



**TOWN COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING
AND REGULAR MEETING**
Monday, September 18, 2023 at 6:00 PM
Fulton Council Chambers, 201 N. 7th Street

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

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

OBSERVE A MOMENT OF SILENCE/PRAAYER

CLOSE REGULAR MEETING

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

1. PUBLIC HEARING ITEM: BUDGET

The purpose of this public hearing is to discuss the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 budget proposed for adoption by the governing body of the Town of Fulton.

This budget will raise more revenue from property taxes than last year's budget by an amount of \$14,716, which is a 1.99 percent increase from last year's budget. The property tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is \$15,712.

2. PUBLIC HEARING ITEM: TAX RATE

The purpose of this public hearing is to discuss a Tax Rate of \$0.266875 per \$100 valuation that has been proposed for adoption for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 tax year by the governing body of the Town of Fulton.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

OPEN REGULAR MEETING

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.

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.

- 3. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 6, 2023.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 4. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Tax Rate of \$0.266875/\$100.
- 5. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** Ordinance No. 313 an Ordinance adopting the tax rate and levy ad valorem taxes for use and support of the Municipal Government of the Town of Fulton, Fulton, Texas for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year; providing for apportioning each levy for specific purposes; and providing when taxes shall become due and when same shall become delinquent if not paid and providing for publication.
- 6. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Town of Fulton Budget.
- 7. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** Ordinance No. 314 an Ordinance making appropriations for the support of the Town of Fulton for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2024; Adopting the Annual Budget of the Town of Fulton, Aransas County, Texas for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year.
- 8. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** Ordinance No. 315, An Ordinance Relating to Office of Police Chief; Confirming the Appointment of Police Chief; Repealing Ordinances in Conflict and Providing for Severance.

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.

OPEN SESSION

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

9. Mayor's Update.
10. The next Regular Fulton Town Council Meeting will be held Wednesday, October 4, 2023, beginning at 6:00 pm.

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.

ADJOURNMENT

NOTICE

This facility is wheelchair accessible and accessible parking spaces are available. Requests for accommodations or interpretive services must be made 48 hours prior to this meeting. Please contact the City Secretary's office at 361/729-5533 or by email at citysec@fultontexas.org for further information. Braille Is Not Available. The Town of Fulton reserves the right to convene into Closed Session under Government Code 551.071-551.074 and 551-086.

CERTIFICATION

I certify that the above notice of meeting was posted at Town Hall, 201 N. Seventh Street, Fulton, Texas, on Friday, September 15, 2023, at 4:00 p.m., and at the U.S. Post Office located at 301 Cactus Street, Fulton, Texas. I further certify that the following News Media were properly notified of this meeting as stated above: The Rockport Pilot.

/S/ Stephanie Garcia, City Secretary



Proposed Budget

October 1, 2023 - September 30, 2024

THIS BUDGET WILL RAISE MORE TOTAL PROPERTY TAXES THAN LAST YEAR'S BUDGET BY \$14,716 OR 1.99%, AND OF THAT AMOUNT, \$15,712 IS TAX REVENUE TO BE RAISED FROM NEW PROPERTY ADDED TO THE TAX ROLL THIS YEAR.

FY 23-24						
Fund Title	Estimated Fund Balance 9/30/2023	Total Revenues	Total Expenditures	Total Internal Transfers	Net Inc/(Dec)	Estimated Fund Balance 9/30/2023
General Fund	\$ 990,837	\$ 958,785	\$ 978,020	\$ 19,236	-	\$ 990,837
Debt Service Fund	6,726	317,305	317,305	-	-	6,726
Hotel/Motel Fund	439,568	402,500	140,000	(262,500)	-	439,568
Police Fund	15,621	19,250	207,264	188,014	-	15,621
Sewer Fund*	495,302	676,650	521,650	(155,000)	-	495,302
Convention Center Fund*	157,559	120,000	346,750	226,750	-	157,559
Pier Fund*	75,165	153,500	137,000	(16,500)	-	75,165
Net Total Primary Government	\$ 2,180,778	\$ 2,647,990	\$ 2,647,990	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,180,778

**TOWN OF FULTON TAX RATE COMPARISON
FY 2023-2024**

	2022	2023 No-New Revenue Tax Rate	2023 Voter- Approval Tax Rate	2023 De Minimis Tax Rate	2023 Proposed Tax Rate
	Adopted Rate				
M&O Rate	\$ 0.155915	\$ 0.155671	\$ 0.157831	\$ 0.329478	\$ 0.155671
I&S Rate	\$ 0.117272	\$ 0.111204	\$ 0.111204	\$ 0.111204	\$ 0.111204
Total Rate	\$ 0.273187	\$ 0.266875	\$ 0.269035	\$ 0.440682	\$ 0.266875
Adjusted Taxable Values	\$ 270,077,200	\$ 282,509,135	\$ 282,509,135	\$ 282,509,135	\$ 282,509,135
M&O	\$ 421,091	\$ 439,785	\$ 445,886	\$ 930,805	\$ 439,785
I&S	\$ 316,725	\$ 314,161	\$ 314,161	\$ 314,161	\$ 314,161
Total Estimated Tax Levy	\$ 737,816	\$ 753,946	\$ 760,047	\$ 1,244,967	\$ 753,946

