

# FILLMORE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

December 2, 2025

*Minutes of the regular meeting of the Fillmore City Council held December 2, 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 November 28, 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: Dan Rowley, Kurt Forsyth, Dan Anderson, Matt Ward

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

## ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

### Minutes

MOTION: To accept the meeting minutes of the November 18, 2025 city council work meeting, as corrected.

By: Councilmember Alldredge

Second: Councilmember Larsen

Vote: Motion carried. (Councilmember Hare abstained, all others in favor)

### Payroll and Bills

MOTION: To approve the payment of bills listed on the invoice register dated November 19, 2025 – December 2, 2025, and payroll dated November 23, 2025.

By: Councilmember Hare

Second: Councilmember Winget

Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

### Licenses and Permits

- Building Permit Application 25-53 for Brandon Bartholomew located at 245 West 200 South for construction of a new house.

## COMMUNICATIONS AND REQUESTS

### Fire Department Report – Councilmember Stevens

There were two fire calls in the month of November, both of which ended being cancelled. Fire department training will take place in February. Today there was a fire at Dearden's Auto Shop. The council commended the department for the quick response and saving their business.

### Millard County Commission Report – Councilmember Alldredge

The county will purchase drones for the search and rescue crews. Currently, the crews need to request a helicopter to come from Northern Utah to assist in searches. The drones will have night-time vision capabilities, and they will be interactive in that they can communicate with someone who is in need of rescue. This will significantly save time and manpower.

There will be a geothermal plant built northwest of Delta and the county commission changed the zone in anticipation of that project. There was also a zone change requested near Cove Fort, and the commission denied that request. A 9,000-acre solar array was also requested to power the first of the two data centers that will be built, and that request was also denied.

### Cloud Seeding Discussion – Dan Anderson

Mr. Anderson is a farmer who farms land just west of Fillmore. Millard County needs more rainfall thus producing more water needed for the area. He contacted a company that specializes in arial cloud seeding. The company wants to have all cities and towns in the area involved with the program that might benefit from it. It costs \$400,000 to do cloud seeding for one season. The State is willing to grant \$350,000 for the project so another \$50,000 needs to be raised by the east Millard cities and towns. Cloud seeding has been around for about 50 years and it has a history of producing 5% to 10% more precipitation than would normally fall. There also is no scientific evidence of harmful health effects to people as a result of cloud seeding. Cloud seeding only works on active storms, in other words it cannot create a storm on its own. The council is unanimously in favor of paying \$5,000 for this service, however, it will need to be added to the December 16<sup>th</sup> meeting agenda for formal approval.

## OTHER BUSINESS BROUGHT BEFORE COUNCIL

### Water Acquisition Fee

Mayor Holt reminded that there are four loans outstanding in the city's water fund and that the city needs to purchase more water rights to meet the city's water demand. Councilmember Hare asked that if the city (who owns 6,200 acre-feet of water) were to purchase even more water, would that make Fillmore City a target for the State to take away water rights, as has recently been discussed extensively. Councilmember Alldredge suggested that the city may not have as much water as they need due to the fact that a couple of major developments could exhaust the city's ability to supply enough water. Councilmember Alldredge went on to state that many citizens are encouraging the council to acquire more water now while the price is cheaper than it will be in the future. There is a difference of opinion among the council members as to whether the state would actually take away some of the city's water shares. Councilmember Alldredge pointed out that Fillmore City's water acquisition fee is low

95 compared to other cities. Councilmember Hare explained that he wanted to eliminate the water  
96 acquisition fee as such fee is suppressing economic growth within the community.  
97 Councilmember Hare went on to state that, based on his findings, the city is well situated to  
98 handle growth for the next 40 years and beyond in terms of water supply. Councilmember  
99 Larsen stated that based on his communication with water engineers, the cities will not be  
100 treated differently than anyone else, which was not the case in the past, so the state may take  
101 away water rights. Councilmember Larsen went on to say that not only are Fillmore City's  
102 acquisition fees lower than most other cities, other cities fees are going up. If the city does not  
103 keep up with acquisition fees, the citizens of Fillmore will be burdened with the costs.  
104 Attorney Harris quoted portions of Title 10 of the Utah code that would suggest that there legal  
105 implications that would prohibit the city council from eliminating water acquisition fees. The  
106 next question that the council considered is where the middle ground is between implementing  
107 impact fees (developers coming in) and raising water rates (existing residents).  
108 Councilmember Hare suggested that a good spot in the middle would be good so as to not  
109 negatively impact citizens while maintaining manageable growth.

