



TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, February 19, 2025 at 6:00 PM
Fulton Council Chambers, 201 N. 7th Street

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT

Mayor Kelli Cole
Mayor Pro Tem Robert Loffin
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, Chief
Matt Olenick, Director of Operations

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/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.

Kathy Kane introduced herself and mentioned to the Council that the Smithsonian exhibit is still at the Rockport Community Center. There will be a special presentation this coming Saturday.

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 January 15, 2025.
2. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** the December 2024 financials.

Motion made by Place 5 McCorkle, Seconded by Place 2 Garis to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

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

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

3. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** accepting the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Architectural Services for Fulton Town Hall submitted by Levy Dykema.

Mayor Cole read the item and informed the Council of the plans regarding the Town's debt and expansion needs. Michaela Alston with Levy Dykema thanked the Council for accepting their RFQ. Alderwoman Nielsen inquired as to the scoring of the RFQs. Mayor Cole addressed her question.

Motion made by Place 2 Garis, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Loflin to approve the acceptance of the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Architectural Services for Fulton Town Hall submitted by Levy Dykema.

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

4. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** Engagement Letter with Crowe LLP for the year ending September 30, 2024.

Mayor Cole read the item and there were no questions.

Motion made by Place 2 Garis, Seconded by Place 5 McCorkle to accept the Engagement Letter with Crowe LLP for the year ending September 30, 2024.

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

5. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** declaring miscellaneous property, vehicles, and trailers as surplus property to be auctioned through TexasBid Surplus.

Mayor Cole read the item and there was a brief discussion regarding items on the list.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Loflin, Seconded by Place 2 Garis to approve the declaration of miscellaneous property, vehicles, and trailers as surplus property to be auctioned through TexasBid Surplus.

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

6. Receive a report submitted by Jane Hill, President of the Friends of Fulton Mansion of the quarterly expenditures and activity for the HOT funds for the Fulton Mansion.

Mayor Cole read the item and informed the Council that the representative was not present. The information was submitted for the Councils' review. There was a brief discussion regarding use of the funds.

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 did not convene into Closed Session.

OPEN SESSION

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

7. Mayor's Update.

Maintenance: Town maintenance has been in the process of cleaning out drainage and cutting overhanging trees within Fulton.

Election: Mayor Cole informed the Council that the Town will hold an election in May 2025 due to one opposing candidate. This will cost the Town a minimum of \$18,000 if all entities need to hold an election. If we cannot share the cost due to other entities cancelling their elections, it will cost the Town a minimum of \$36,000.

Police: Chief Gerstenberger informed the Council of some thefts in RV parks and investigation of same.

Alderwoman Pahmiyer shared that Pathways put their kiosk up at the pier and there will be a ribbon cutting sometime in March. She also mentioned that the Fulton Neighborhood Watch has been retired.

Alderman Garis mentioned that the Fulton Learning Center served their first lunches in the new cafeteria.

8. The next Regular Fulton Town Council Meeting will be held Wednesday, March 5, 2025, beginning at 6:00 pm.

Mayor announced the date and time of the next meeting.

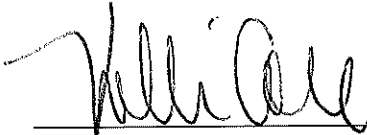
ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion made by Place 2 Garis, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Loflin 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 6:15 p.m.



Kelli Cole, Mayor



Stephanie Garcia, City Secretary