FULTON TAXPAYER IMPACT

	2023	2023	2023	2023
<u>2023 Average Homestead Taxable Value</u>	NNR	VAR	De Minimis	Proposed Rate
Average Taxable Value - \$260,453	\$ 695.08	\$ 700.71	\$ 1,147.77	\$ 695.08
<u>2022 Average Homestead Taxable Value</u>	2022	2022	2022	2022
	Adopted Rate	Adopted Rate	Adopted Rate	Adopted Rate
Average Taxable Value - \$219,563	\$ 599.82	\$ 599.82	\$ 599.82	\$ 599.82
Average Cost Increase (Decrease)	\$ 95.27	\$ 100.89	\$ 547.95	\$ 95.27

**TOWN OF FULTON
GENERAL FUND
PROPOSED BUDGET
FISCAL YEAR 2023 - 2024**

Item 1.

	<u>ACTUAL</u> FY 2021-22	<u>PROJECTED</u> ACTUAL FY 2022-23	<u>ADOPTED</u> BUDGET FY 2022-23	<u>PROPOSED</u> BUDGET FY 2023-24	<u>\$ Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
<u>REVENUES</u>						
<u>TAXES</u>						
400 · Ad Valorem Tax	289,614.63	424,481.56	428,203.00	439,784.80	11,581.80	2.70%
405 · Sales Tax	297,687.94	288,577.27	285,000.00	290,000.00	5,000.00	1.75%
410 · Franchise Fees	106,943.67	103,885.58	112,000.00	108,500.00	(3,500.00)	-3.13%
415 · Mixed Beverage Tax	55,765.91	59,973.17	54,500.00	58,500.00	4,000.00	7.34%
TOTAL TAX REVENUE	750,012.15	876,917.58	879,703.00	896,784.80	17,081.80	1.94%
<u>PERMITS</u>						
420-1 · Building	29,063.75	43,596.19	28,500.00	22,500.00	(6,000.00)	-21.05%
420-2 · Electrical	7,002.55	9,031.75	7,500.00	4,500.00	(3,000.00)	-40.00%
420-3 · Vendor Permits	5,240.00	5,745.00	5,500.00	4,800.00	(700.00)	-12.73%
420-4 · Gas	520.00	180.00	600.00	600.00	-	0.00%
420-5 · Mechanical	1,407.00	3,005.80	1,500.00	1,000.00	(500.00)	-33.33%
420-6 · Misc.	785.00	453.00	600.00	600.00	-	0.00%
420-7 · Plumbing	3,352.50	5,299.50	3,050.00	1,500.00	(1,550.00)	-50.82%
420-8 · Other Permits	176.00	1,085.00	3,750.00	1,500.00	(2,250.00)	100.00%
TOTAL PERMITS	47,546.80	68,396.24	51,000.00	37,000.00	(14,000.00)	-27.45%
<u>OTHER REVENUE</u>						
425 · Interest Income	2,807.82	18,268.89	7,500.00	12,500.00	5,000.00	66.67%
451 · Reimbursements	7,263.57	-	-	-	-	-
460 · Cell Tower Lease	12,759.71	12,800.00	12,500.00	12,500.00	-	0.00%
TOTAL OTHER REVENUE	22,831.10	31,068.89	20,000.00	25,000.00	5,000.00	25.00%
TOTAL REVENUE	820,390.05	976,382.71	950,703.00	958,784.80	8,081.80	0.85%
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>						
<u>ADMINISTRATIVE</u>						
500 · Office Expense	7,734.82	12,554.58	9,500.00	9,500.00	-	0.00%
504 · Office Supplies	9,007.35	10,634.41	11,500.00	11,500.00	-	0.00%
505 · Telephone	11,043.64	7,984.00	9,000.00	9,000.00	-	0.00%
515 · Software & Subscriptions	9,431.23	22,563.61	22,500.00	22,500.00	-	0.00%
520 · Bank Chrgs. & Fees	315.19	466.76	100.00	300.00	200.00	200.00%
525 · Travel Expense	711.35	2,596.77	2,500.00	1,500.00	(1,000.00)	-40.00%
530 · Education & Training	1,155.00	1,217.00	2,500.00	2,000.00	(500.00)	-20.00%
565 · Postage	1,873.40	1,398.24	1,750.00	1,750.00	-	0.00%
553 · Internet/Website	5,025.20	6,420.64	4,500.00	5,000.00	500.00	11.11%
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE	46,297.18	65,836.01	63,850.00	63,050.00	(800.00)	-1.25%

**TOWN OF FULTON
GENERAL FUND
PROPOSED BUDGET
FISCAL YEAR 2023 - 2024**

Item 1.

