



TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, August 07, 2024 at 6:00 PM
Fulton Council Chambers, 201 N. 7th Street

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT

Mayor Kelli Cole
Mayor Pro Tem Robert Loflin
Place 2 Chris Garis Place
Place 3 MaryAnn Pahmiyer
Place 4 Margo Nielsen
Place 5 Laura McCorkle

STAFF PRESENT

Stephanie Garcia, City Secretary
Ty Gerstenberger, Police Chief

Mayor Cole called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – U.S. Flag and Texas Flag

Mayor Cole led everyone in the pledges.

OBSERVE A MOMENT OF SILENCE/PRAAYER

Mayor Cole led everyone in a moment of silence.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD (PUBLIC FORUM)

Public participation is valued and at this time, comments limited to three (3) minutes will be taken from persons who have signed the Speaker's Card located on the table inside the Council Chambers and delivered to the City Secretary before the meeting begins. Written comments received by submission to the City Secretary in person or emailed to citysec@fultontexas.org by 3:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting, on any subject matter that is not on the agenda, will be read and summarized in the minutes of the meeting. Persons wishing to address the Council and who have registered using the Speaker's Card will have up to three (3) minutes to speak. In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Council may not discuss or take action on any item that has not been posted on the agenda. While civil public criticism is not prohibited; disorderly conduct or disturbance of the peace as prohibited by law shall be cause for the chair to terminate the offender's time to speak.

MaryClare Kane – Mrs. Kane stated that her sons pick up trash on Fulton Beach Road on a regular basis and wanted to know if Pathways could provide mesh bags for trash pickup and have a place at the harbor to dispense them.

Pam Stranahan – Mrs. Stranahan introduced herself as the Vice Chair of the Aransas pathways. She informed the Council that Pathways is excited about the Town allowing a kiosk at the harbor. She gave a brief review of the information that is on the kiosk and how well the kiosks withstand the weather. She addressed Mrs. Kane’s question regarding mesh bags informing her that they do not provide the bags.

CONSENT AGENDA

All consent agenda items listed are considered to be routine by the Town Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a council Member so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the agenda.

1. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** minutes of the Regular Meeting held on June 19, 2024 and the minutes of the Special Meeting Budget Workshop held on July 15, 2024.
2. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** the June 2024 financials

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Loflin, Seconded by Place 2 Garis to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Loflin, Place 2 Garis, Place 3 Pahmiyer, Place 4 Nielsen, Place 5 McCorkle

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

3. Receive a report from Alyssa Massingill, Tourism and Events Coordinator, of the quarterly expenditures and activity for the HOT funds for the Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce.

Ms. Massigill introduced herself and gave a brief overview of the packet. She noted that Rockport Beach placed 2nd for state beach and the logo has been purchased. The Chamber is working on their marketing budget and meeting with a photographer that will work on the pathway signs. She went over the social media marketing that has also taken place. There were no questions from the Council.

4. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** Resolution R-03-2024 a resolution authorizing the erection of a sign by Pathways near the fishing pier and the Fulton Visitor Information Center in the Fulton Park under certain circumstances.

Mayor Cole read the item and informed the Council that Alderwoman Pahmiyer is the representative on the Pathways committee. Alderwoman Pahmiyer will also see permission from Aransas County Navigation to place the kiosk at the harbor. There was a discussion regarding a site map.

Motion made by Place 2 Garis, Seconded by Place 3 Pahmiyer to approve Resolution R-03-2024 a resolution authorizing the erection of a sign by Pathways near the fishing pier and the Fulton Visitor Information Center in the Fulton Park under certain circumstances.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Loflin, Place 2 Garis, Place 3 Pahmiyer, Place 4 Nielsen, Place 5 McCorkle

5. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** the Cyber Liability and Data Breach Response Interlocal Agreement with Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool.

Mayor Cole read the item and there was discussion regarding Texas Municipal League Risk Pool now writing cybersecurity policies separately from the general insurance policies. Alderman Garis elaborated on the need of the insurance and what can happen without it.

