

FILLMORE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

September 16, 2025

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Fillmore City Council held September 16, 2025 in the Council Chambers of the Fillmore City Building. Notice of the time and place of the meeting was posted on the Utah State Public Notice website, the Fillmore City website, the Council Chambers, the City Office bulletin board, and the President Millard Fillmore Library. Notice was also provided to the Chronicle-Progress, radio station KMTI and each member of the governing body on September 11, 2025.

Those present were:

Mayor:	Michael D. Holt	Council:	Curt Hare
Attorney:	Payton Harris		Kyle Stevens
Recorder:	Kevin Orton		Eugene R. Larsen
			Michael B. Winget
			Dennis W. Alldredge

Others present were: Janell Braithwaite, Dan Rowley, Dallas Griffith, Larry Edwards, and Amber Kelsey

6:30 p.m. Welcome and pledge of allegiance by Mayor Holt.

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

Minutes

MOTION: To accept the meeting minutes of the September 2, 2025 city council meeting, as corrected.

By: Councilmember Winget

Second: Councilmember Larsen

Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Payroll and Bills

MOTION: To approve the payment of bills listed on the invoice register dated September 3, 2025 – September 16, 2025, and payroll dated September 14, 2025.

By: Councilmember Hare

Second: Councilmember Stevens

Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

Licenses and Permits

- Building Permit Application 25-45 for Shane Harrison located at 465 South 400 West for construction of a new storage unit.

48 **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

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50 MOTION: To go into a public hearing at 6:37 p.m. to receive public comment
51 regarding implementing compensation amounts for planning
52 commissioners.
53 By: Councilmember Hare
54 Second: Councilmember Winget
55 Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.
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57 Dan Rowley expressed that he is in support of planning commissioners receiving compensation
58 for their work on the planning commission.
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60 The council shared that most cities in Utah (63%) compensate their planning commissioners in
61 some way, and most do it by paying them for each planning meeting that they attend. The
62 amount of compensation for those cities ranges from \$20 to \$150 per meeting. Most of them
63 are close to \$50 per meeting. Councilmember Hare stated that if the city were to pay
64 commissioners a flat \$100 per month, then the Mayor would need to be diligent in replacing
65 commissioners that rarely attend commission meetings.
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67 MOTION: To go out of the public hearing at 6:47 p.m. and into another public
68 hearing to receive public comment regarding a possible approval of an
69 annexation petition requesting annexation to Fillmore City of land
70 belonging to G A Roper Investments LTD, located at approximately 800
71 East Canyon Road, Fillmore, Utah, and west of County Road 4671 and
72 north of County Road 4655.
73 By: Councilmember Larsen
74 Second: Councilmember Winget
75 Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.
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77 No comments were offered by the public.
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79 MOTION: To go out of the public hearing at 6:48 p.m.
80 By: Councilmember Larsen
81 Second: Councilmember Winget
82 Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.
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84 **COMMUNICATIONS AND REQUESTS**

85 Fall Main Street Decorations – Amber Kelsey

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87 For several years, Ms. Kelsey has put up cornstalks and other fall decorations along Main
88 Street. This year Ms. Kelsey would like to add a scarecrow contest. Councilmember Hare
89 suggested that the council donate an additional \$500 this year to help pay for the contest
90 materials and prizes.
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95 MOTION: To approve a donation of \$1,500 to Amber Kelsey for the fall
96 decorations on Main Street and the scarecrow contest.
97 By: Councilmember Hare
98 Second: Councilmember Winget
99 Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

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101 Ms. Kelsey asked if it would be possible to add a festival event that could include a chili
102 cookoff and pumpkin carving, to which the city council approved. Mayor Holt stated that he is
103 very much in favor of events such as this one because they bring the community together and
104 provide additional things for people to do together.

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107 Fixed-Base Operators (FBO) – Steve Wilson for Spanish Fork Airport

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109 MOTION: To remove this item from the agenda: “Presentation and discussion
110 regarding fixed-base operators (FBO) - Steve Wilson (FBO for Spanish
111 Fork Airport).”
112 By: Councilmember Winget
113 Second: Councilmember Larsen
114 Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

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117 **OTHER BUSINESS BROUGHT BEFORE COUNCIL**

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119 Ratification of a Prior City Council Decision to Enter Into a Contract with a Local Citizen to
120 Purchase 60 Acre-Feet of Water Rights

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122 MOTION: To ratify a decision made in the September 2, 2025 city council meeting
123 to enter into a contract with a local citizen to purchase 60 acre-feet of
124 water rights.
125 By: Councilmember Larsen
126 Second: Councilmember Hare
127 Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

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129 Ordinance 25-04 Adopting New Water Rates

130 Councilmember Hare stated that the last time the city increased a rate or tax, they did not
131 inform certain businesses that the tax increase was coming. Councilmember Hare would like
132 to do this differently this time and contact some of the city’s largest water users and make them
133 aware of the rate increase before the rate increase actually goes into effect.