	ACTUAL FY 2021-22	PROJECTED ACTUAL FY 2022-23	ADOPTED BUDGET FY 2022-23	PROPOSED BUDGET FY 2023-24	\$ Change	% Change
<u>CONTRACTS AND SERVICES</u>						
600 · Appraisal Services	10,694.77	11,935.07	11,935.07	12,710.85	775.78	6.50%
605 · Tax Collection Service	1,483.50	1,586.10	1,586.10	1,934.14	348.04	21.94%
615 · Insurance	33,227.52	54,924.51	38,500.00	39,500.00	1,000.00	2.60%
620 · Elections	11,383.33	10,739.03	11,000.00	11,000.00	-	0.00%
625 · Notices & Filings	6,145.88	1,804.93	3,500.00	3,500.00	-	0.00%
630 · Accounting Services	54,287.50	61,200.00	61,200.00	61,200.00	-	0.00%
631 · Audit	23,000.00	18,594.00	23,000.00	27,000.00	4,000.00	17.39%
632 · Legal Services	30,000.00	36,000.00	36,000.00	36,000.00	-	0.00%
633 · Security	1,263.56	480.00	500.00	480.00	(20.00)	-4.00%
634 · IT	6,849.18	6,911.50	4,500.00	5,500.00	1,000.00	22.22%
635 · Engineering	-	-	500.00	500.00	-	0.00%
640 · Rockport Law Enforcement	60,000.00	60,000.00	60,000.00	60,000.00	-	0.00%
645 · Juvenile Case Mgmt	5,767.29	6,878.70	10,000.00	8,675.00	(1,325.00)	-13.25%
650 · Animal Control	33,000.00	33,000.00	33,000.00	33,000.00	-	0.00%
656 · City/Co Communications	66,768.67	96,866.17	60,971.94	122,000.00	61,028.06	100.09%
657 · Alligence Medical Services	45,000.00	45,000.00	40,000.00	45,000.00	5,000.00	12.50%
658 · Aransas Co Health Dep - Permits	-	-	-	1,000.00	1,000.00	100.00%
TOTAL CONTRACTS AND SERVICES	388,871.20	445,920.01	396,193.11	468,999.99	72,806.88	18.38%
<u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</u>						
535 · Special Events	1,282.33	3,461.69	1,250.00	1,250.00	-	0.00%
550 · Utilities - Water/Sewer	1,235.25	1,406.24	1,200.00	1,500.00	300.00	25.00%
552 · Utilities - Electricity	2,964.58	2,837.53	3,000.00	3,000.00	-	0.00%
557 · Utilities - Electricity	9,730.81	9,803.03	13,000.00	11,500.00	(1,500.00)	-11.54%
559 · Fuel	-	5,100.00	-	5,500.00	5,500.00	0.00%
700 · Repairs & Maintenance	21,056.10	15,970.33	12,500.00	15,000.00	2,500.00	20.00%
802 · Aquatic Park	7,000.08	7,000.08	7,000.00	-	(7,000.00)	-100.00%
810 · Vol Fire Department	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	-	0.00%
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	53,269.15	55,578.90	47,950.00	47,750.00	(200.00)	-0.42%
<u>CAPITAL OUTLAY</u>						
701 · Capital Outlay - Vehicles	32,127.44	-	-	-	-	0.00%
710 · Streets & Drainage Maint	98,948.36	88,811.17	100,000.00	100,000.00	-	0.00%
705 · Street Signs	419.48	5,755.53	2,500.00	2,500.00	-	0.00%
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	131,495.28	94,566.70	102,500.00	102,500.00	-	0.00%
<u>PERSONNEL</u>						
900 · Gross Salaries	135,064.41	189,160.63	190,319.73	202,587.99	12,268.26	6.45%
905 · Payroll Tax	9,632.40	14,470.79	13,813.78	15,930.31	2,116.53	15.32%
910 · Health Insurance	22,584.00	30,174.48	30,174.48	51,531.55	21,357.07	70.78%
925 · TMRS	29,526.37	18,225.56	18,712.65	21,034.27	2,321.62	12.41%
926 · Worker's Comp	-	4,149.63	-	4,636.37	-	100.00%
TOTAL PERSONNEL	196,807.18	256,181.09	253,020.64	295,720.50	42,699.86	16.88%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	816,739.99	918,082.70	863,513.75	978,020.48	114,506.73	13.26%

**TOWN OF FULTON
GENERAL FUND
PROPOSED BUDGET
FISCAL YEAR 2023 - 2024**

Item 1.

	ACTUAL FY 2021-22	PROJECTED ACTUAL FY 2022-23	ADOPTED BUDGET FY 2022-23	PROPOSED BUDGET FY 2023-24	\$ Change	% Change
<u>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</u>						
740 · Sewer Fund - Transfer In	60,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	155,000.00	55,000.00	55.00%
741 · Police Fund - Transfer out	(100,067.90)	(237,189.00)	(237,189.00)	(188,014.10)	49,174.90	-20.73%
742 · Pier Fund - Transfer In	-	-	-	16,500.00	16,500.00	100.00%
743 · Hotel/Motel - Transfer In	-	-	-	14,250.00	14,250.00	100.00%
744 · Convention Cntr - Transfer In	-	-	-	21,500.00	21,500.00	100.00%
TOTAL	(40,067.90)	(137,189.00)	(137,189.00)	19,235.90	156,424.90	-114.02%
FUND BALANCE-BEGINNING OF YEAR	1,106,144.00	1,069,726.20	1,069,726.20	990,837.20		
OVER/(UNDER)	(36,417.80)	(78,889.00)	(50,000.00)	-		
FUND BALANCE-END OF YEAR	1,069,726.20	990,837.20	1,019,726.20	990,837.20		

**TOWN OF FULTON
DEBT SERVICE FUND
PROPOSED BUDGET
FISCAL YEAR 2023 - 2024**

Item 1.

