

1 **FILLMORE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

2 September 2, 2025

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4 *Minutes of the regular meeting of the Fillmore City Council held September 2, 2025 in the Council*
5 *Chambers of the Fillmore City Building. Notice of the time and place of the meeting was posted on the*
6 *Utah State Public Notice website, the Fillmore City website, the Council Chambers, the City Office*
7 *bulletin board, and the President Millard Fillmore Library. Notice was also provided to the Chronicle-*
8 *Progress, radio station KMTI and each member of the governing body on August 29, 2025.*
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10 Those present were:

11 Mayor: Michael D. Holt Council: Curt Hare
12 Attorney: Payton Harris Kyle Stevens
13 Staff: Kevin Orton & Wayne Jackson Eugene R. Larsen
14 Michael B. Winget
15 Dennis W. Alldredge
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17 Others present were: Dan Rowley, Abby Ivory, Larry Edwards, Donna Starley, Mike Hare,
18 Christine Rasmussen, Dallas Griffith, and John Iverson.

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20 6:30 p.m. Welcome by Mayor Holt and pledge of allegiance.
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23 **ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS**

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25 Minutes

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27 MOTION: To accept the meeting minutes from the August 19, 2025 council
28 meeting, as corrected.
29 By: Councilmember Larsen
30 Second: Councilmember Alldredge
31 Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.
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33 Payroll and Bills

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35 MOTION: To approve the payment of bills listed on the invoice register dated
36 August 20, 2025 – September 2, 2025 and payroll dated August 31,
37 2025.
38 By: Councilmember Hare
39 Second: Councilmember Larsen
40 Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.
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42 Purchase Order

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44 MOTION: To approve Purchase Order 26-05 payable to Ascent Aviation Group,
45 Inc. in the amount of \$18,967.13 for purchase of 100LL aviation
46 gasoline.
47 By: Councilmember Winget
48 Second: Councilmember Larsen

49 Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

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51 Licenses and Permits

- 52 • Building Permit Application 25-22 for Andrew Peterson located at 185 South State
- 53 Street, Suite 800 for relocation of a light pole and chain link fence.
- 54 • Building Permit Application 25-30 for Daniel Wardle located at 250 North Main Street
- 55 for a wood frame addition to the existing Filly’s Carhop location.
- 56 • Building Permit Application 25-42 for Ralph & Christy Myers located at 360 North 400
- 57 West for construction of a new storage shed.
- 58 • Building Permit Application 25-43 for Robert Ashman located at 135 West 400 North
- 59 for construction of a new storage shed.
- 60 • Building Permit Application 25-44 for Liberty Wittusen located at 165 East Canyon
- 61 Road for shingle replacement on an existing home.

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COMMUNICATIONS AND REQUESTS

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66 Fillmore City Strategic Plan, Rural Economic Blueprint – August Granath (EDCUtah)

67 Mr. Granath presented the recently drafted Fillmore City Strategic Plan and Rural Economic
68 Blueprint. This plan was put into place to allow Fillmore City to receive free economic
69 development planning provided by the State. The sum total of information provided by a small
70 survey taken in Fillmore is what provided the information in the plan. The intention of the
71 plan is to provide what an ideal economic future plan for Fillmore would look like. One
72 important weakness identified is that “although homeownership is a strong indicator of
73 household wealth and therefore economic health, it was noted time and time again that there is
74 a lack of affordable and/or available housing supply for those new to the market. This limits
75 the ability to attract and retain workforce and grow the economy from within.” One important
76 opportunity that was pointed out is that “there is the potential that leveraging Fillmore’s
77 proximity to I-15, local history, and outdoor recreation opportunities via public investments
78 (convention/events center, sport fields, and/or local events etc.) could yield an increase in
79 private business revenue and public tax dollars.” One ideal vision for a future economy is that
80 “there was a consistently communicated desire for Fillmore to balance the need for reasonable
81 growth with the goal for the community to retain its rural small town charm.” One part of the
82 action plan included the encouragement of creating a chamber of commerce that will promote
83 and encourage the economic growth of existing businesses. Another part of the action plan is
84 to advocate for the expansion of higher education and trade training opportunities within
85 Fillmore. The next step in this process is to write and finalize the Blueprint, and then to bring
86 it to the city council for final review and ratification.

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88 Councilmember Hare reiterated the fact that many local businesses struggle to find people to
89 employ for their businesses.

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91 Abby Ivory of R6 expressed appreciation to Mr. Granath for completing this project. The same
92 project was recently completed for another Utah city and they paid \$50,000 for it.

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95 Ms. Ivory stated that she is working with UIPA (Utah Inland Port Authority) and with the city
96 to discuss possible economic development opportunities for Fillmore. Councilmember
97 Alldredge expressed a concern that UIPA can expand Fillmore’s inland port area (Historic
98 Capitol) to other parts of Millard County. The inland port area was originally established
99 specifically for Fillmore as an incentive for businesses to locate to Fillmore. Councilmember
100 Alldredge stated that he is not happy that this port area has now become a county-wide inland
101 port area. Ms. Ivory clarified that the Millard County Commission has not approved to have
102 any of their land included in the port area.

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104 Donna Starley asked about opportunity zones and if there would be some interest in making
105 Fillmore City an opportunity zone. Ms. Ivory stated that Fillmore is in an opportunity zone,
106 however there is generally little interest in participating in opportunity zones. Investors
107 generally would like more of an upfront cash incentive program for their developments.

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OTHER BUSINESS BROUGHT BEFORE COUNCIL

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113 Ratification of August 19, 2025 City Council Approval of a \$12,500 Donation to the Old
114 Capitol Arts and Living History Festival for 2025.

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116 MOTION: To ratify a city council approval on August 19, 2025 to donate \$12,500
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25-05 Approving an Increase in Elected Official Compensation Amounts

Councilmember Hare stated that he is disappointed with the lack of interest in citizens wanting to run for public office. If it weren’t for Councilmember Hare running for Mayor, the 2025 elections would have been cancelled for a lack of candidates running. As it is, following this year’s election, there will be one vacant council seat. The last four elections have been cancelled due to a lack of candidates. Councilmember Hare also stated that none of the current elected officials are serving in their positions for the money. The compensation offered by the city, especially the insurance benefit, could entice some people to run for office. Public officials should be fairly compensated for their time. There has not been an increase in public officials compensation for 22 years. Councilmember Hare went on to suggest that an increase should be implemented that would simply keep up with inflation rates. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, \$300 council pay in 2003 would be \$534.91, and \$600 in Mayor pay in 2003 would equate to \$1,069.82 as of August 2025, to account for inflation.

Councilmember Alldredge is not opposed to an increase, however, he stated that the proposed increase is too high, and that any increase(s) to get the proposed amount should take some time. It bothers Councilmember Alldredge to have any elected body vote for themselves to receive a compensation increase.

141 Councilmember Stevens stated that five citizens contacted him to express that they support the
142 proposed increase. Many people are hesitant to express their opinion in an open public
143 meeting/public hearing because they may be outnumbered or do not want to be involved in the
144 drama. Following this comment, other councilmembers stated that they also received feedback
145 from citizens that they also support the increase. Councilmember Stevens figured that when
146 analyzing the time he spends on his council responsibilities relative to the compensation
147 amount, it comes out to about \$15.00 per hour. Everyone should be compensated fairly for
148 their time. Councilmember Winget stated that after he pays his share of the insurance premium
149 and taxes, his take home compensation amount is slightly over \$100 per month.

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151 MOTION: To adopt Ordinance 25-05 approving an increase in elected official
152 compensation amounts as follows: \$1,100 per month for the mayor, and
153 \$600 per month for each council member.

154 By: Councilmember Larsen

155 Second: Councilmember Hare

156 Roll-Call Vote:

157 Councilmember Stevens – Yes

158 Councilmember Hare – Yes

159 Councilmember Larsen – Yes

160 Councilmember Alldredge – Yes

161 Councilmember Winget - Yes

162 Unanimous. Motion carried.

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164 Memorandum of Understanding Between Fillmore City and Millard County Regarding
165 Collection Pond Responsibilities in the Foothills East of Town

166 Fillmore City will be responsible for keeping the Dry Creek retention pond cleaned up and free
167 of debris, and Millard County will take care of Pine Creek. It is understood that if either the
168 city or the county is in dire need of help, they can ask each other for assistance and it will be
169 provided by both entities. The retention ponds that are located within city limits are the
170 responsibility of the city.

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172 MOTION: Approve the memorandum of understanding between Fillmore City and
173 Millard County regarding collection pond responsibilities in the foothills
174 east of town.

