



Regular City Council Meeting

Minutes

Tuesday, September 8, 2026 at 6:30 pm

75 West Center, Fillmore, Utah 84631 - (435) 743-5233

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MAYOR: Curt Hare

CITY COUNCIL: Kyle Stevens (excused), Eugene Larsen, Michael B. Winget (excused), Dennis W. Alldredge, Amber Rausch

1. CALL TO ORDER and Pledge of Allegiance

2. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

a. Approve Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Minutes:

MOTION: To accept the meeting minutes of the August 25, 2026 city council meeting, as corrected. By: Councilmember Alldredge; Second: Councilmember Larsen Unanimous. Motion carried.

b. Approve Purchase Orders, Payroll and Payment of Bills

Minutes:

MOTION: To approve the payment of bills listed on the invoice register dated August 26, 2026 – September 8, 2026, and payroll dated August 30, 2026. By: Councilmember Larsen Second: Councilmember Alldredge Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

MOTION: To approve Purchase Order 27-21 payable to Wheeler Machinery Company in the amount of \$10,592 for rental of a 326 LR excavator (flood mitigation). By: Councilmember Alldredge Second: Councilmember Larsen Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

MOTION: To approve Purchase Order 27-22 payable to Penney's Tree Removal in the amount of \$12,500 for flood mitigation work to remove trees along Chalk Creek.

By: Councilmember Larsen Second: Councilmember Alldredge Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.

c. Licenses and Permits

PUBLIC COMMENTS

3. COMMUNICATIONS AND REQUESTS

a. Millard High School requests regarding MHS's fire rally for 2026 and homecoming parade

Minutes:

Savanna Turner, who is the MHS student body president addressed the council and thanked them and the fire department for allowing the student body to participate in fire safety training. There will be several chaperones present to supervise the event on September 17th. Mayor Hare stated that the city council supports the closing of a section of 400 West from Center Street to 100 North. The council also approved the closure of a section of Center Street on September 18th for the parade. Mayor Hare reiterated that the city supports the event despite some rumors to the contrary. The size of the fire will be significantly downsized compared to prior years, and the city council applauds that effort.

b. Discussion regarding well siting study completed by Sunrise Engineering

Minutes:

Sunrise Engineering recently completed a water well siting study for the City. The recommended location for the proposed well is approximately one-half to three-quarters of a mile northwest of the existing wells. This distance is expected to prevent interference with the operation of the City's current wells. Water lines from the proposed well would connect directly to the existing well house. The City will also need to consider installing an additional water storage tank to serve the north end of town. However, the closure of Mountain View Mushrooms has reduced demand on the City's water system, which may allow these improvements to be deferred until additional capacity is needed.

c. Discussion regarding Fillmore City sewer system rates

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The City plans to apply for state funding in October for the construction of a new sewer lagoon. Mayor Hare explained that an increase in sewer rates is necessary for two reasons: the sewer fund has operated at an annual deficit, and the City must increase rates to qualify for grant funding. The City currently charges a flat sewer rate of \$12.00 per month. The proposed permanent rate structure would be tiered, similar to the existing water rate structure, with charges based on water usage. Until a permanent rate structure is developed and approved, the City will implement an interim rate increase. The Council also discussed sewer rates for commercial customers. Business rates are currently based on winter water usage; however, the proposed structure would calculate those rates using summer water usage. Mayor Hare recommended increasing the interim flat sewer rate by \$10.00 per month, which would result in a total monthly rate of \$22.00.

4. OTHER BUSINESS BROUGHT BEFORE COUNCIL

5. COUNCIL/CITY ATTORNEY/MAYOR DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Minutes:

Councilmember Rausch Councilmember Rausch reported on the condition of the playground adjacent to the splash pad at the city building. A community poll indicated that most respondents support replacing the playground. The existing equipment is outdated, in disrepair, and does not adequately serve younger children.

Councilmember Rausch recommended installing new equipment designed to accommodate children of various ages and noted that RAP Tax revenue may be available to help fund the project.

Councilmember Larson

Following a discussion with a representative from a small community in Millard County, Councilmember Larson reported that the community's electric rate is \$0.17 per kilowatt-hour, compared with Fillmore City's base rate of \$0.1061 per kilowatt-hour. Councilmember Larson stated that a power cost adjustment (PCA) is not the preferred method for addressing financial difficulties within a municipal electric fund. He recommended implementing smaller, planned rate increases periodically to keep pace with rising costs rather than reacting after financial problems arise. Failure to plan adequately for rate increases may negatively affect a city's credit rating.

Although Fillmore City has a PCA in place, it can be activated only with City Council approval. Councilmember Larson reiterated the importance of proactively addressing electric rates. He also reported that UAMPS holds approximately \$225,000 in reserve funds on behalf of the City. These funds may be available to assist the electric fund during periods of financial difficulty and should be considered before activating the PCA.

The area currently receives approximately 20 megawatts of excess power, and the City would like to access a portion of that capacity. If demand reaches 50 megawatts, all transformers at the City's power substations would need to be upgraded.

UAMPS is also actively pursuing battery-storage capacity to provide backup for the City's solar power supply.

Councilmember Alldredge Councilmember Alldredge reported that the Millard County Planning Commission has received numerous applications for solar and wind energy projects. In response, the Commission is developing overlay zones and identifying areas where such projects would be restricted.

The Planning Commission approved a 200-site recreational vehicle park west of Interstate 15 near Cove Fort.

Councilmember Alldredge also reported that Fervo Energy entered into an agreement with Google related to data centers near the Millard-Beaver county line. The facilities are expected to be powered by geothermal energy.

Closed Session

MOTION: To go into closed session at 8:05 P.M. according to Utah Code Ann. § 52-4-205(1)(a,b&c) strategy sessions to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual, and to discuss collective bargaining, and pending or reasonably imminent litigation.

By: Councilmember Larsen; Second: Councilmember Alldredge Roll-Call VOTE:
Councilmember Alldredge - Yes Councilmember Winget - Absent Councilmember Larsen - Yes Councilmember Rausch - Yes Councilmember Stevens - Absent
Unanimous. Motion carried.

The council returned to the regular meeting at 8:26 p.m.

6. ADJOURN

Minutes:

Upon motion by Councilmember Rausch and second by Councilmember Alldredge, the meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Approved, Curt Hare, Mayor:
