

1 **FILLMORE CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

2 March 4, 2014

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4 *Minutes of the regular meeting of the Fillmore City Council held March 4, 2014 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 the Chronicle-*  
8 *Progress, radio stations KMTI and KNAK, and each member of the governing body on February 28,*  
9 *2014. Those present were:*

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11 Mayor: Eugene R. Larsen Council: Michael D. Holt  
12 Attorney: Greg Greathouse N. Wayne Jackson (Excused)  
13 Recorder: Marlene Cummings Eric R. Jenson  
14 Deborah S. Oeppinger  
15 Michael K. Rhinehart

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17 Others: Lt. Morris Burton, Chief Darren Brunson, Jordan Day, Skyler Cranney,  
18 Tresa Cranney, Don Thomson, Brandon Cummings & son, Eben  
19 Leatham, Josh Leatham

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21 6:30 p.m. Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance – Mayor Larsen

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23 **ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS**

24 Minutes

25 **MOTION:** To approve the minutes of the meeting held February 18, 2014 as  
26 corrected.  
27 **By:** Councilmember Oeppinger  
28 **Second:** Councilmember Jenson  
29 **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

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31 Bills – Payroll

32 **MOTION:** To approve the February 28, 2014 payroll and payment of the bills  
33 listed on the invoice register dated February 19 – March 4, 2014.  
34 **By:** Councilmember Jenson  
35 **Second:** Councilmember Rhinehart  
36 **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

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38 Excavation Permits

- 39 • Centracom to install 1 ¼ inch conduit on 700 East Valley Road  
40 • Centracom to install 1 ¼ inch conduit on Canyon Road  
41 • Centracom to install 1 ¼ inch conduit on Highland Avenue  
42 Twenty-four inch trenching was recommended by the city public works department.

43 **MOTION:** To approve the excavation permits for Centracom.  
44 **By:** Councilmember Rhinehart  
45 **Second:** Councilmember Holt  
46 **Vote:** Unanimous. Motion carried.

49 **COMMUNICATIONS AND REQUESTS**

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51 Law Enforcement

52 Lt. Morris Burton distributed the January report. There was 1 accident, 12 citations for 14  
53 violations, 144 CAD calls, 113 incidents, and 29 arrests for 57 offenses.

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55 Fire Department

56 Chief Darren Brunson apologized for missing the February meeting.

- 57 • A fire at the Jack Davies home on McBride Lane could have totaled it, but the Davieses  
58 were quick to act when they arrived home and saw smoke coming from the attic. They  
59 shut off services and called the fire department. Fifteen members responded quickly  
60 and professionally and the home was saved. The insurance investigator and the fire  
61 chief concurred that the fire was caused by mice chewing through an electrical wire.
- 62 • There was a chimney fire at the Gene Lund home at 390 West 400 South.
- 63 • Mount Catherine Manor alarms summoned the firefighters a couple of times for burned  
64 food. Large exhaust fans were used to clear the smoke from the building.
- 65 • The rescue truck responded to several vehicle accidents; one was very serious.
- 66 • The department is gearing up for an interesting fire season this summer.
- 67 • The skills the firemen learned from the St. George training have been put to good use.  
68 Money spent on training is well spent.
- 69 • Approval of the updated by-laws is pending.
- 70 • The department is requesting funds from the fire district to upgrade the fire station and  
71 purchase a new truck. It was noted that grant money for a truck may be available from  
72 the Community Impact Board (CIB). Whether or not a ladder truck is needed is still  
73 being debated; the price tag for one is around \$650,000 while a pumper truck costs  
74 about \$500,000. Mayor Larsen has requested that a fire truck be moved up to a priority  
75 position on Fillmore City's CIB "wish list".
- 76 • The fire department's structure truck is still in the shop; repairs are almost finished.  
77 The fire truck on loan from Scipio will be returned when the structure truck is back in  
78 service.
- 79 • Utah's "Great Shakeout" will take place on April 17 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. This  
80 simulated emergency exercise will be on a smaller scale than the last one. The fire  
81 department will assist the hospital team. The CERT unit will be tested for response and  
82 ability. Emergency training involves theoretical situations but actual emergency  
83 conditions are always far different and more intense.
- 84 • Chief Brunson concluded his report by saying department morale is excellent and the  
85 men are enthusiastic about the service they provide. Knowing they are appreciated  
86 goes a long way with these valued volunteers.