	ACTUAL FY 2021-22	PROJECTED ACTUAL FY 2022-23	ADOPTED BUDGET FY 2022-23	PROPOSED BUDGET FY 2023-24	\$ Change	% Change
REVENUES						
400 · Property Taxes	321,620.65	324,638.65	324,638.65	317,305.19	(7,333.46)	-2.26%
TOTAL REVENUE	321,620.65	324,638.65	324,638.65	317,305.19	(7,333.46)	-2.26%
EXPENDITURES						
DEBT SERVICE						
500 · Principal - Bank of America	175,000.00	185,000.00	185,000.00	200,000.00	15,000.00	8.11%
505 · Interest - Bank of America	77,214.90	66,823.37	66,823.37	44,452.69	(22,370.68)	-33.48%
516 · Principal - Truist	55,000.00	55,000.00	55,000.00	60,000.00	5,000.00	9.09%
517 · Interest - Truist	17,423.76	15,966.25	15,966.25	12,852.50	(3,113.75)	-20%
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	324,638.66	322,789.62	322,789.62	317,305.19	(5,484.43)	-1.70%
FUND BALANCE-BEGINNING OF YEAR	7,895.00	4,876.99	4,876.99	6,726.02		
OVER/(UNDER)	(3,018.01)	1,849.03	1,849.03	-		
FUND BALANCE-END OF YEAR	4,876.99	6,726.02	6,726.02	6,726.02		

**TOWN OF FULTON
HOTEL/MOTEL TAX FUND
PROPOSED BUDGET
FISCAL YEAR 2023 - 2024**

Item 1.

	ACTUAL FY 2021-22	PROJECTED ACTUAL FY 2022-23	ADOPTED BUDGET FY 2022-23	PROPOSED BUDGET FY 2023-24	\$ Change	% Change
REVENUES						
400 · Hotel Occupancy Taxes	392,338.54	417,475.92	315,000.00	395,000.00	80,000.00	25.40%
405 · Interest Income	818.03	11,967.57	3,000.00	7,500.00	4,500.00	150.00%
TOTAL REVENUE	393,156.57	429,443.49	318,000.00	402,500.00	84,500.00	26.57%
EXPENDITURES						
525 · Bank Charges	174.60	-	-	200.00	200.00	100.00%
520 · Advertising & Promotion	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	-	0.00%
516 · Parks & Utilities	4,319.70	7,500.00	7,500.00	7,500.00	-	0.00%
600 · R-F Chamber of Commerce	25,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	-	0.00%
605 · Maritime Museum	-	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	-	0.00%
615 · Fulton Mansion	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	-	0.00%
620 · Oysterfest	35,000.00	35,000.00	35,000.00	35,000.00	-	0.00%
625 · AC Council on Aging	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	-	0.00%
655 · Daughters Rep Museum	15,759.75	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	-	0.00%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	112,579.45	140,000.00	140,000.00	140,000.00	-	0.00%
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)						
650 · Convention Center - Transfer Out	(175,000.00)	(355,000.00)	(355,000.00)	(248,250.00)	106,750.00	-30.07%
660 · General Fund - Transfer Out	-	-	-	(14,250.00)	(14,250.00)	100.00%
TOTAL	(175,000.00)	(355,000.00)	(355,000.00)	(262,500.00)	92,500.00	-26.06%
FUND BALANCE-BEGINNING OF YEAR	399,547.88	505,125.00	505,125.00	439,568.49		
OVER/(UNDER)	105,577.12	(65,556.51)	(177,000.00)	-		
FUND BALANCE-END OF YEAR	505,125.00	439,568.49	328,125.00	439,568.49		

**TOWN OF FULTON
POLICE FUND
PROPOSED BUDGET
FISCAL YEAR 2023 - 2024**

Item 1.

