



**HOOPER CITY  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2025 6:00PM  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
5580 W. 4600 S.  
Hooper, UT 84315**

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The Hooper City Council held a meeting at 6:00pm on February 25, 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- ZOOM  
Lisa Northrop – City Council  
Ryan Hill – City Council

COUNCIL MEMBERS EXCUSED:

CITY STAFF & PLANNING COMMISSION PRESENT:

Morghan Yeoman – City Recorder  
Malcolm Jenkins- City Planner

**6:00PM MEETING**

1. Meeting Called to Order – Mayor Bingham

At 6:00 pm Mayor Sheri Bingham called the meeting to order.

2. Opening Ceremony

a. Pledge of Allegiance

Council Member Ryan Hill led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

b. Reverence

Council Member Dale Fowers offered reverence.

*Mayor Bingham Excused Debra Marigoni for being on zoom and gone from having surgery.*

3. Upcoming Events

4. Consent Items

5. Discussion Items, Reports, and/or Presentations

6. Public Hearings:

7. Action Items.a. Motion – Shifting of Mayoral Powers.

Mayor Bingham explained that we will not allow clapping and cheering.

Mayor Bingham explained the history of Hooper and the past mayors. Mayor Bingham explained some of the points on what is being discussed in the ordinance that will be talked about during the meeting. Mayor Bingham explained that the city does not have a city manager, which then gives the mayor the responsibility to do so. Mayor Bingham read off considerations of modifications to administrative prepared by LAA (Local administrative Advisor).

Council Member Wilcox explained that this discussion was not made lightly. Council Member Bryce Wilcox explained that we were all elected and expressed his concerns about what is not being done by the mayor. Council Member Bryce Wilcox explained that they have been stopped several times in meetings that their frustration level has exceeded. Council Member Wilcox expressed if concerns have not been met, he would like to discuss them. Council Member Bryce Wilcox stated that he will stand up for what is right.

Mayor Sheri Bingham gave comments to Council Member Wilcox statement. Council Member Wilcox agreed that there needs to be better communication. Council Member Wilcox agreed that the citizens deserve better. Council Member Wilcox agreed to sit down and listen to the council that it not only pertains to herself, but it pertains to the city as well.

Council Member Dale Fowers gave the same expressions as Council Member Wilcox. Council Member Fowers talks about the hiring of employees and that those positions were not reviewed with the Council. Council Member Fowers talked about the budget and his concern about it. Council Member Fowers also stated his concern about the audit- that he filled out a paper during the audit and thought that he would be contacted about his concerns that he had.

Mayor Bingham addressed Council Member Fowers concerns. Mayor Bingham explained that she also had concerns with the budget and filled out the document and has also not been addressed. Mayor Bingham explained that she can address these concerns with our treasurer. Mayor Bingham explained the hiring of employees and what was beneficial.

Council Member Northrop had no idea about the engineer position leaving and the hiring of the deputy recorder and city planner. Mayor Bingham agreed

with her suggestion and apologized for not communicating with them when they left.

Council Member Dale Fowers asked about the legal services and explained that the attorneys have been a part of Hooper since the beginning. Council Member Fowers explained that they were given a letter after the last city council meeting, February 20, 2025 and now are let go. It was then advertised that we were hiring for a new attorney. Council Member Fowers expressed that he feels that the RFP was directed to be the mayor's attorney and not the city attorney.

Mayor Bingham addressed City Council Fowers questions and explained that the city received a letter from the state on December 20, 2023, wanting to collect the attorney's contract, which we do not have. Mayor Bingham explained that for the city to be paying for legal services there would need to be a contract. Mayor Bingham explained to the attorneys that with no legal contract, she was not aware of what they were offering. Mayor Bingham also explained that she reached out to LAA to get an RFP going and that the RFPs will be open until March 5, then voted on March 20.

Council Member Fowers talked about the language that was in the RFP and explained that he has never contacted the attorneys until January of 2024, and explained why. Mayor Bingham talked about the wording that Council Member Wilcox was concerned about.

Council Member Lisa Northrop asked if there should have been a contract with the attorneys since being notified since last May/June 2024. Mayor Bingham commented on Council Member Northrop's questions.

Council Member Debra Marigoni does not remember discussing the contract with the Attorney and explained that they know the city very well and it is foolish for firing them. Mayor Bingham talked on Council Member Marigoni's comment.

Mayor Bingham expressed that she would like unbiased legal counsel. Council Member Fowers asked if the mayor feels that the attorneys were unbiased. Mayor Bingham addressed Council Member Fowers question and that all Mayor Bingham wants is legal advice and not personal advice.

Discussion between Council Member Fowers and Mayor Bingham on legal counsel that was received from the attorneys. Mayor Bingham gave an explanation. Council Member Fowers questioned if the attorneys were fired

based on being biased. Mayor Bingham clarified that she put out a RFP due to not having a contract.

Council Member Northrup asked why they couldn't cover the time until the RFP was completed. Council Member Marigoni questioned the process of when she fired them during the RFP process and the timing seemed suspicious. Mayor Bingham states they can enter into an interim with attorneys.

Council Member Marigoni thinks we should take care of the interim with the previous city attorneys and talked about the experience our previous attorneys had. Mayor Bingham stated that Madison Aviles from WFRC is working on writing an interim. Council Member Marigoni asked for the RFP to be dropped and retain the previous attorneys.