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88 Millard County Commission

89 No report.

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91 Boys State Sponsorship Requests

92 The American Legion has selected Jordan Day and Skyler Cranney as Boys State  
93 representatives this year. The two young men were present and addressed the council, stating  
94 their reasons for wanting to attend and what they expect to gain from the experience. Tuition  
95 is \$450 per person this year.



- 144 • The commission did the annual review of TDFI Conditional Use Permit. Most of the  
145 terms have been met. The Department of Environmental Quality plans to do another  
146 inspection on March 7.

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148 Councilmember Rhinehart

149 **Celebrations**

- 150 • Opal Cluff has accepted the invitation to serve on the celebrations committee. Another  
151 person has been asked and is thinking about it.  
152 • Council has already confirmed Don Thomson's appointment. He was present and  
153 addressed the council briefly about the Easter and Fourth of July celebrations  
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155 Councilmember Oeppinger

156 **Library**

- 157 • March 5 is Dr. Seuss Day at the library.  
158 • An e-book and audio book training is coming up.

159 **Historic Preservation**

- 160 • The Great Basin Heritage board meeting and two days of workshops are planned for  
161 March 14 and 15 in Delta; Mrs. Oeppinger will attend.

162 **Animal Control**

- 163 • Four dogs were impounded. One has been adopted, one is being groomed in  
164 preparation for adoption and Dr. Anderson is trying to find homes for the other two.  
165 The Fillmore City Animals Facebook page is an effective way to get information to the  
166 public.  
167 • When the new public works employee is hired, Matt Haupt will train him to take over  
168 animal control.  
169 • If House Bill 97 *Limitation on Local Government Regulation of Animals* becomes law,  
170 it will remove the city's right to ban pit bulls. She sent a message to Senator Ralph  
171 Okerlund. There is too much violence in connection with pit bulls. Coming from  
172 California it has been refreshing to live here and not have to worry about the problems  
173 these dogs can create.  
174 • The scout pow wow went well. She talked specifically about dogs and hopes the boys  
175 take the information back to their parents.  
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177 Councilmember Holt

178 **Fire Department**

- 179 • Delta City asked the Fire District to budget for an AK48 truck for wild land fires. The  
180 request was debated but refused.

181 **Streets**

- 182 • The annual Utah Department of Transportation meeting with Millard County local  
183 governments is scheduled for Tuesday, April 8 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the  
184 courthouse. The Mayor and Councilmember Holt plan to attend.  
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186 Attorney Greathouse

- 187 • The legislature is concentrating on property rights this year; it seems they are putting the  
188 rights of single property owners over the rights of the community. This also appears to  
189 be the case with water rights; they are looking at rights of an individual developer  
190 instead of the rights of the community. There isn't a balance.

- 191 • The movement to do away with the caucus system has big money behind it and rural  
192 areas could be ignored. It is a way people can use their money to win elections.  
193 • He urged the council to call the state representatives and make their concerns known; he  
194 liked the information packet Mayor Larsen sent to the HB 97 Senate Committee  
195 members.  
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197 Mayor Larsen

- 198 • The application period for the new public works maintenance position has closed; there  
199 are 28 applicants. No action has been taken because John Mitchell's mother passed  
200 away and he has taken a week off.  
201 • The Mayor, Councilmember Jenson, public works, Flowell Electric, and the office staff  
202 met with ITRON representatives to learn more about automated electric and water  
203 meter systems. There are many features that will streamline operations. The city office  
204 will be alerted to any meter tampering and water leaks. Hours of peak usage can be  
205 easily identified for customers.  
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207 **ADJOURNMENT**

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209 **MOTION: To adjourn the meeting.**  
210 **By: Councilmember Oeppinger**  
211 **Second: Councilmember Holt**  
212 **Vote: Unanimous**  
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214 The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m. The next meeting will be held March 18, 2014 at 6:30  
215 p.m.  
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219 APPROVED March 18, 2014 \_\_\_\_\_  
220 Eugene R. Larsen, Mayor  
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223 ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
224 Marlene Cummings, CMC  
225 City Recorder  
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