

1 **FILLMORE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

2 February 24, 2026

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4 *Minutes of the regular meeting of the Fillmore City Council held February 24, 2026 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 each member*
8 *of the governing body on February 20, 2026.*
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10 Those present were:

11 Mayor: Curt Hare Council: Dennis W. Alldredge (excused)
12 Attorney: Payton Harris Kyle Stevens
13 Recorder: Kevin Orton Eugene R. Larsen
14 Michael B. Winget
15 Amber Rausch
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18 Others present were: Bob Womack, Larry Edwards, Jess Peterson, Barbara Barnhurst, Carl
19 Aldrich, Dan Rowley, Matt Ward, Alan Roper, Richard Carter, Jenna
20 Draper, and Paul Raymond.
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22 6:30 p.m. Welcome and pledge of allegiance by Mayor Hare.
23 Mayor Hare excused Councilmember Alldredge
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25 **ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS**

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27 Minutes

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29 MOTION: To accept the meeting minutes of the February 10, 2026 city council
30 meeting, as corrected.
31 By: Councilmember Winget
32 Second: Councilmember Stevens
33 Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.
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35 Payroll and Bills

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37 MOTION: To approve the payment of bills listed on the invoice register dated
38 February 11, 2026 – February 24, 2026, and payroll dated February 15,
39 2026.
40 By: Councilmember Stevens
41 Second: Councilmember Larsen
42 Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.
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49 Purchase Orders

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51 MOTION: To approve Purchase Order 26-27 payable to Sunrise Engineering in the
52 amount of \$17,761.20 for architectural services for sewer lagoon
53 treatment system expansion design.

54 By: Councilmember Larsen

55 Second: Councilmember Winget

56 Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

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58 MOTION: To approve Purchase Order 26-29 payable to Hydro Specialties
59 Company in the amount of \$14,426.46 for purchase of water meters.

60 By: Councilmember Winget

61 Second: Councilmember Larsen

62 Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

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64 Licenses and Permits

- 65 • Building Permit Application 26-07 for Don E Fullmer located at 1385 North Cedar
66 Mountain Road, for an addition to an existing home.

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68 **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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70 No comments were offered by the public.

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73 **COMMUNICATIONS AND REQUESTS**

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75 Request Support for a New Military Training Site – Paul Raymond, Utah National Guard

76 Mr. Raymond is the Director of Strategic Planning for the Utah National Guard. Mr. Raymond
77 stated that the Guard is looking to acquire some land for a main training area in Millard
78 County. In the next couple of years, the Guard will be adding a new infantry battalion that will
79 be doing infantry type training, and they will need a larger area than what they currently use at
80 Camp Williams. Currently they must travel out of state to fire their weapons. The area they
81 are considering is between Highway 50 and Crystal Peak Road (Tule Valley). The area
82 contains about 100,000 acres. The area will remain open to the public except for when
83 ammunition is being fired. The public and key organizations will be notified whenever
84 training is conducted. If approved, there would be a period of two to three years where
85 environmental studies would be performed before operations could begin. Mr. Raymond is
86 looking for a letter of support from the cities and county in the area stating that they are in
87 support of this operation. The council is supportive and will provide a letter.

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89 Historic Capital Project Area Update and Possible Tax-Exempt Resolution – Jenna Draper,
90 Utah Inland Port Authority

91 The Historic Capital project area that encompasses Fillmore was created in 2024. Over the last
92 couple of years, the Port Authority has come very close to securing developments for the
93 Historic Capital project area, in fact, there was one large organization that made a site visit.
94 Mayor asked Ms. Draper what she thinks might be the barrier to Fillmore securing a new
95 development project. Ms. Draper stated that 2025 was a slow year for such developments

96 everywhere, not just in Utah. Recently, over the last couple of months, there has been more
97 movement. When the project area was created taxes on the property within the project area
98 were frozen. Any growth that happens, the authority can capture 75% of the tax increments for
99 the next 25 years, and those funds can be used on anything that benefits the project area, such
100 as housing, education, fire stations, etc. The resolution that is being presented simply allows
101 that the city would capture 100% of the sales tax revenues for their use, and that they will not
102 be used by the Inland Port Authority.