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111 MOTION: To leave the current water acquisition fee in place in the city's policies.

112 By: Councilmember Larsen

113 Second: Councilmember Stevens

114 Roll-Call Vote:

115 Councilmember Stevens – Yes

116 Councilmember Hare – Yes

117 Councilmember Larsen – Yes

118 Councilmember Alldredge – Yes

119 Councilmember Winget - Yes

120 Unanimous. Motion carried.

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122 Approval of Agreement to Acquire Fillmore Class IVb Landfill Permit

123 Administrator/Recorder Kevin Orton shared a financial (breakeven) analysis that showed what  
124 the landfill fees should be in order to break even or even turn a small profit at the landfill. The  
125 council mentioned the idea of re-instating the complimentary spring cleanup done by the city  
126 public works department.

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128 MOTION: To enter into the agreement with Millard County to assume ownership of  
129 the landfill with an amendment to the effective date to reflect a start date  
130 of February 1, 2025 and to include verbiage that the first \$30,000  
131 installment to the city from the county will be made no later than  
132 January 1, 2025.

133 By: Councilmember Alldredge

134 Second: Councilmember Hare

135 Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

## COUNCIL REPORTS

### Councilmember Larsen

#### **Water**

- The city's water system is aging and many parts of it will need to be replaced relatively soon. Roughly \$5 million will need to be spent to replace or upgrade all the improvements that need to be made. In addition to repairs, another well and water tank are needed. Councilmember Larsen reiterated the need for small increases in the water rates as opposed to waiting so long that when an increase is needed, the rates increase by a large amount.

### Councilmember Winget

#### **Streets**

- An encroachment approval from UDOT was acquired for the sidewalk work being done at the southeast corner of 300 North and Main Street. The work should be able to be completed before the weather turns really cold.
- Councilmember Winget stated that he will report to UDOT that the city would like to get a flashing sign for the crosswalk at Main and Center Streets without the removal of any other crosswalks.

### Councilmember Alldredge

#### **No report**

### Councilmember Stevens

#### **Celebrations**

- The celebrations committee is eager to offer more celebrations events for the community. One such event could be a daddy-daughter event that would take place around Valentine's Day.

#### **Fire Department**

- Plans for a new fire station are still moving forward.

### Councilmember Hare

#### **Other**

- Councilmember Hare commended the new celebrations committee chair for a job well done at the Christmas lighting ceremony.

### Attorney Harris

To fill the upcoming vacant city council seat, a notice will be posted on the first business day of the calendar year inviting citizens to pick up an application from the city office. The same \$25.00 fee should be collected that is collected for other candidates who ran during the election. The city council will vote for a candidate to take the seat in the second council meeting in January. This will be a two-year interim term where the seat will be up for election in the next election two years from now. If nobody applies, then the city council can simply appoint someone to fill the seat.

188 Mayor Holt

189 Dry Creek needs to be cleaned out. The council will need to decide whether they want to  
190 contract this or have the public works department take care of it.

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192 Eric Larsen will no longer be the city's UAMPS liaison due to he and his wife being called to  
193 serve a mission, and Councilmember Alldredge will be taking his place. The council  
194 commended Mr. Larsen for the great work he did in this position.

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196 Closed Executive Session

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198 MOTION: To go into a closed executive session at 8:40 p.m. to discuss the  
199 character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an  
200 individual, pending or reasonably imminent litigation, and the purchase,  
201 exchange, or lease of real property, including any form of a water right  
202 or water shares as described in Section 52-4-205 (1)(a,c&d). Those  
203 asked to attend the closed session in addition to all councilmembers  
204 were Attorney Payton Harris and City Administrator/Recorder Kevin  
205 Orton. Councilmembers Winget, Larsen, Stevens, Alldredge and Hare  
206 all voted yes.

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208 By: Councilmember Winget  
209 Second: Councilmember Hare  
210 Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

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212 The council returned to the open public meeting at 9:32 p.m.

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215 **ADJOURNMENT**

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217 Upon motion by Councilmember Hare and second by Councilmember  
218 Larsen, the meeting adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

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

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223 APPROVED December 16, 2025

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Michael D. Holt, Mayor