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135 Councilmember Larsen stated that imposing rate and tax increases is a difficult part of the
136 council’s job. He now feels better about this rate increase knowing that the State is mandating
137 a new fee that is to be paid to the State (Rural Water Association of Utah, RWAU) from the
138 city. The increase also meets the State requirements for obtaining loans for future culinary
139 water system improvements. Councilmembers Alldredge and Hare shared that the community
140 does not know why increases are needed because there is very little attendance at council
141 meetings when these things are discussed and explained. Councilmember Stevens tied this

idea to the conversation earlier this meeting concerning civic participation. Councilmember Stevens would like to see the community be more involved with not only civic affairs, but to gather and socialize generally, and would like to see more events that can encourage people to gather and participate in meetings and festivals. Doing this would make the community feel more like a family, which is what he has seen in other communities such as Blanding.

MOTION: To adopt Ordinance 25-04 with the stipulation that it does not go into effect until the October 2025 billing cycle and that between today and the effective date, the city staff provide a notice to the city's largest water users of the adopted water rates increase.

By: Councilmember Larsen

Second: Councilmember Winget

Roll-Call Vote:

Councilmember Stevens – Yes

Councilmember Larsen – Yes

Councilmember Alldredge – Yes

Councilmember Hare – Yes

Councilmember Winget – Yes

Unanimous. Motion carried.

Resolution 25-10 Cancelling the City Council Race for the 2025 Election

The city is not cancelling the election because there is a race for the Mayor's seat, however, the two city council seats portion of the election needs to be cancelled by city council action. Councilmember Stevens stated that he knows of a few citizens that may be willing to fill the one vacant city council seat. The vacant seat will be filled by appointment according to the Fillmore City ordinance and Utah Code.

MOTION: To adopt Resolution 25-10 cancelling the city council race for the 2025 election.

By: Councilmember Hare

Second: Councilmember Larsen

Roll-Call Vote:

Councilmember Stevens – Yes

Councilmember Larsen – Yes

Councilmember Alldredge – Abstained

Councilmember Hare – Yes

Councilmember Winget – Yes

Motion carried.

Resolution 25-11/Ordinance 25-06 Enacting Compensation Amounts for Planning Commissioners

MOTION: To adopt Resolution 25-11/Ordinance 25-06 enacting compensation amounts (creating per diem provisions) for planning commissioners to

188 include a rate of \$50.00 per commissioner per planning commission
189 meeting attended.

190 By: Councilmember Hare
191 Second: Councilmember Winget

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193 Roll-Call Vote:
194 Councilmember Stevens – Yes
195 Councilmember Larsen – Yes
196 Councilmember Alldredge – Yes
197 Councilmember Hare – Yes
198 Councilmember Winget – Yes
199 Unanimous. Motion carried.
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202 COUNCIL REPORTS

203 Councilmember Larsen

204 **Airport**

- 205 • The part has arrived to repair the fuel pump at the airport. Fuel will be back online later
206 this week.

207 Councilmember Winget

208 **Streets**

- 209 • New crosswalks on Main Street will not be installed until UDOT completes Main Street
210 construction (chip seal) next year.
- 211 • A traffic study will be conducted to determine if more will need to be added, such as
212 flashing signs for pedestrian crossing.

213 Councilmember Alldredge

214 **Sewer**

- 215 • The city recently met with Sunrise Engineering to go over preliminary plans for the
216 sewer lagoon expansion project. Sewer fees are so low that the sewer fund continues to
217 run in the red operationally every year. Going forward, sewer rates will no longer be a
218 flat rate, instead they will be based on the amount of water used.
- 219 • If the city public works crew does the work to dig the new lagoon and a few other
220 details of the project, it could save the city close to \$2 million. It would take a little
221 longer to complete but would be worth the wait.

222 **County Commission**

- 223 • The conditional use permit for the Joule Data Center project near McCornick has been
224 approved.
- 225 • A geothermal plant company also met with the county commission and they are
226 permitted to begin drilling test wells and they are looking at operations in Millard
227 County.

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Councilmember Stevens

Celebrations

- Councilmember Stevens is working on putting together a fall festival.

Councilmember Hare

No report

Attorney Harris

The closure and post-closure deposits the County has made will be transferred to the City.

Mayor Holt

The Utah Symphony Orchestra wants to start their 2026 season in Fillmore. They would like to perform in the Territorial Statehouse Park.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Councilmember Hare and second by Councilmember Larsen, the meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled council meeting will be held October 7, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

APPROVED October 7, 2025

Michael D. Holt, Mayor