	ACTUAL FY 2021-22	PROJECTED ACTUAL FY 2022-23	ADOPTED BUDGET FY 2022-23	PROPOSED BUDGET FY 2023-24	\$ Change	% Change
REVENUE						
400 · Fines & Fees	8,906.45	14,458.24	12,500.00	18,500.00	6,000.00	32.43%
350 · State Designated Funds	554.65	554.65	700.00	600.00	(100.00)	-16.67%
415 · Misc. Income	350.35	350.35	150.00	150.00	-	0.00%
TOTAL REVENUE	9,811.45	15,363.24	13,350.00	19,250.00	5,900.00	30.65%
EXPENDITURES						
COURT						
504 · Court - Licenses & Postage	-	200.00	150.00	250.00	100.00	40.00%
505 · Court Office & Postage	2,434.76	7,984.05	8,250.00	8,500.00	250.00	2.94%
510 · Court - Cost to State	2,754.68	5,830.39	6,000.00	6,000.00	-	0.00%
515 · Housing Prisoners	205.00	110.00	750.00	750.00	-	0.00%
TOTAL COURT	5,394.44	14,124.44	15,150.00	15,500.00	350.00	2.26%
ADMINISTRATIVE						
600 · Bank Charges	-	68.20	70.00	100.00	30.00	30.00%
610 · Continuing Ed& Seminars	30.00	980.45	1,000.00	600.00	(400.00)	-66.67%
615 · Insurance - Bond	-	150.00	150.00	150.00	-	0.00%
630 · Licenses/Dues/Subscriptions	647.38	449.60	300.00	300.00	-	0.00%
635 · Office & Postage	858.47	2,896.46	3,250.00	1,250.00	(2,000.00)	-160.00%
650 · Radio Expense	-	750.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	-	-100.00%
655 · Uniform & Supplies	1,512.34	2,422.08	2,500.00	750.00	(1,750.00)	-233.33%
660 · Travel Expense	15.50	2,385.00	2,500.00	1,250.00	(1,250.00)	-100.00%
665 · Vehicle Exp - Fuel	52.81	1,441.69	1,500.00	5,000.00	3,500.00	70.00%
670 · Vehicle Repairs & Maint	4,337.26	870.05	1,500.00	750.00	(750.00)	-100.00%
706 · Crime Prevention - N Watch	363.36	463.25	500.00	500.00	-	0.00%
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE	7,817.12	12,876.78	16,020.00	11,650.00	(4,370.00)	-37.51%
CAPITAL OUTLAY						
900 · Capital Outlay - Equipment	-	27,345.22	28,500.00	2,000.00	(26,500.00)	100.00%
901 · Capital Outlay - Vehicles	-	47,101.00	50,000.00	-	(50,000.00)	100.00%
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	-	74,446.22	78,500.00	2,000.00	(76,500.00)	100.00%
PERSONNEL						
800 · Salaries	70,659.01	108,923.00	115,789.00	127,215.20	11,426.20	9.87%
805 · Payroll Taxes	5,372.22	8,476.61	8,857.86	10,019.96	1,162.10	13.12%
810 · Health Insurance	5,144.35	5,144.35	5,144.35	25,765.78	20,621.43	400.86%
815 · TMRS	15,492.24	7,167.13	11,077.84	8,370.76	(2,707.08)	-24.44%
816 · Worker's Comp	-	5,772.92	-	6,742.41	6,742.41	100.00%
TOTAL PERSONNEL	96,667.82	135,484.01	140,869.05	178,114.11	37,245.06	20.91%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	109,879.38	236,931.45	250,539.05	207,264.11	(43,274.94)	-17.27%
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)						
420 · General Fund - Transfer In	100,067.90	237,189.00	237,189.00	188,014.10	(49,174.90)	-20.73%
FUND BALANCE-BEGINNING OF YEAR	-	-	-	15,620.80		
OVER/(UNDER)	-	15,620.80	-	-		
FUND BALANCE-END OF YEAR	-	15,620.80	-	15,620.80		

**TOWN OF FULTON
SEWER FUND
PROPOSED BUDGET
FISCAL YEAR 2023 - 2024**

Item 1.