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105 Cooperative Wildfire System Agreement and R6’s Regional Growth Summit Event – Jess
106 Peterson, R6 Regional Council

107 The Cooperative Wildfire System Agreement was produced and distributed by the Division of
108 Forestry, Fire and State Lands. With this agreement, the Division of Forestry would take on
109 the cost of fires that would start within city boundaries and spread onto BLM land. It doesn’t
110 cost the city anything, but there are certain stipulations that the city must adhere to. House Bill
111 48 sets the terms for fees that must be paid by property owners of structures that are within the
112 high-risk boundaries of the Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI). There are three sections within
113 Fillmore City’s boundaries that are considered high-risk areas. A fee will be assessed to all
114 owners of structures within these designated areas in 2026 and 2027, and the fee is \$20 to \$100
115 flat fee per structure, based on square footage. After 2027, the fee is based on triage
116 assessment and square footage. The Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands set the fee
117 annually and counties then collect fee from property owners and passes the fees on to the Utah
118 Wildfire Fund. New construction within the boundaries will need to follow certain building
119 standards so that they will be in compliance with certain WUI code standards.

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121 The annual R6 Regional Growth Summit Event will take place on May 6th of this year and R6
122 highly encourages at least one official from the city attend the event.

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125 Establish a Historic Preservation Commission to Survey and Inventory Community Historic
126 Resources, to Review Proposed Nominations to the National Register of Historic Places, to
127 Review Applications for Certificates of Appropriateness, to Provide Advice and Information to
128 City Officials and the Local Community in Planning, and to Support Enforcement of State
129 Historic Preservation Laws – Councilmember Rausch and Carl Aldrich, Territorial Statehouse
130 Director

131 Mr. Aldrich stated that he would like the new historic preservation committee to be two things:
132 1) a commission that is not a “yes or no” commission, meaning that if someone has a historic
133 home and they think “I can’t do anything with my home”, he doesn’t want the commission to
134 make a yes or no decision on that. In other words, the commission will not tell people what
135 they can and can’t do with their homes. 2) To be a resource for people so that they can do
136 research and have funding available for appropriate restoration to their homes.

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138 Councilmember Rausch stated that the committee would be educational in that they can
139 educate the public on Fillmore’s history. She also indicated that the committee should be
140 available as a resource to help people with their projects. Citizens who own historical homes
141 may not be aware of the damage they can do to their home by doing certain projects. It would
142 be great to have a committee with some experts who can educate people on their projects. Tax

143 credits can be offered to those who stay within the State historic preservation guidelines. The
144 ordinance will require five members to serve on the committee. It is a reasonable number to
145 represent the community and its variable interests. The council likes the idea and thinks it is a
146 good idea to do whatever is necessary to preserve Fillmore's history. Councilmember Rausch
147 stated that the committee will be working in conjunction with the county tourism board. There
148 will be a public hearing on the matter prior to a council vote to adopt the ordinance. Prior to
149 that, the ordinance will go the planning commission for their review.

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OTHER BUSINESS BROUGHT BEFORE COUNCIL

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Ordinance 26-01 Approving an Annexation Petition Submitted by Alan Roper

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MOTION: To adopt Ordinance 26-01.

By: Councilmember Stevens

Second: Councilmember Winget

Roll-Call Vote:

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Councilmember Stevens – Yes

Councilmember Larsen – Yes

Councilmember Winget – Yes

Councilmember Rausch - Yes

Unanimous. Motion carried.

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Tresa Cranney Invoice

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MOTION: To charge the electrical fee as it would normally be charged, and to
charge \$1,500 for the water conveyance fee, which is half of the original
water conveyance fee.

By: Councilmember Stevens

Second: Councilmember Rausch

Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried

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COUNCIL REPORTS

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Councilmember Rausch

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Parks & Recreation

- The public works department will be working on reducing the size of the parking lot at the Wildlife Park to make room for additional park improvements.

