

HOOPER CITY CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES THURSDAY, JUNE 17, 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 June 17, 2025, at the Hooper City Civic Center located at 5580 W. 4600 S, Hooper, UT 84315.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

CITY STAFF & PLANNING COMMISSION PRESENT:

Morghan Yeoman – City Recorder Malcolm Jenkins – City Planner Cami Moss – City Treasurer

6:00PM WORK MEETING

1. Discussion on Agenda Items

At 5:30 PM, the City Council held a work meeting to discuss agenda items. The City Council discussed commercial development proposals with representatives from Terrastrada LLC.

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. <u>Pledge of Allegiance</u>
 Council Member Fowers led in the Pledge of Allegiance.
 - b. Reverence

Council Member Northrop offered reverence.

Sheri Bingham introduced Brandon Miles. Branden is now our prosecuting attorney. Branden Miles introduced himself to the Council.

3. <u>Upcoming Events</u>

4. Public Comments:

Bruce Taylor – Hooper Resident

Expressed concerns about the proposed Smith's development, referencing discussions from the June 5, 2025, meeting. Bruce highlighted council concerns about the CRA, affordability, liability, and the developer's responsibility for infrastructure costs.

Amy Christopherson – Hooper Resident

Opposed the Smith's project, Amy cited Stuart Adams' political connections and alleged misuse of taxpayer funds. Urged the council to reject the project to preserve Hooper's small-town character.

Larry Ropelato - Hooper Resident

Larry acknowledged concerns about the project's financials but expressed hope that it could benefit Hooper. Larry noted Stuart Adams' reputation for honesty based on personal connections.

Lori Brinkerhoff – Hooper Resident

Lori supported the Smith's project, describing it as a "once-in-a-lifetime opportunity" for economic development in Weber County. Lori encouraged the council to ask the right questions and move forward with the project.

5. Consent Items

a) Motion- Approval of Minutes dated June 5, 2025 Minutes not ready.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILCOX MOTIONED TO TABLE THE MINUTES DATED JUNE 5, 2025, UNTIL JULY 17, 2025, MEETING. COUNCIL MEMBER MARIGONI SECONDED THE MOTION. VOTING AS FOLLOWS:

COUNCIL MEMBER: VOTE: WILCOX AYE

FOWERS
HILL
NORTHROP
MARIGONI
AYE

MOTION TABLED.

6. Discussion Items, Reports, and/or Presentations

a. Fraud Risk Assessment:

The City Treasurer Cami presented the fraud risk assessment from the state auditor's office. Cami clarified that we were docked for not having an internal audit function and not having a formal audit committee.

Mayor Bingham asked Cami to go talk about the budget before the public hearing.

Cami goes into detail on what will be done to the amending of the budget for FY 24-25. Cami gives the new certified tax rate; Cami also goes into detail on the new FY 2025-26 budget. Discussion between City Council and Cami Moss regarding the budgets.

7. Public Hearings:

a. Amending the 2024-2025 Budget, Approving the 2025-2026 Budget, and Approving the Certified Tax Rate.

The City Treasurer, Cami provided an overview of the proposed budget amendments for 2024-2025. Cami also goes into detail on the new FY 2025-26 budget.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILCOX MOTIONED TO MOVE INTO A PUBLIC HEARING. COUNCIL MEMBER HILL SECONDED THE MOTION. VOTING AS FOLLOWS:

COUNCIL MEMBER:
WILCOX
FOWERS
HILL
NORTHROP
MARIGONI
AYE
MARIGONI
AYE

MOTION PASSED.

Stan Thurgood- Hooper Resident

Stan emphasized the importance of training employees operating heavy equipment to avoid liabilities, noting only two staff members are currently qualified to drive city trucks and only two that understand the sewer system.

Natalie Zuech – Hooper Resident

Natalie supported training but suggested cost-cutting measures, including an internal audit to review the budget.

Lori Brinkerhoff – Hooper Resident

Lori acknowledged the council's hard work on the budget, noting the complexity and time invested. Lori agreed to look into some price cuts. Lori encouraged commercial development to boost sales tax revenue.

Mayor Bingham and city council spoke on public comments.

