



HOOPER CITY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 2026 7:00PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
5580 W. 4600 S.
Hooper, UT 84315

The Hooper City Council held a work session at 5:00pm and a work meeting following. With their regular meeting at 7pm on January 22, 2026, 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
Larry Ropelato – City Council
Ray Hancock – City Council
David Craig – City Council - ZOOM

COUNCIL MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Ryan Hill – City Council

CITY STAFF & PLANNING COMMISSION PRESENT:

Darren Curtis – City Attorney
Morghan Yeoman – City Recorder
Malcolm Jenkins- City Planner
Sherriff Hawes- Weber County Sheriff

5:00PM WORK SESSION – Cody Deeter; Economic Development Policy

1. Cody Deeter and Rob Sant; presented on Economic Development Policy and the tools available to Utah cities with focus on Community Reinvestment Areas and Tax Increment Financing. City council discussed the handout with Cody Deeter and Rob Sant.

6:00PM WORK MEETING

1. Discussion on Agenda Items
At 6:00pm the City Council held a work meeting where agenda items were discussed, City Council assignments, HCC 1-1-4, Planning Commission, Proclamation for Just serve, 2026 City Council schedule, and Economic Development Policy.

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 Hancock led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

b. Reverence

Council Member Fowers offered reverence.

3. Upcoming Events

- a) Mayor Bingham announced the Weber Fire District Station coming to Hooper at 5404 W 5500 S.

4. Public Comments

Mayor Sheri Bingham – Hooper Resident

Sheri gave a statement of what she was given at training.

Bryce Wilcox – Hooper Resident

Bryce questioned about Tomato Jam possibly getting cancelled. Bryce explained the Tomato Jam and explained the variety of people that participate each time. Also brought up the proposal to change the Planning Commission Ordinance and spoke on the knowledge of Planning Commissioner Amanda Prince.

Blake Cevering- Hooper Resident

Blake also questioned why they are revisiting the Planning Commission Ordinance.

Nicolle Brown – Hooper Resident

Nicolle recommended the council to keep the 7 members planning commission.

Nicolle gave opinions on why it is important.

Brian Murrah – Hooper Resident

Brian talks about there is no place for drama in the workplace. Brian talked about what the planning commission has done and does not agree with it and asked for the Mayor to have a chance to serve the community.

5. Consent Items

- a) Motion- Approval of Minutes dated December 18, 2025

With no changes. Council Member Fowers spoke on the Planning Commission motion and wanted to mention the discussion and motion.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROPELATO MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES DATED DECEMBER 18, 2025, WITH NO CHANGES. COUNCIL MEMBER

CRAIG SECONDED THE MOTION. VOTING AS FOLLOWS:

<u>COUNCIL MEMBER:</u>	<u>VOTE:</u>
FOWERS	AYE
ROPELATO	AYE
HANCOCK	AYE
CRAIG	AYE

MOTION PASSED.

6. Public Hearings

None

7. Discussion Items, Reports, and/or Presentations:

None

8. Action Items.

a. Motion: Approval of Cody Deeter contact.

Mayor Bingham explained what the Economic Development Policy contract would be for. Council Member Ropelato and Hancock feel that this would be beneficial. Council Member Craig explains why it feels important for them as council to have them done.

COUNCIL MEMBER CRAIG MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE CODY DEETER CONTRACT FOR THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT POLICY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2500.00. COUNCIL MEMBER HANCOCK SECONDED THE MOTION. VOTING AS FOLLOWS:

<u>COUNCIL MEMBER:</u>	<u>VOTE:</u>
FOWERS	AYE
ROPELATO	AYE
HANCOCK	AYE
CRAIG	AYE

MOTION PASSED.

b. Discussion/Motion: Approval of Proclamation for Just Serve.

Mayor Bingham explained the Proclamation for Just Serve and read some of the proclamation out loud.

COUNCIL MEMBER HANCOCK MOTIONED TO

APPROVE THE PROCLAMATION FOR JUST SERVE.ORG. COUNCIL MEMBER ROPELATO SECONDED THE MOTION. VOTING AS FOLLOWS:

<u>COUNCIL MEMBER:</u>	<u>VOTE:</u>
FOWERS	AYE
ROPELATO	AYE
HANCOCK	AYE
CRAIG	AYE

MOTION PASSED. (ROLL CALL VOTE)

- c. Discussion/Possible Motion: Riverdale Senior Center lunch vouchers.
 Mayor Bingham explained that Riverdale City had reached out and asked for Hooper City to contribute funds for the Hooper City Residents that attend. We currently have 19 residents attending. Mayor Bingham explained that it would be \$60 a year for non-residents to attend. Riverdale City is asking Hooper to participate in the voucher program for our residents that it would only make the fee for them \$30 then the city would cover the cost of \$30. Council would like to table this conversation until they have more information and to create an interlocal agreement.

