COUNCIL MEMBER: **VOTE:**

WILCOX **AYE**

FOWERS **AYE**

HILL **AYE**

NORTHROP **AYE**

MARIGONI **AYE**

MOTION APPROVED.

c. Motion: Approval of Ordinance O-2025-04; Shifting of Mayoral Powers and Duties to the City Council.

The council discussed shifting mayoral powers, including specifics on financial oversight and employee management. Concerns were raised about vagueness in financials and the need for clarity. The motion was amended to focus on employee authority and broad financial oversight.

COUNCIL MEMBER HILL MOTIONED TO REMOVE THE MAYORS POWERS WITH ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE BUDGET, FINANCE OR MONEY, EXPENSES, INCOME, ETC TO DO WITH HOOPER CITY WILL BE ON THE OVERSIGHT OF THE FIVE MEMBER CITY COUNCIL. AS WELL AS THE MAYOR SHALL NOT HAVE AUTHORITY TO APPOINT, UNILATERALLY HIRE, OR FIRE, OR SUPERVISE CITY PERSONNEL OR MANAGE THE DAILY OPERATIONS OF THE CITY IN ANY WAY. ALL ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES SHALL BE ASSIGNED BY THE CITY COUNCIL. COUNCIL MEMBER WILCOX SECONDED THE MOTION.

VOTING AS FOLLOWS:

COUNCIL MEMBER:	VOTE:
WILCOX	AYE
FOWERS	AYE
HILL	AYE
NORTHROP	NAY
MARIGONI	AYE
BINGHAM	NAY
MOTION DENIED.	

- d. Possible Motion to approve the Hooper City Participation with Wreaths across America.

Darryl Sheets talks more about Wreaths across America. Darryl explained that it is for the veterans to receive a wreath on their headstone within the cemetery. Darryl stated it would be on December 13, 2025. It is a sponsored event with little to no cost to the city. Darryl explained that people can donate on and visit the website and mentioned that there will be a ceremony for each laying of wreath.

COUNCIL MEMBER MARIGONI MOTIONED TO APPROVE HOOPER CITY PARTICIPATION WITH

**WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA. COUNCIL MEMBER
HILL SECONDED THE MOTION. VOTING AS
FOLLOWS:**

<u>COUNCIL MEMBER:</u>	<u>VOTE:</u>
WILCOX	AYE
FOWERS	AYE
HILL	AYE
NORTHROP	AYE
MARIGONI	AYE
MOTION PASSED.	

9. Adjournment

**AT APPROXIMATELY 9:38 PM COUNCIL MEMBER NORTHROP
MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. COUNCIL MEMBER
FOWERS SECONDED THE MOTION. VOTING AS FOLLOWS:**

<u>COUNCIL MEMBER:</u>	<u>VOTE:</u>
WILCOX	AYE
FOWERS	AYE
HILL	AYE
NORTHROP	AYE
MARIGONI	AYE
MOTION PASSED.	

Date Approved: _____

Jamee Johnston, Deputy City Recorder