



TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, October 04, 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 4 Margo Nielsen
Place 5 Laura McCorkle

ABSENT

Place 3 MaryAnn Pahmiyer

STAFF PRESENT

Stephanie Garcia, City Secretary
Matt Olenick, Director of Operations
Hal George, Town's Attorney
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.

Mary Clare Kane: Mrs. Kane shared her concerns regarding the water rate increase and indicated that they have put a petition together against the water rate increase. She asked that everyone spread the word regarding the petition.

Victor Contreras: Mr. Contreras thanked the Council, Matt Olenick, and the construction crew for the good work performed on the roads.

Shelly Stecker: Mrs. Steckler introduced herself and invited the Town of Fulton to join in the Arbor Day celebration. She would like the Town to consider a proclamation for the Arbor Day event. She further discussed the event and planting of trees throughout the area.

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 Public Hearing and Regular Meeting held on September 18, 2023.
Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Loflin, Seconded by Place 2 Garis to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

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

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 2. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** an Agreement Concerning Use of Funds from the Hotel Occupancy Tax between Town of Fulton and Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce.

Mayor Cole read the item and indicated that the agreement is the same as last year other than the dates.

Motion made by Place 2 Garis, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Loflin to approve the Agreement Concerning Use of Funds from the Hotel Occupancy Tax between Town of Fulton and Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce.

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

- 3. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** an Agreement Concerning Use of Funds from the Hotel Occupancy Tax between Town of Fulton and Oysterfest 2024.

Mayor Cole read the item and noted that Oysterfest brings many people into the community. Mayor Cole indicated that the distribution amount for all entities remained the same and what was in the approved budget.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Loflin, Seconded by Place 4 Nielsen to approve the Agreement Concerning Use of Funds from the Hotel Occupancy Tax between Town of Fulton and Oysterfest 2024.

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

- 4. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** an Agreement Concerning Use of Funds from the Hotel Occupancy Tax between Town of Fulton and Texas Maritime Museum.

Mayor Cole read the item.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Loflin, Seconded by Place 5 McCorkle Agreement Concerning Use of Funds from the Hotel Occupancy Tax between Town of Fulton and Texas Maritime Museum.

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

- 5. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** an Agreement Concerning Use of Funds from the Hotel Occupancy Tax between Town of Fulton and Fulton Mansion State Historic Site.

Mayor Cole read the item.

Motion made by Place 5 McCorkle, Seconded by Place 2 Garis to approve the Agreement Concerning Use of Funds from the Hotel Occupancy Tax between Town of Fulton and Fulton Mansion State Historic Site.

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

- 6. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** an Agreement Concerning Use of Funds from the Hotel Occupancy Tax between Town of Fulton and Aransas County Council on Aging.

Mayor Cole read the item.

Motion made by Place 2 Garis, Seconded by Place 4 Nielsen to approve the Agreement Concerning Use of Funds from the Hotel Occupancy Tax between Town of Fulton and Aransas County Council on Aging.

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

- 7. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** Resolution No. R-10-23 a Resolution Regarding Banking Authorization for American Bank.

Mayor Cole read the item and explained this is an update due to the Town's banking entity changing to American Bank.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Loflin, Seconded by Place 2 Garis to approve Resolution No. R-10-23 a Resolution Regarding Banking Authorization for American Bank.

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

8. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** Resolution R-12-2023, a Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Fulton Approving and Adopting an Investment Policy.

Mayor Cole read the item and explained this is an annual review and housekeeping matter.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Loflin, Seconded by Place 5 McCorkle to approve Resolution R-12-2023, a Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Fulton Approving and Adopting an Investment Policy.

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

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

Mayor Cole asked the Council to convene into Closes Session.

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.

The Council convened into Closed Session at 6:13 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

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

The Council reconvened into Open Session at 6:33 p.m.

Motion made by Place 2 Garis, Seconded by Place 5 McCorkle to approve the revisions to the Job Titles and Pay Rages as presented.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

10. Mayor's Update.

Mayor Cole began by thanking Mr. Contreras for speaking during the citizens to be heard to thank the Town for the work on the roads. She also discussed how excited the Town is about the improvements to the streets and drainage; however, it has been a struggle. Mr. Olenick receives many complaints and is handling those as well as possible. Alderwoman Nielsen indicated the road at their house is much better. Mr. Olenick noted that Prairie Road was finished today. Mayor Cole mentioned that Pavecon will also be striping the areas as weather permits, National Night Out will be held on October 10, 2023, at the convention center starting at 6 p.m., and the golf cart parade will gather at Town Hall then go to FCC.

Administration: Town Hall offices will be closed Monday, October 9, 2023, Columbus Day.

Fulton Convention Center: the new sign was installed last week. Pavecon will postpone work on the FCC parking lot due to the weather. A new date will be decided on soon.

Police Department: Chief Gerstenberger noted that he will be in the Seafair. He has been spending time on Lonestar Road due to speeding complaints. He plans to spend time on Chaparral due to speeding. The Chief also mentioned the new officer coming soon that will join his team.

11. The next Regular Fulton Town Council Meeting will be held Wednesday, October 18, 2023, beginning at 6:00 pm.

Mayor Cole announced the next meeting date and time.

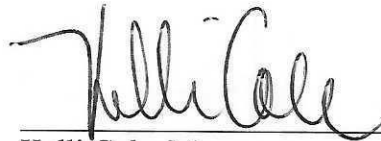
ADJOURNMENT

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 4 Nielsen, Place 5 McCorkle

The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.



Kelli Cole, Mayor



Stephanie Garcia, City Secretary