



**HOOPER CITY  
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2026 6:00PM  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
5580 W. 4600 S.  
Hooper, UT 84315**

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The Hooper City Council held a special meeting at 6pm on January 27, 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  
Ryan Hill – City Council  
Larry Ropelato – City Council  
Ray Hancock – City Council

COUNCIL MEMBERS EXCUSED:

David Craig – City Council

CITY STAFF & PLANNING COMMISSION PRESENT:

Darren Curtis – City Attorney  
Morghan Yeoman – City Recorder  
Cami Moss – City Treasurer  
Jared Hancock – Public Works Director

**6:00PM SPECIAL BUDGET MEETING**

1. Meeting Called to Order – Mayor Bingham

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

**COUNCIL MEMBER ROPELATO MOTIONED TO  
OPEN UP TO PUBLIC COMMENT. COUNCIL  
MEMBER HANCOCK SECONDED THE MOTION.  
VOTING AS FOLLOWS:**

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

**MOTION PASSED.**

## 2. Public Comments:

Natalie Zuech - Hooper Resident

Natalie requested that the council explain the reasons for removing Planning Commission members Amanda Prince and Sheldon Greener in detail so the public could comment.

Amber Kelso – Hooper Resident

Amber read a prepared statement defending Commissioners Prince and Greener, highlighting their dedication, thoroughness, and commitment. Amber noted Prince lost her election by only 49 votes and was very committed. Amber also spoke on Greener that he was levelheaded. Amber suggested the removal of the planning commissioners appeared retaliatory and urged council to reconsider.

Brent Odenwalder – Hooper Resident

Brent requested that public comment be included as a standard item on every meeting agenda going forward. Brent described the proposed removals as retaliatory and a purge and stated that Prince and Greener were highly qualified and urged the council to reconsider in the interest of unifying Hooper.

Staci Judkins – Hooper Resident

Staci questioned placing the removal motion on a budget meeting agenda and the late posting of the agenda. Staci suggested the timing and approach appeared retaliatory and reinforced concerns about predetermined outcomes rather than transparent leadership. Staci requested that the item be moved to a future meeting for adequate public notice and input.

Keith Lawson - Hooper Resident

Keith asked three questions Why these people? Why now? And Why this way?

Gene Larsen – Hooper Resident

Gene supported the change and stated that he had been appointed to a one-year term ending December 31, 2025. Gene expressed that change is needed to start fresh.

Jake Kelso – Hooper Resident

Jake asked if the new council understood their new role. Jake emphasized checks and balances rather than following the mayor's preferences. Jake

stated the decision lacked support from at least four Planning commissioners and two long serving council members and described the removals as unfortunate given Prince's and Greener's long term involvement.

Andrew Warwood – Hooper Resident

Andrew raised a separate concern about speed limit enforcement on 5500 S and 4700 S, noting inconsistent enforcement, tailgating, and differences with West Haven's portions of the road. Andrew suggested revisiting the speed limits and coordinating with West Haven.

Mayor Sheri Bingham stated that there is index cards on the table for those with questions and that they can be addressed to specific council members to be answered.

Council Member Fowers read off emails received from the public.

Pat Grieco – Hooper Resident

Pat spoke about in his statement the dedication and experience commissioner Prince and Greener have and questioned if anyone has experience on the planning commission now. Pat stated his disappointment that they couldn't get past the personal issues for the benefit of the city.

Blake Cevering – Hooper Resident

Blake spoke on the reasoning behind the removal of Planning Commissioners Prince and Greener if it was really about their terms limit then he should have been on the chopping block as well and does not believe that is the reason for the removal.

### 3. Action Items.

- a. Motion: Approval of the removal of Planning Commission Member; Amanda Prince and Sheldon Greener.

Council Member Ryan Hill spoke on how this meeting should have been a Budget meeting and asked the urgency. Council Member Hill questioned the date of the ordinance stating it took place right after vote of Thursdays meeting. Hill also questioned removing two commissioners would drop it to 4 which contradicts a recent agreement. Council Member Hill stated the timeline of previous meeting votes and stated his disapproval of council members contacting planning commissioners asking to resign privately and strongly advised not to speak for the entire council.

Council Member Fowers commented that after the closed door meeting a decision was made to vote planning commissioners off.

Council Member Hancock commented on Council Member Craig being accused of events. Craig stated that there is a need for a functioning planning commission.

Council Member Ropelato commented that he does not believe that planning commission can work together.

**COUNCIL MEMBER ROPELATO MOTIONED TO REMOVE PLANNING COMMISSIONERS AMANDA PRINCE AND SHELDON GREENER. COUNCIL MEMBER HANCOCK SECONDED THE MOTION.**

**VOTING AS FOLLOWS:**

<b><u>COUNCIL MEMBER:</u></b>	<b><u>VOTE:</u></b>
HILL	NAY
FOWERS	NAY
ROPELATO	AYE
HANCOCK	AYE
BINGHAM	AYE

**MOTION PASSED. (ROLL CALL)**

4. Discussion:

a. FY 27 Budget

Cami Moss, the city treasurer, Council, and staff held a discussion of the FY27 budget. Cami Moss, the city treasurer, presented an overview of key funds including the general fund, the road, sewer, storm water, and capital project funds. Cami presented summary sheets showing revenues, expenditures, percentages collected, and year-to-date progress.

5. Adjournment

**AT APPROXIMATELY 8:08 PM COUNCIL MEMBER ROPELATO MOVED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. COUNCIL MEMBER FOWERS SECONDED THE MOTION. VOTING AS FOLLOWS:**

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

**ROPELATO**  
**HANCOCK**  
**MOTION PASSED.**

**AYE**  
**AYE**

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

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Jamee Johnston, Deputy City Recorder

APPROVED