



TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, March 01, 2023 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 3 MaryAnn Pahmiyer
Place 4 Carl Biesenbach

STAFF PRESENT

Stephanie Garcia, City Secretary
Hal George, Town Attorney
John Harrell, Police Chief
Steven Robertson, Comptroller

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

Mayor Cole led everyone in the pledges.

OBSERVE A MOMENT OF SILENCE/PRAYER

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.

Gwen Wendell – Ms. Wendell inquired as to the time frame of the construction on Mesquite street. The Mayor Cole suggested that she speak to Mr. Olenick.

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 February 1, 2023.
2. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** Mayor's February 2023 credit card statement.
3. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** the November and December 2022 financials.

Motion made by Place 1 Loflin, Seconded by Place 3 Pahmiyer to approve the Consent Agenda item as presented.

Voting Yea: Mayor Cole, Mayor Pro Tem Loflin, Place 2 Garis, Place 3 Pahmiyer, Place 4 Biesenbach

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

4. Receive a report from Shelly Stuart, President/CEO, of the quarterly expenditures and activity for the HOT funds for the Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce.

Shelly Stuart introduced Shannon Biggerstaff as the new tourism coordinator. Mrs. Biggerstaff referred to the packet presented and highlighted same. She discussed marketing promotions in reference to Oysterfest and how the committee works. The new Rockport-Fulton Chamber website was recently launched. Mrs. Stuart asked that any items that need attention be relayed to them. She also overviewed the venue taxes collected which are up over 5% from the previous year. The Chamber will be pushing Oysterfest advertisement starting tomorrow.

5. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** 2023 - 2024 renewal of insurance coverage for the Town.

Mayor Cole informed the council that we procured multiple quotes and decided to accept the proposals of Texas Municipal League and TWIA. There will be a significant savings with the change of the carrier.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Loflin, Seconded by Place 3 Pahmiyer to accept the renewal of the Town's insurance with Texas Municipal League, 3/1/2023 - 10/1/2023 and TWIA, 3/1/23 - 3/1/2024.

Voting Yea: Mayor Cole, Mayor Pro Tem Loflin, Place 2 Garis, Place 3 Pahmiyer, Place 4 Biesenbach

6. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement Between Aransas County, Texas, and the Town of Fulton, Texas for Aransas County to Provide Retail Food Establishment Regulation and Enforcement Services.

Mayor Cole informed the Council that Aransas County will be taking over the food inspection within the Town of Fulton. Stephanie Garcia, City Secretary informed the Council that the Agreement will be presented at the next Commissioners Court meeting and become effective after same.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Loflin, Seconded by Place 4 Biesenbach to accept the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement Between Aransas County, Texas, and the Town of Fulton, Texas for Aransas County to Provide Retail Food Establishment Regulation and Enforcement Services.

Voting Yea: Mayor Cole, Mayor Pro Tem Loflin, Place 2 Garis, Place 3 Pahmiyer, Place 4 Biesenbach

7. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** the agreement between the Town of Fulton and Fulton Volunteer Fire Department Concerning Use of Funds from the Hotel Occupancy Tax for Oysterfest 2023.

Mayor Cole explained that the Fulton Volunteer Fire Department will report the HOT fund expenditures received from the Town per the Agreement.

Motion made by Place 3 Pahmiyer, Seconded by Place 4 Biesenbach to accept the Town of Fulton and Fulton Volunteer Fire Department Concerning Use of Funds from the Hotel Occupancy Tax for Oysterfest 2023.

Voting Yea: Mayor Cole, Place 2 Garis, Place 3 Pahmiyer, Place 4 Biesenbach
Voting Abstaining: Mayor Pro Tem Loflin

8. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement Between Aransas County, Texas and the Town of Fulton for Aransas County to Provide Grant Administration and Other Services for Projects Funded Through a Community Development Block Grant Regional Council of Governments Method of Distribution and Mitigation Grant Administered Through the Texas General Land Office Projects.

Mayor Cole and Alderwoman Pahmiyer discussed the approximately two million dollars the Town will receive. It was also noted that the Town's attorney had reviewed the agreement.

Motion made by Place 3 Pahmiyer, Seconded by Place 4 Biesenbach to accept the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement Between Aransas County, Texas and the Town of Fulton for Aransas County to Provide Grant Administration and Other Services for Projects Funded Through a Community Development Block Grant Regional Council of Governments Method of Distribution and Mitigation Grant Administered Through the Texas General Land Office Projects.

Voting Yea: Mayor Cole, Mayor Pro Tem Loflin, Place 2 Garis, Place 3 Pahmiyer, Place 4 Biesenbach

9. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** Fulton Community Church's parking permit application to be used during the 2023 Oysterfest.

Mayor Cole reminded the Council that this ordinance and permit were implemented in the prior year and it is only for non-profit entities.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Loflin, Seconded by Place 4 Biesenbach to approve the Fulton Community Church's parking permit application to be used during the 2023 Oysterfest.

Voting Yea: Mayor Cole, Mayor Pro Tem Loflin, Place 2 Garis, Place 3 Pahmiyer, Place 4 Biesenbach

CLOSED SESSION

The Town Council may elect to go into closed session pursuant to Chapter 551, Section 551.071, Government Code to deliberate pending litigation: Town of Fulton v. John William Johnson; and Section 551.074, Government Code personnel matters.

Council convened into Closed Session at 6:19 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

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

Council reconvened into Open Session at 6:41 p.m. There was no action taken.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

10. Mayor's Update.

Mayor Cole mentioned the start of the 44th Annual Oysterfest. Alderwoman Pahmiyer announced the next Neighborhood Watch meeting to be held on March 14, 2023.

11. The next Regular Fulton Town Council Meeting will be held Wednesday, March 15, 2023, beginning at 6:00 pm.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION - PUBLIC NOTICE is given that the Town Council may elect to go into executive session at any time during the meeting in order to discuss any matters listed on the agenda when authorized by the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code. If the Council elects to go into executive session regarding an agenda item, the section or sections of the Open Meetings Act authorizing the executive session will be publicly announced by the Mayor. The Council may deliberate and take action in open session on any issue that may be discussed in executive session.

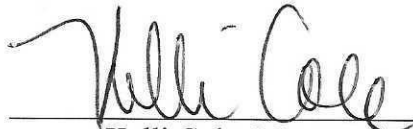
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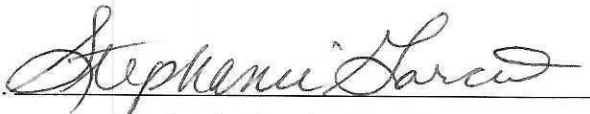
There being no further business, Mayor Cole entertained a motion to adjourn.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Loflin, Seconded by Place 4 Biesenbach to adjourn the meeting.

Voting Yea: Mayor Cole, Mayor Pro Tem Loflin, Place 2 Garis, Place 3 Pahmiyer, Place 4 Biesenbach

Meeting adjourned at 6:44 p.m.


Kelli Cole, Mayor


Stephanie Garcia, City Secretary