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Celebrations

- The committee needs to receive donations to fill the easter eggs for the upcoming Easter celebration.

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Councilmember Stevens

No report

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190 Councilmember Winget

191 **Landfill**

- 192 • Bid requests will go out for the sidewalk reconstruction project on Main Street and 300
193 North, on the northeast section of the intersection.

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195 Councilmember Larsen

196 **Power**

- 197 • A Rate Stabilization Fund (RSF) will be implemented by UAMPS to help
198 municipalities recover from some of the problems that arose from coal production
199 prices. \$0.75 per megawatt hour of power sales will be placed in the fund. 96% of the
200 50 UAMPS member cities are participating in this program. Each city has a different
201 amount that would be allocated to them.
- 202 • It is important for the city to maintain a good credit score/bond rating to ensure an
203 ability to acquire bonds for electric system projects. If member cities are not managing
204 their electric fund finances well, they could hurt the bond rating for UAMPS.
205 PacificCorp recently increased transmission rates by 40%, and now they have come
206 down a little, but those rates can vary significantly from month to month. As a result of
207 this reality, the city should consider continuing with modest and gradual rate increases.
- 208 • UAMPS is involved with a geothermal operation in Millard County that could produce
209 up to 50 megawatts of power.
- 210 • UAMPS is also considering prepaid energy, where the prepaid organization will
211 purchase power from UAMPS, where the power will not be used, and use it as
212 collateral and work through a cycle, and then it will be returned to the member cities for
213 7% less.

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215 Mayor Hare

216 Melissa Scottorn will serve as the new alternate for the planning commission.

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218 The cemetery policy is being reviewed by Mayor Hare and the city staff. Putting the burials
219 out for contract is something that is also being considered.

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221 A food truck ordinance will be introduced for the council's approval. There may be some
222 unfair competition at the expense of the community's brick-and-mortar food establishments
223 going on in town.

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225 There is a good amount of city-owned property on the east side of Interstate 15 that needs to be
226 rezoned from public/quasi zone to residential 2 zone, and there is some property on the west
227 side of the interstate that needs to be rezoned from residential 2 to industrial.

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229 The Millard County Commission had asked Mayor Hare if the council would be interested in
230 acquiring the horse track including equipment for maintenance. Mayor Hare explained that the
231 city would only consider it if the indoor arena was included in the deal.

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233 The Eccles Foundation has expressed a willingness to donate \$100,000 towards the proposed
234 library expansion and the city has been approved to submit application for this amount.

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236 House Bill 501 does not mandate participation but the bill does state that the fee would be
237 1.5% for a water system and 1.5% for a wastewater system, so a total of 3% of the medium
238 income for the area multiplied by the number of water connections in the city. This would cost
239 Fillmore just under \$2.5 million per year. This would equate to a \$194 increase to every
240 citizen's monthly utility bill. Fillmore City will not participate in the program. The downside
241 to this is that future infrastructure projects will need to be funded entirely by the city.
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244 Closed Executive Session
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246 MOTION: To go into a closed executive session at 8:18 p.m. to discuss pending or
247 reasonably imminent litigation, and the purchase, exchange, or lease of
248 real property as described in Section 52-4-205 (1)(c&d). Those asked to
249 attend the closed session in addition to all councilmembers were
250 Attorney Payton Harris and City Administrator/Recorder Kevin Orton.
251 Councilmembers Winget, Larsen, Stevens, and Rausch all voted yes.
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253 By: Councilmember Larsen
254 Second: Councilmember Stevens
255 Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.
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257 The council returned to the open public meeting at 9:23 p.m.
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260 **ADJOURNMENT**
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262 Upon motion by Councilmember Rausch and second by Councilmember Stevens, the meeting
263 adjourned at 9:24 p.m.
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265 The next regularly scheduled council meeting will be held March 10, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.
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268 APPROVED March 10, 2026

Curt Hare, Mayor