Motion made by Place 5 McCorkle, Seconded by Place 4 Nielsen to approve the Cyber Liability and Data Breach Response Interlocal Agreement with Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Loflin, Place 2 Garis, Place 3 Pahmiyer, Place 4 Nielsen, Place 5 McCorkle

CLOSED SESSION

The Town Council may elect to go into closed session pursuant to Chapter 551, Government Code on any Agenda item where appropriate and particularly Sections 551.071 (consultation with attorney) and 551.074 (personnel matters), Government Code.

Council convened into Closed Session at 6:23 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

Discuss/Approve/Disapprove any and all action necessary with regard to the preceding matter(s).

Council reconvened Open Session at 6:29 p.m.

6. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** a one percent (1%) raise for the Town of Fulton employees in Fiscal Year 2024 - 2025.

Mayor read the item. Alderman Garis made a motion to amend the one percent (1%) raise for the Town of Fulton employees in the Fiscal Year 2024 – 2025 to two percent (2%).

Motion made by Place 2 Garis, Seconded by Place 5 McCorkle to approve the amendment of the motion to amend the one percent (1%) raise for the Town of Fulton employees in the Fiscal Year 2024 – 2025 to a two percent (2%) raise for the Town of Fulton employees in the Fiscal Year 2024 - 2025.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Loflin, Place 2 Garis, Place 3 Pahmiyer, Place 4 Nielsen, Place 5 McCorkle

7. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** revisions to Job Titles and Pay Ranges.

Mayor read the item and informed the Council that several employees were moved from hourly to salary and a second police officer was added.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Loflin, Seconded by Place 2 Garis to approve the revisions to Job Titles and Pay Ranges.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Loflin, Place 2 Garis, Place 3 Pahmiyer, Place 4 Nielsen, Place 5 McCorkle

ANNOUNCEMENTS

8. Mayor's Update.

Maintenance – Mayor Cole shared that last month Mary Anders brought each of the maintenance team a \$20 Visa card as a thank you for all they do, especially in this summer heat. She informed the Council that Matt Olenick called in the Army Core of Engineers to review the waterfront and placing additional riprap to help prevent erosion. Mayor Cole praised Mr. Olenick on his performance. Mayor Cole noted that on August 15, 2024, at 10 a.m. there will be a ribbon cutting for the large street and drainage project at Mesquite and 12th Street.

Pier - The Fulton Pier bathhouse will also be the Town's Visitor Information Center. Sherry Hudson, pier manager, is adding community information and a process to document visitors to the Town.

Administration – Mayor Cole informed the Council that the Town is continuing to work on the streamlining of the Town's technology and security. She noted that Alderman Garis treated the Town employees to lunch last week for all they do, and that school will be starting August 13th.

Police Department – Chief Gerstenberger discussed the route for the school zone and working around the construction. He informed the Council that he has identified the person that stranded the RV in front of Fulton post office and has notified him that it must be moved. David Rollins has been signed as a new reserve officer for the Town. The Chief noted that the new records management system will be installed next month and discussed some of the offenses that are happening in the Town.

Alderwoman Pahmiyer noted that the Neighborhood Watch's annual hurricane conference will be held at the Fulton Convention Center on August 13, 2024.

9. The next Regular Fulton Town Council Meeting will be held Wednesday, August 21, 2024, beginning at 6:00 pm.

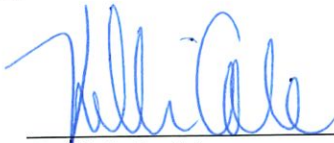
Mayor Cole announced the next meeting date and time.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Cole entertained a motion to adjourn.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Loflin, Seconded by Place 2 Garis to adjourn the meeting.
Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Loflin, Place 2 Garis, Place 3 Pahmiyer, Place 4 Nielsen, Place 5 McCorkle

The meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m.



Kelli Cole, Mayor



Stephanie Garcia, City Secretary