Council Member Ryan Hill thanked the public for being there and their passion for Hooper. Council Member Hill talked about the elections that took place in (2023). Council Member Hill explained that this division has never happened before and explained that with the family relations it has become divided. Council Member Hill asked for the family relations to stop. Council Member Hill discussed that himself and the mayor have sat numerous times to discuss what to do between the council and explained that there is a division created between the city. Council member Hill gave an explanation that there needs to be a communication between Council Member Dale Fowers and Mayor Sheri Bingham's family or they both need to resign. (cheering)

Mayor Bingham asked to do a closed-door meeting and that she would take the fire darts. Mayor Bingham stated that she was told by the legal counsel that we are not at the point of having a closed-door meeting, but she feels that we are at that point. Mayor Bingham also stated she never wanted there to be a division and explains her reasoning for running for mayor. Mayor Bingham would like to move on and that she can handle it and spoke on the love of the community.

Council Member Marigoni stated that she worried that city council will be ignored and that the mayor will go back on her word and also that she feels that there needs to be a change.

**a. Motion – Shifting of Mayoral Powers**

Council Member Hill explained that he would like to table the Ordinance and investigate it in 3 months' time, June 5, 2025. With a closed-door meeting needing to be scheduled.

Council Member Bryce Wilcox discussed his amendment to the motion to remove assignment from the mayor with the ability to hire and fire employees, which will allow the city council to retract the RFP and retract the firing of the attorneys.

**COUNCIL MEMBER HILL MOTIONED TO TABLE THE SHIFTING OF MAYORAL POWERS UNTIL THREE MONTHS DATED JUNE 5, 2025. FOLLOWING A CLOSED-DOOR MEETING. COUNCIL MEMBER NORTHROP SECONDED THE MOTION. VOTING AS FOLLOWS:**

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

- b. Motion: Rescinding of Unilateral Letter to Legal Council dated February 21, 2025.

Mayor Bingham explained that we can have an interim.

**COUNCIL MEMBER HILL MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE RESCINDING OF THE UNILATERAL LETTER TO LEGAL COUNSEL DATED FEBRUARY 21, 2025, WITH A WRITTEN APPOLOGY TO THE BOTH OF THEM AS WELL AS MAKE THEM THE INTERIM LEGAL COUNSEL EFFECTIVE IMMEDIANTLEY UNTIL THE COUNCIL CAN**

**DRAFT A RFP THAT ALL COUNCIL AGREE UPON.  
COUNCIL MEMBER WILCOX SECONDED THE  
MOTION. VOTING AS FOLLOWS:**

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

**MOTION PASSED.**

c. Motion: Rescinding of RFP for Legal Services.

**COUNCIL MEMBER HILL MOTIONED TO RESCIND  
THE CURRENT RFP FOR LEGAL SERVICES AND  
EDIT THE RFP WITH ALL 6 COUNCIL MEMEBERS  
IN AGREEMENT WITH THE RFP AND REPOST IT.  
COUNCIL MEMBER MARIGONI SECONDED THE  
MOTION. VOTING AS FOLLOWS:**

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

**MOTION PASSED.**

d. Discussion/Motion – Planning Commission Issues

**i. Selection of Terms**

Mayor Bingham explains that this should be in the direction of the Planning Commission. Council Member Hill explained the process of planning commission quorum going from 5 to 7 and also spoke about the staggering of terms. Council Member Hill explained that this will be done with a ballot between the

council and the votes will be presented by the City Recorder at the next Planning Commission meeting.

**ii. Reorganization of Commission Chair and Vice Chair**

Council Member Hill feels that this needs to be done at the Planning Commission meeting.

**iii. Agenda Process**

Council Member Hill would like the planning commissioners to have the ability to add items to the agenda.

**iv. Additional Meetings**

Council Member Hill feels that the Planning Commission are able to hold any additional meetings if needed.

No motion needed.

8. Citizen Comment

John McDonald- Hooper Resident

Talks about the parks and letting the kids come and do their sports he loves seeing kid playing in the parks. John McDonald asked about the barbed wire and would like to see it come down. Also, talks about doing a kid crossing by the elementary school.

Brent Oldenwalder- Hooper Resident

Asked what they can do to have public comment back on the first part of the agenda.

Sam Bartling-

thanked Council Member Hill for his comments. Sam Bartling explained that he is on Sunset council and thanked Council Member Hill for his courage. Also discussed the public comment at the first of the agenda.

Brad Beus- Hooper Resident

thanked Council Member Hill for his comments. Asked for everyone to love one another.

Kristen Craig- Hooper Resident

Kristen Craig explained that she is new to the meetings and thanked the council for how the meeting remained professional. Kristen Craig also asked how to get notified for the meetings.

Gina Tomland- Hooper Resident

Gina states she is new to the community. Gina felt extremely welcome. Gina also thanked Council Member Hill for his comments. Gina doesn't want the community affected with sibling relationships.

Matt Molleck – Hooper Resident

Matt was very active in meetings but felt that he was not being listened too, so he stopped coming. Matt asked the community to attend more meetings.

Marsha Warwood- Hooper Resident

Marsha thanked the city council for working things out. Marsha asked when they come to a conclusion that they are clear on definitions on duties of the Council Members.

Laurie Sharbutt-Wilcox – Hooper Resident

Laurie announced the public hearing for March 6, 2025, for the drug and alcohol treatment facility. Laurie asked for the council to work together and thanked Council Member Hill for what he said.

9. Adjournment

**AT APPROXIMATELY 7:47 PM COUNCIL MEMBER NORTHROP MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. COUNCIL MEMBER MARIGONI SECONDED THE MOTION. VOTING AS FOLLOWS:**

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

**MOTION PASSED.**

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Date Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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Jamee Johnston, Deputy City Recorder