

1 **FILLMORE CITY SPECIAL PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES**

2 May 12, 2015

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4 *Minutes of the special public hearing of the Fillmore City Council held May 12, 2015 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 station KMTI, and each member of the governing body on May 8, 2015.*
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10 Those present were:

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

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17 Others: Don Edwards, Carl Camp, Baden Davies, Tiffany Davies, Ted Dearden, L.
18 Brinkerhoff, Hannah Jones, Bart Whatcott, Ian Adams, Don Thomson,
19 Brandon Bartholomew.

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21 6:32 p.m. Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance – Mayor Larsen
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23 Mayor Larsen stated that the purpose of the public hearing was to receive public comment
24 regarding the appropriation of municipal funds for the construction of a splash pad. He
25 explained that as a rule Fillmore City does not compete with businesses including, but not
26 limited to, motels, restaurants, and swimming pools. This rule has guided the belief that
27 attaching the splash pad to the pool will benefit the pool as opposed to competing with it.
28 Attaching the splash pad to the pool with a fence around it will ensure safety and prevent
29 vandalism. The city splash pad will be a closed system pad which will require bathrooms and
30 showers within 150 feet of the splash pad. Attaching to the pool will ensure this requirement is
31 met.

32 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

33 *Don Edwards –*

34 An artist’s rendition of the splash pad was shown to the public. Dimensions and size
35 of the pad and its components were explained. The surface is non-slip cement with an
36 acrylic coating. It circulates 250 gallons per minute. There are 32 nozzles and LED
37 lights embedded. The dumping bucket at the top of the tower will be timed. The UV
38 sanitation system will meet health code requirements, and will keep users from getting
39 sick. This will be among the nicest splash pads in the state of Utah.
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41 *Bart Whatcott-*

42 The pool’s hours will be extended to close at 9:00 PM. The splash pad will be open
43 during all pool hours.
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45 *Don Thomson-*

46 Mr. Thomson asked what the estimated cost per month will be. Mr. Edwards estimated
47 the monthly cost to be between two hundred to three hundred dollars for a pad this size.
48 It was asked if the water was free considering the city owns the splash pad. Mayor
49 Larsen said that legally the city has to pay for the water. The cost of the water is in

50 addition to the estimated two hundred to three hundred dollars monthly cost. Water
51 usage varies due to many factors including evaporation rate and the number of people
52 taking away water every time they leave the pad. It is estimated that the pad will use
53 between eight thousand and ten thousand gallons of water every month.
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55 *Bart Whatcott-*

56 The county will extend the hours of the pool to accommodate the splash pad. The
57 charge to use the pool is going to be 50 cents per person. The city will maintain the pad.
58 The Health Department will require a CPO (certified pool operator) for maintenance.
59 That cost will be over and above the two hundred to three hundred dollars monthly
60 cost. An additional ten dollars will be charged to a pool season pass to include the
61 splash pad. The fees charged will help offset any additional costs the county may incur.
62 There will be no additional insurance costs.
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64 The estimated cost of the total project including the fence is \$125,000. This amount is
65 what the council has appropriated, however, it is only an estimate and bids are out and
66 will be opened in the May 19, 2015 regular council meeting.
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68 A lengthy discussion ensued with many people offering comments, and the following
69 points were made:
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- 71 • Food will be allowed in the splash pad area.
- 72 • The question was asked, “The county already has certified pool people, why not
73 use them to maintain the pad?” Mr. Whatcott responded by saying that he
74 would need to take that up with the commissioners.
- 75 • Several Fillmore parents take their children to other splash pads. The pads that
76 are included with a pool seem to be much more popular because they appeal to
77 kids of all ages.
- 78 • To winterize the pad, all water will be blown out of the nozzles before it gets
79 cold and antifreeze is added to the lines.
- 80 • The county will assist in advertising, and those funds will be used by tax money
81 paid from Fillmore City residents.
- 82 • People will be encouraged to park in the parking area in front of the pool (on the
83 west side of the building).
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85 Mayor Larsen reminded the public that the purpose of the hearing as advertised was to decide
86 on appropriation of funds for the project. He asked if anyone was opposed to appropriating the
87 funds to build it. No one was opposed.
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89 **ADJOURNMENT**

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91 **MOTION: To close the public hearing.**
92 **By: Councilmember Jackson**
93 **Second: Councilmember Jensen**
94 **Vote: Unanimous. Motion carried.**
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The meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m. The next meeting will be held May 19, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

APPROVED May 19, 2015 _____
Eugene R. Larsen, Mayor