

FILLMORE CITY COUNCIL WORK MEETING

September 16, 2025

Minutes of the work 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, and each member of the governing body on September 11, 2025.

Those present were:

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

Other present were: Dallas Griffith, Mark Stevensen, Janelle Braithwaite, and Matt Haupt

COMMUNICATIONS AND REQUESTS

Presentation and Discussion Regarding Proposed Water Rate Increase

Janelle Braithwaite of Rural Water Association of Utah (RWAU) and Matt Haupt, Fillmore City Public Works Director presented the proposed culinary water rate increase to include the following highlights:

- Ms. Braithwaite drafts water rate increases for several Utah cities free of charge. They are all different depending on the city and each one is drafted individually to best meet the demands of the city.
- Differences between cities' water increases depend mostly on what major culinary water projects they have on the horizon.
- Fillmore City's MAGI is so low that they cannot receive grant funds for water projects, and when receiving loans for such projects, the interest rate would be relatively high. In order for the city to qualify for any grant funding, the monthly base rate would need to be at least \$75.83.
- There is a newly mandated fee of \$16,500 per year that all cities must pay to the Utah State Division of Drinking Water (DDW), further driving the need for a water rate increase.
- The DDW encourages all Utah cities to realize a 20% profit margin each year in their water funds to ensure adequate funding for major projects and to maintain sound operations. The proposed rate increase is drafted for a 20% margin the first year (FY2026), and then 10% per year over the next four years.
- The proposed increase puts more of a cost burden on high-end water users as opposed to low-end users, and this is done by increasing the higher tier amounts more than the lower tiers in terms of overage rates.

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APPROVED October 7, 2025

Michael D. Holt, Mayor