	ACTUAL FY 2021-22	PROJECTED ACTUAL FY 2022-23	ADOPTED BUDGET FY 2022-23	PROPOSED BUDGET FY 2023-24	\$ Change	% Change
<u>REVENUES</u>						
400 · Sewer Revenues	650,448.42	664,544.66	635,300.00	662,650.00	27,350.00	4.31%
405 · Sewer Tap Fees	20,500.00	4,200.00	12,500.00	4,500.00	(8,000.00)	-64.00%
415 · Interest Income	926.97	12,505.63	4,500.00	9,500.00	5,000.00	100.00%
TOTAL REVENUES	671,875.39	681,250.29	652,300.00	676,650.00	24,350.00	3.73%
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>						
<u>ADMINISTRATIVE</u>						
510 · Telephone	3,483.80	2,429.71	5,500.00	3,500.00	(2,000.00)	-36.36%
525 · Dues & Subscriptions	507.94	257.18	50.00	50.00	-	0.00%
540 · Bank Charges	-	10.32	-	200.00	200.00	100.00%
545 · Training / Seminars	120.00	1,521.05	500.00	1,000.00	500.00	100.00%
546 · Travel Expense	-	1,410.90	1,000.00	1,000.00	-	0.00%
547 · Uniforms	2,319.00	5,286.20	4,500.00	5,500.00	1,000.00	22.22%
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE	6,430.74	10,915.36	11,550.00	11,250.00	(300.00)	-2.60%
<u>OPERATING EXPENSES</u>						
505 · Utilities	11,918.68	14,055.56	13,000.00	13,500.00	500.00	3.85%
515 · Supplies	9,670.51	9,910.73	12,500.00	11,500.00	(1,000.00)	-8.00%
519 · Tractor Expenses	2,133.08	2,979.88	3,000.00	3,000.00	-	0.00%
520 · Vehicle Exp	3,618.44	3,799.46	5,000.00	5,000.00	-	0.00%
521 · Fuel	16,917.67	4,890.87	15,200.00	7,500.00	(7,700.00)	-50.66%
600 · Wasterwater Treatment	188,035.04	185,803.84	195,000.00	210,000.00	15,000.00	7.69%
618 · Preventive Maint	2,027.00	1,026.02	12,500.00	12,500.00	-	0.00%
620 · Repairs & Maint.	20,304.46	2,067.96	5,000.00	25,000.00	20,000.00	400.00%
621 · AC Transfer Station	1,048.20	910.80	1,000.00	1,500.00	500.00	50.00%
TOTAL OPERATING	255,673.08	225,445.12	262,200.00	289,500.00	27,300.00	9.43%
<u>PERSONNEL</u>						
700 · Wages	99,653.74	110,198.10	117,054.81	109,435.44	(7,619.37)	-6.51%
705 · Payroll Tax	7,548.37	8,718.15	9,386.69	8,704.88	(681.81)	-7.26%
710 · Health Insurance	17,864.41	20,116.32	30,098.52	25,765.78	(4,332.74)	-14.40%
711 · TMRS	21,868.32	7,251.03	12,144.44	11,415.04	(729.40)	-6.01%
816 · Worker's Comp	-	4,958.91	-	5,578.86	5,578.86	100.00%
TOTAL PERSONNEL	146,934.84	151,242.52	168,684.46	160,900.00	(7,784.00)	-4.61%
<u>CAPITAL OUTLAY</u>						
594 · Capital Outlay - Vehicles	-	43,500.00	45,000.00	-	(45,000.00)	100.00%
596 · Capital Outlay - Equipment	35,905.44	99,180.05	100,162.05	-	(100,162.05)	100.00%
595 · Capital Outlay - Sewer System	45,563.05	25,346.40	58,000.00	60,000.00	2,000.00	3.45%
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	81,468.49	168,026.45	203,162.05	60,000.00	(143,162.05)	-70.47%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	490,507.15	555,629.45	645,596.51	521,650.00	(123,946.51)	-23.76%

**TOWN OF FULTON
SEWER FUND
PROPOSED BUDGET
FISCAL YEAR 2023 - 2024**

Item 1.

	<u>ACTUAL</u> FY 2021-22	<u>PROJECTED</u> <u>ACTUAL</u> FY 2022-23	<u>ADOPTED</u> <u>BUDGET</u> FY 2022-23	<u>PROPOSED</u> <u>BUDGET</u> FY 2023-24	<u>\$ Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
<u>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</u>						
500 · GF Transfer Out - Admin	(100,000.00)	(100,000.00)	(100,000.00)	(155,000.00)	(55,000.00)	55%
501 · Surplus Property Proceeds	9,704.99	15,000.00	15,000.00	-	-	0.00%
TOTAL	(90,295.01)	(85,000.00)	(85,000.00)	(155,000.00)	(55,000.00)	55%
FUND BALANCE-BEGINNING OF YEAR	363,607.77	454,681.00	454,681.00	495,301.84		
OVER/(UNDER)	91,073.23	40,620.84	(78,296.51)	-		
FUND BALANCE-END OF YEAR	454,681.00	495,301.84	454,681.00	495,301.84		

**TOWN OF FULTON
CONVENTION CENTER FUND
PROPOSED BUDGET
FISCAL YEAR 2023 - 2024**

Item 1.