No motion was made.

- d. Discussion/Possible Motion: Approval of sidewalk waiver for Standing Park Subdivision.
 Malcolm gave explanation to council about the sidewalk waiver. Malcolm explained that in our code it is allowed for a waiver with the recommendation from the Planning Commission. Council Member David Craig asked if there was any legal recommendation on this. Attorney Curtis says it is legal and can be done. Discussion between council and Malcolm about sidewalk on 6450 W both east and west. Council Member Larry Ropelato asked about the open ditch on the north side of property. David Webster confirmed that it is 60ft.

COUNCIL MEMBER CRAIG MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE SIDEWALK WAIVER FOR STANDING PARK SUBDIVISION. COUNCIL MEMBER FOWERS SECONDED THE MOTION. VOTING AS FOLLOWS:

<u>COUNCIL MEMBER:</u>	<u>VOTE:</u>
FOWERS	AYE
ROPELATO	AYE

HANCOCK **AYE**
CRAIG **AYE**
MOTION PASSED.

- e. Discussion/Possible Motion: Approval of Ordinance O-2026-01; Pertaining to the Appointment and terms of office for the Planning Commission.

Council Member David Craig gave a comment on the time and efforts that the Planning Commission give to the city and spoke on the struggles on having a quorum for each meeting. Council Member Dale Fowers spoke and read some comments that he had received from residents (Travis Bates and Korry Green) as well as Council Member Ryan Hill. Discussion between council on their thoughts of going from 7 members to 5 members.

Council Member Fowers Motioned to Table the approval of Ordinance O-2026-01 until Council Member Hill returned for further discussion and clarity. No Second. Motion Failed.

COUNCIL MEMBER CRAIG MOTIONED TO APPROVE ORDINANCE O-2026-01 PERTAINING TO THE APPOINTMENT AND TERMS OF OFFICE FOR THE PLANNING COMMISSION, WITH MODIFIED LANGUAGE TO PROVIDE FOR FIVE MEMEBERS WITH ONE ALTERNATE. COUNCIL MEMBER ROPELATO SECONDED THE MOTION. VOTING AS FOLLOWS:

<u>COUNCIL MEMBER:</u>	<u>VOTE:</u>
BINGHAM	AYE
FOWERS	AYE
ROPELATO	AYE
HANCOCK	AYE
CRAIG	AYE

MOTION PASSED. (ROLL CALL VOTE)

- 9. Possible Closed Meeting
 Concerning Pending and Threatened Litigation; Pending of Real Property; Development of Security Personnel, Devices, or Systems and/or Character, Professional Competence, or Physical or Mental Health of One or More Individuals.

COUNCIL MEMBER CRAIG MOTIONED TO MOVE

TO A CLOSED-DOOR MEETING. COUNCIL MEMBER HANCOCK SECONDED THE MOTION. VOTING AS FOLLOWS:

<u>COUNCIL MEMBER:</u>	<u>VOTE:</u>
FOWERS	AYE
ROPELATO	AYE
HANCOCK	AYE
CRAIG	AYE

MOTION PASSED.

COUNCIL MEMBER FOWERS MOTIONED TO MOVE TO REGULAR MEETING. COUNCIL MEMBER ROPELATO SECONDED THE MOTION. VOTING AS FOLLOWS:

<u>COUNCIL MEMBER:</u>	<u>VOTE:</u>
FOWERS	AYE
ROPELATO	AYE
HANCOCK	AYE
CRAIG	AYE

MOTION PASSED.

10. Adjournment

AT APPROXIMATELY 9:17 PM COUNCIL MEMBER CRAIG MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. COUNCIL MEMBER FOWERS SECONDED THE MOTION. VOTING AS FOLLOWS:

<u>COUNCIL MEMBER:</u>	<u>VOTE:</u>
FOWERS	AYE
ROPELATO	AYE
HANCOCK	AYE
CRAIG	AYE

MOTION PASSED.

Date Approved: _____

Jamee Johnston, Deputy City Recorder

APPROVED