175 By: Councilmember Hare

176 Second: Councilmember Winget

177 Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

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COUNCIL REPORTS

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Councilmember Hare

Landfill

- 184 • The feasibility study that was recently completed for the city states that the city would
185 need to increase rates at the landfill by 606% to maintain services needed and
186 infrastructure. Councilmember Stevens stated that the scales that were recently
187 purchased by the city need to be installed. Councilmember Alldredge stated that if the

188 city takes over the landfill, every user would need to be charged for using the landfill,
189 not just the contractors. The scales would allow the city to charge everyone by weight,
190 which is what should be happening. Councilmember Alldredge also stated that the
191 current contract between the city and the county states that the county will give the
192 landfill to the city at no cost. The city would still have very high costs to consider, such
193 as labor costs and equipment costs. The county is also offering to donate all of the
194 equipment to the city and also pay the city \$30,000 per year to assist the city in taking
195 over the operations. The question for the city council right now is do they want to take
196 over the landfill, and if they don't, are they okay with the landfill closing.

- 197 • The 606% percent increase in the study is misleading because the only customers who
198 are paying currently are contractors; no citizens are paying to dump. Another
199 consideration that was mentioned by the council is whether or not they want to take
200 over the landfill at a financial loss. Replacement parts for the equipment can't be
201 acquired because it is too old. It may be more financially feasible to lease equipment.
202 It was suggested that the city take over the landfill and see how it goes financially, and
203 if it is too much of a financial burden after three years, then the city would close it.

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205 Councilmember Stevens

206 **Fire Department**

- 207 • The next step with the new fire station procurement process is to advertise for request
208 for proposals.

209 **Celebrations**

- 210 • The celebrations committee needs additional volunteers.

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212 Councilmember Alldredge

213 **Sewer**

- 214 • The city could save a substantial amount of money with the sewer lagoon project by
215 having the city public works department doing a good portion of the work. The project
216 would have to be engineered by the city's engineering company, however, much of the
217 contracting work could be done in-house.

218 **Other**

- 219 • Councilmember Alldredge stated that he was chagrined with statements made by
220 member of the public audience in the previous city council meeting that this city
221 council has "done nothing." In the seven and a half years that Councilmember
222 Alldredge has served on the city council, the following businesses have either built and
223 started their business or expanded their business: Terribles, Davies Accounting,
224 Paradise Management, Fillmore Feed and Farm Supply, a new cabinet manufacturing
225 business, new offices on Main Street are full, Tink's Auto Repair, a new tire/auto repair
226 shop, Eagle Market, Prime Power Sports, Cracked Piston, the day care expansion,
227 Bonus Fuel, Maverik, the new donut shop, Love's, Arbys, TA Travel Centers, a new
228 hay press facility, and the Jeep Guy. This is not an exhaustive list of new or expanded
229 businesses over the last seven and a half years. Councilmember Alldredge does not
230 personally take credit for this success but credits the entire council(s) for this effort.

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232 Councilmember Winget

233 **Streets & Sidewalks**

- 234 • The city is currently working on a few chip sealing projects on various roads around
235 town. Councilmember Winget communicated with UDOT regarding improvements
236 needed to the section of sidewalk on the northeast corner of the intersection of the
237 bridge crossing Main Street. It will simply take a permit to be approved to have the
238 city start that project. UDOT will also be conducting a traffic study to determine if and
239 where new crosswalks should be placed along Main Street/Highway 99. They will wait
240 until next summer to install those crosswalks as Main Street will be reconstructed next
241 year.

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243 Councilmember Larsen

244 **Water**

245 MOTION: To enter into a contract with a local citizen to purchase 60 acre-feet of
246 water rights.

247 By: Councilmember Larsen

248 Second: Councilmember Alldredge

249 Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

- 250 • A new pump motor has been ordered for one of the well houses.
251 • The city flushed several hydrants near the high school at the request of the contractors
252 working on the high school construction in an effort to obtain a clean water sample.

253 **Airport**

- 254 • If the city decides to purchase land on the southwest side of the airport runway for the
255 purpose of expanding the runway, the city would need to purchase the entire 40 acres of
256 property available for sale.
257 • Repairs are underway on the airport fuel tank pump. The tank will need to be drained
258 in order for the repair to take place. Because of this, the airport will not be able to sell
259 any fuel for a few days once the repairs begin.

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261 Recorder/Administrator Kevin Orton

262 A brief review of the current budget report was provided by Mr. Orton. He requested that the
263 council contact him at the office if they have any questions regarding the budget.

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265 Mayor Holt

266 The state fire marshal will inspect the water again this Friday at the high school to check for a
267 clean water sample. Regardless of how that turns out, the school opening will continue to be
268 delayed for reasons other than the water issue. Also, the city will be refunded \$140,000 from
269 UAMPS this year for sale of unused power to California.

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ADJOURNMENT

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273 Upon motion by Councilmember Hare and second by Councilmember Stevens, the meeting
274 adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

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276 The next regularly scheduled council meeting will be held September 16, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

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APPROVED September 16, 2025

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Michael D. Holt, Mayor