



**HOOPER CITY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2023, 7:00PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
5580 W. 4600 S.
Hooper, UT 84315**

The Hooper City Council held a work meeting at 6:30pm and their regular meeting at 7pm on March 16, 2023, at the Hooper City Civic Center located at 5580 W. 4600 S, Hooper, UT 84315.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

Cindy Cox – Mayor Pro Tem

Dale Fowers – Mayor

Ryan Hill

Debra Marigoni

Lisa Northrop

Bryce Wilcox

CITY STAFF & PLANNING COMMISSION PRESENT:

Morghan Yeoman – City Recorder

Reed Richards - Attorney

COUNCIL MEMBERS

EXCUSED:

AUDIENCE PRESENT:

See attached list.

6:30PM WORK MEETING

1. Discussion on Agenda Items

At 6:30pm the City Council held a work meeting where agenda items were discussed.

7:00PM REGULAR MEETING

1. Meeting Called to Order – Mayor Dale Fowers

At 7:00pm Mayor Dale Fowers called the meeting to order.

2. Opening Ceremony

a. Pledge of Allegiance

Council Member Wilcox led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

b. Reverence

Council Member Cox offered reverence.

3. Citizen Comment(s) on Agenda Items

(Residents attending this meeting were allotted 3 minutes to express a concern or question about any issue that was ON THE AGENDA)

Mayor Fowers asked that we take the public comments for the Agenda Items when discussing the action items.

4. Consent Itemsa. Motion – Approval of Minutes dated March 2, 2023

**COUNCIL MEMBER COX MOVED TO APPROVE
THE MINUTES DATED MARCH 2, 2023. COUNCIL
MEMBER MARIGONI SECONDED THE MOTION.
VOTING AS FOLLOWS:**

COUNCIL MEMBER:**VOTE:****COX****AYE****HILL****AYE****MARIGONI****AYE****NORTHROP****AYE****WILCOX****AYE****MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**5. Declarations on conflicts of interest or disclosures by council members

There were no declarations of conflicts of interest or disclosures by council members.

6. Discussion Items, Reports, and/or Presentationsa. VIP Service Presentation

- i. Sargant Greenhalgh gave presentation of what the program consists of. Gave the council members each a handout (available in office) to review. He explained the recruitment and how to get stated. Sargant Greenhalgh also explained that the volunteers are trained once a month and provided the dates.

b. Audit Presentation for Fiscal Year 2022

- i. Ron Stuart explained what he does as an Auditor and what their 3 step process looks like. Assured the council members that they do multiple testing of financial statements that are correct and finding any minor or major finance issues.
- ii. Cami Moss from Child Richards CPA & Advisors reviewed the Financials with the council.

COUNCIL MEMBER WILCOX MOVED TO ACCEPT THE AUDIT PRESENTATION FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022. COUNCIL MEMBER COX SECONDED. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:

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

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. Action Items

a. Motion – Rocky Mountain Franchise Tax

Mayor Fowers explained what the Franchise Tax will entail and called it the “Energy Tax”. Gave us an example of the year 2022, Hooper City annual revenue of \$4,008,790.37 with the 6% tax equaling out to \$240,527.42 for Hooper City to collect. This includes no internal tax of administrative fees. Council Member Cox asked Mayor Fowers if we have property tax. Mayor Fowers confirmed, no.

Council Member Marigoni explained that with no property tax, we don’t generate as big as revenue and this could help Hooper City. Council Member Northrop asked if we had to start out at 6%, Mayor Fowers explained that the 6% is the highest we can go. Council Member Hill stressed his concern about starting out at 6% and where would the money that would be used. Mayor Fowers explained where the money could be used and be helpful toward the city. Council Member Northrop stressed her concern with the community needing to know where it will be used.

Cami Moss from Child Richards : CPA & Advisors took the chance to explain where money has been taken from and move things around in Fiscal Year 2022 to make ends meet. Tereasa Chugg, finance manager, explained how funds move to the following year.

PUBLIC COMMENT OPEN

Tracy Wallace located at 4718 W 5100 S talked about inflation and not thinking this would be a good time to do this and why start at 6%.

Kyle Blackburn located at 5925 S 4400 W agrees with Tracy Wallace and wanting to start with a smaller percentage. Asked to vote as a community.

Council Member Cox explained that the inflation is also hitting the city.

Council Member Wilcox explained that we need to get revenue somewhere and this would be less painful.

COUNCIL MEMBER COX MOVED TO WRITE AN ORDINANCE TO IMPLEMENT A FRANCHISE TAX FROM ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER AND THE ENERGY TAX WITH THE PERCENT TO BE DETERMINED AT THE TIME WHEN PASSING THE ORDINANCE. COUNCIL MEMBER MARIGONI SECONDED. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS:

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8. Public Comments on items not on the agenda.

Kyle Ashby located at 5916 S 4400 W discussed the farm property on 6000 S. Talked about the concerns and wanting to be put on the agenda for City Council meetings to get the attention it deserves.

Tracy Wallace located at 4718 W 5100 S asked about getting notifications and mentioned that she has not been notified. Asked how the city can be more involved.

Bruce Taylor located 4745 W 5100 S talked about a home next door to him, referring it to the 'party house'. Stressed his concern about the water well and the noise it is causing.

PUBLIC COMMENT CLOSED

Council Member Wilcox asked about the notifications and where to get signed up to get those notifications.

- i. Where to get signed up for notifications: You will want to go onto the state website (<https://www.utah.gov/pmn/>), scroll down to section *Browse for Notices* , Enter in the following-
 - a. Government Type: Municipality
 - b. Entity Type: Hooper
 - c. Public Body: Click on which one you would like to be notified on. Keep in mind that you will have to do this to each one you want to receive notifications on.
 - i. You will want to click on a date, it will then take you in to be able to *Subscribe to Public Body*.

Council Member Hill asked if there is a noise ordinance for Hooper water to be operating 24/7. Mayor Fowers explained that the permit is through the state. Council Member Cox explained that they should be done drilling by now and should have their equipment removed.

Council Member Hill explained that there is a Party Ordinance that we passed and can be enforced toward the 'party house' which is owned by Hooper Water. Bruce Taylor from the audience stated that the Sheriff's Department has been helpful and has stopped the noise when called out.

9. Adjournment

**AT APPROXIMATELY 8:32 PM COUNCIL MEMBER HILL
MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. COUNCIL MEMBER
COX SECONDED THE MOTION. VOTING AS FOLLOWS:**

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

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Date Approved: _____

Morghan Yeoman, City Recorder