COUNCIL MEMBER FOWERS MOTIONED TO MOVE INTO REGULAR MEETING. COUNCIL MEMBER NORTHROP SECONDED THE MOTION.

VOTING AS FOLLOWS:

COUNCIL MEMBER:	VOTE:
WILCOX	AYE
FOWERS	AYE
HILL	AYE
NORTHROP	AYE
MARIGONI	AYE
MOTION PASSED.	

b. <u>Proposal to increase wages for elective and statutory officers.</u>
 Cami explained what the new wages would be for City Council, Mayor, and Planning Commission.

COUNCIL MEMBER HILL MOTIONED TO MOVE INTO A PUBLIC HEARING. COUNCIL MEMBER MARIGONI SECONDED THE MOTION. VOTING AS FOLLOWS:

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

MARIGONI AYE MOTION PASSED.

No Public Comments.

COUNCIL MEMBER HILL MOTIONED TO MOVE INTO REGULAR MEETING. COUNCIL MEMBER WILCOX SECONDED THE MOTION. VOTING AS

FOLLOWS:

COUNCIL MEMBER:
WILCOX
FOWERS
AYE
HILL
NORTHROP
MARIGONI
MOTION PASSED.

8. Action Items.

a. Motion – (roll call vote)- Approval of Resolution No. R-2025-01, Amending the budget for fiscal year 2024-2025.

Council Member Fowers brings up that there were some funds that were spent that they were not aware of.

COUNCIL MEMBER NORTHROP MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION NO. R-2025-01, AMENDING THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024*-2025. COUNCIL MEMBER HILL SECONDED THE MOTION. VOTING AS FOLLOWS:

COUNCIL MEMBER:VOTE:WILCOXAYEFOWERSNAYHILLAYENORTHROPAYEMARIGONINAY

MOTION APPROVED.

b. Motion – (roll call vote) Approval for wage increases for elective and statutory officers.

COUNCIL MEMBER HILL MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE WAGE INCREASE FOR ELECTIVE AND STATUTORY OFFICERS. COUNCIL MEMBER NORTHROP SECONDED THE MOTION. VOTING AS FOLLOWS:

COUNCIL MEMBER:
WILCOX
FOWERS
NAY
HILL
NORTHROP
MARIGONI
MOTION PASSED.

c. <u>Motion(Roll call vote)</u>: Approval of Resolution No. R-2025-02, Approving the certified tax rate .000280.

COUNCIL MEMBER HILL MOTIONED TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. R-2025-02, APPROVING THE CERTIFIED TAX RATE .000280. COUNCIL MEMBER FOWERS SECONDED THE MOTION. VOTING AS FOLLOWS:

COUNCIL MEMBER:VOTE:WILCOXAYEFOWERSAYEHILLAYENORTHROPAYEMARIGONIAYE

MOTION PASSED.

d. Motion(Roll call vote): Resolution No. 2025-03; Approving the 2025-2026 budget.

Council Member Wilcox had a discussion on having Council Member Hill a signer on all checks. Cami explained that it would need to be done with an ordinance. Council wants the ordinance on the next city council meeting in July.

COUNCIL MEMBER NORTHROP MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION NO. 2025-03, APPROVING THE 2025-2026 BUDGET. COUNCIL MEMBER HILL SECONDED THE MOTION. VOTING AS FOLLOWS:

COUNCIL MEMBER:
WILCOX
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MOTION PASSED.

9. Public Comment:

Lori Brinkerhoff – Hooper Resident

Lori praised the council for grants funding playground improvements, pickleball, tables, and lights.

Natalie Zuech- Hooper Resident

Natalie expressed concern that the mayor was overriding council members' opinions, urging them to follow their initial instincts and listen to residents opposing the Smith's project.

10. Adjournment

AT APPROXIMATELY 8:29 PM COUNCIL MEMBER NORTHROP MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. COUNCIL MEMBER MARIGONI SECONDED THE MOTION. VOTING AS FOLLOWS:

COUNCIL MEMBER:	VOTE:
WILCOX	AYE
FOWERS	AYE
HILL	AYE
NORTHROP	AYE
MARIGONI	AYE

MOTION PASSED.

Date Approved:	
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Jamee Johnston, Deputy City Recorder