	ACTUAL	PROJECTED ACTUAL	ADOPTED BUDGET	PROPOSED BUDGET		
	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24	\$ Change	% Change
<u>REVENUES</u>						
400 · Facility Fees	75,650.00	121,600.00	72,500.00	116,500.00	44,000.00	60.69%
405 · Interest Income	370.74	4,120.28	750.00	3,500.00	2,750.00	100.00%
TOTAL REVENUES	76,020.74	125,720.28	73,250.00	120,000.00	46,750.00	63.82%
<u>OPERATING EXPENSES</u>						
500 · Utilities	20,047.12	20,883.17	16,200.00	21,000.00	4,800.00	29.63%
503 · ACND Lease	36,000.00	40,500.00	40,500.00	42,000.00	1,500.00	3.70%
505 · Telephone	564.48	1,514.76	1,500.00	1,750.00	250.00	16.67%
506 · Internet	4,086.68	3,600.00	3,600.00	4,000.00	400.00	11.11%
507 · Insurance	39,044.84	49,911.85	43,500.00	51,500.00	8,000.00	18.39%
510 · Office Expense	961.44	1,099.92	2,000.00	1,000.00	(1,000.00)	-50.00%
511 · Supplies	5,622.74	3,618.22	3,900.00	4,000.00	100.00	2.56%
515 · Repairs & Maint.	9,394.21	9,491.17	15,000.00	15,000.00	-	0.00%
516 · Janitorial Services	18,200.00	17,575.00	15,500.00	18,000.00	2,500.00	16.13%
520 · Trash Removal	10,242.13	14,582.20	8,500.00	18,200.00	9,700.00	114.12%
526 · Ice Machine Lease	2,082.00	2,119.19	1,950.00	2,200.00	250.00	12.82%
531 · Dues & Subcriptions	975.00	425.00	3,500.00	2,500.00	(1,000.00)	-28.57%
535 · Special Events	1,358.88	2,036.03	20,000.00	10,000.00	(10,000.00)	-50.00%
536 · FCC Advertising	9,286.07	969.71	15,000.00	3,250.00	(11,750.00)	-78.33%
TOTAL OPERATING	157,865.59	168,326.22	190,650.00	194,400.00	3,750.00	1.97%
<u>PERSONNEL</u>						
600 - Wages	35,799.17	45,195.40	40,036.88	73,425.26	33,388.38	83.39%
610 - Health Insurance	8,932.22	9,219.98	10,032.84	12,882.89	2,850.05	28.41%
611 - TMRS	7,586.32	2,973.86	4,153.83	7,628.78	3,474.95	83.66%
615 - Payroll Tax	2,738.62	3,457.45	3,206.82	5,913.08	2,706.26	84.39%
TOTAL PERSONNEL	55,056.33	60,846.69	57,430.37	99,850.00	42,419.63	73.86%
<u>CAPITAL OUTLAY</u>						
155 - Building Improvements	25,594.59	62,957.80	112,200.00	52,500.00	(59,700.00)	-53.21%
167 - Parking Lot	-	-	180,000.00	-	(180,000.00)	100.00%
166 - Furniture & Fixtures	-	3,587.85	22,300.00	-	-	
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY	25,594.59	66,545.65	314,500.00	52,500.00	(239,700.00)	100.00%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	238,516.51	295,718.56	562,580.37	346,750.00	(193,530.37)	100.00%
<u>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</u>						
415 · Hotel/Motel - Transfer In	175,000.00	175,000.00	355,000.00	248,250.00	(106,750.00)	-30.07%
416 · General Fund - Transfer Out	-	-	-	(21,500.00)	(21,500.00)	100.00%
	175,000.00	175,000.00	355,000.00	226,750.00	(128,250.00)	-36.13%
FUND BALANCE-BEGINNING OF YEAR	140,053.00	152,557.23	152,557.23	157,558.95		
OVER/(UNDER)	12,504.23	5,001.72	(134,330.37)	-		
FUND BALANCE-END OF YEAR	152,557.23	157,558.95	18,226.86	157,558.95		

**TOWN OF FULTON
PIER FUND
PROPOSED BUDGET
FISCAL YEAR 2023 - 2024**

Item 1.

	ACTUAL	PROJECTED ACTUAL	ADOPTED BUDGET	PROPOSED BUDGET		
	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24	\$ Change	% Change
REVENUES						
400 · Pier Pole Fees	142,480.00	140,320.90	147,500.00	142,500.00	(5,000.00)	-3.39%
425 · Pole Rental Fees	-	1,745.00	-	5,400.00	5,400.00	100.00%
405 · Retail Sales	13,026.14	12,197.58	14,500.00	13,500.00	(1,000.00)	-6.90%
406 · Cost of Sales	(10,771.30)	(8,388.30)	(7,250.00)	(7,900.00)	(650.00)	8.97%
TOTAL REVENUES	144,734.84	145,875.18	154,750.00	153,500.00	(1,250.00)	-0.81%
EXPENDITURES						
OPERATING						
500 · ACND - Sub.Land Lease	-	-	300.00	300.00	-	0.00%
505 · Utilities	7,419.30	8,325.65	6,700.00	8,500.00	1,800.00	26.87%
602 · Supplies	2,934.76	1,824.82	3,500.00	1,500.00	(2,000.00)	-57.14%
601 · Repairs & Maint.	150.48	15,787.01	7,500.00	10,000.00	2,500.00	33.33%
520 · Bank Charges	52.00	258.33	75.00	75.00	-	0.00%
525 · Licenses & Fees	215.00	215.00	215.00	215.00	-	0.00%
603 · Portable Rental	4,015.00	5,160.00	4,380.00	4,380.00	-	0.00%
506 · Insurance	20,952.17	-	30,260.00	-	(30,260.00)	100.00%
TOTAL OPERATING	35,738.71	31,570.81	52,930.00	24,970.00	(27,960.00)	-52.82%
PERSONNEL						
615 - Wages	63,397.55	82,892.19	79,871.20	82,008.42	2,137.22	2.68%
616 - Payroll Tax	4,818.43	6,341.25	6,830.15	7,126.84	296.69	4.34%
617 - TMRS	4,348.49	4,507.60	3,717.07	6,996.87	3,279.80	88.24%
618 - Health Insurance	4,466.10	9,219.97	10,032.84	12,882.89	2,850.05	28.41%
619 - Workers Comp	-	2,882.46	-	3,014.98	3,014.98	100.00%
TOTAL PERSONNEL	77,030.57	105,843.47	100,451.26	112,030.00	11,578.74	11.53%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	112,769.28	137,414.28	153,381.26	137,000.00	(16,381.26)	-10.68%
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)						
700 · GF Transfer Out - Admin		1,650.00	-	(16,500.00)	(16,500.00)	100%
FUND BALANCE-BEGINNING OF YEAR	33,088.44	65,054.00	65,054.00	75,164.90		
OVER/(UNDER)	31,965.56	10,110.90	1,368.74	-		
FUND BALANCE-END OF YEAR	65,054.00	75,164.90	66,422.74	75,164.90		



TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, September 06, 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 Margo Nielsen

Place 5 Laura McCorkle

STAFF PRSENT

Stephanie Garcia, City Secretary

Matt Olenick, Director of Operations

Steven Robertson, Comptroller

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 spoke regarding the Rockport City Council meeting that took place the night before. She gave a comparison of the fees that will be paid by out-of-resident citizens versus the in-city citizens. She discussed her concerns regarding the upcoming larger fees and the sewer charges from the Town of Fulton.

Kathy Kane: Ms. Kane also discussed the upcharges of the water rates from the City of Rockport. Her question to them was about a water utility need to justify the cost of what the City of Rockport is charging. She stated that the City of Rockport did not have an answer for her. She feels this is wrong, the City of Rockport should give them an explanation. Ms. Kane says that she feels someone from the Fulton Town Council should be representing the citizens of Fulton. She is also asking that the Town speak to the City of Rockport regarding these rates.

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 Town Council Meeting held on August 16, 2023.
- 2. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** May and June 2023 financial reports.

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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** recommendation for approval of banking services contract to begin October 1, 2023.

Mayor Cole read the item and informed the Council that the current contract will expire on October 1, 2023. She referenced the recommendation memorandum to the Council and informed them of the review committee was in favor of awarding the contract to American Bank.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Loflin, Seconded by Place 5 McCorkle to approve the recommendation presented by the Mayor for the approval of the banking services contract.

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

- 4. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** award of banking services contract to recommended entity to begin October 1, 2023.

Mayor Cole read the item and noted that the contract would be awarded to American Bank.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Loflin, Seconded by Place 2 Garis to approve the award of the banking services contract to American Bank.

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

5. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Tax Assessment and Collection of Property Tax in 2023-2024 Between County of Aransas, Texas, and The Town of Fulton, Texas.

Mayor Cole read the item and informed the Council that this is a yearly Interlocal with Aransas County where in they collect taxes for the Town. The only changes were to the dates of the contract.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Loflin, Seconded by Place 5 McCorkle to approve the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Tax Assessment and Collection of Property Tax in 2023-2024 Between County of Aransas, Texas, and The Town of Fulton, Texas.

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

6. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** the proposed 2023 Fiscal Year Tax Rate of 0.266875/\$100.

Mayor Cole read the item and stated that the Town will be using a No New Revenue tax of 0.266875/\$100.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Loflin, Seconded by Place 2 Garis the proposed 2023 Fiscal Year Tax Rate of 0.266875/\$100.

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

7. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** scheduling a Public Hearing on the proposed 2023 – 2024 Budget and 2023 Fiscal Year Tax Rate: **September 18, 2023.**

Mayor Cole read the time and stated the meeting would be held on Monday, September 18, 2023 due to a possible lack of quorum on the normal Wednesday night meeting.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Loflin, Seconded by Place 2 Garis scheduling a Public Hearing on the proposed 2023 – 2024 Budget and 2023 Fiscal Year Tax Rate: September 18, 2023.

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

8. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** the time and date to adopt the Fiscal Year 2023 – 2024 Budget and Fiscal Year 2023 Tax Rate: **September 18, 2023.**

Mayor Cole read the item and indicated there will be a public hearing prior to the regular meeting.

Motion made by Place 5 McCorkle, Seconded by Place 4 Nielsen the time and date to adopt the Fiscal Year 2023 – 2024 Budget and Fiscal Year 2023 Tax Rate: **September 18, 2023.**

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 did not convene into Closed Session.

OPEN SESSION

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 9. Mayor's Update.

Mayor Cole noted that the Town’s attorney, Hal George, was on vacation.

Maintenance: Mayor Cole informed the Council that Matt Olenick is working hard to keep the large project on track and there have been many calls, specifically Mesquite and Chaparral. She noted there will be a construction update on September 12th at FCC, 6 p.m. in conjunction with Neighborhood Watch. Craig Thompson, engineer, Crain Karonka, LCR contractor, and Melinda Kapelka, Grantworks will be at the meeting.

- 10. The next Public Hearing and Regular Fulton Town Council Meeting will be held Monday, September 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 Place 2 Garis, Seconded by Place 5 McCorkle 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 6:17 p.m.

Kelli Cole, Mayor

Stephanie Garcia, City Secretary

ORDINANCE NO. 313

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE TAX RATE AND LEVYING AD VALOREM TAXES FOR USE AND SUPPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE TOWN OF FULTON, TEXAS FOR THE 2023-2024 FISCAL YEAR; PROVIDING FOR APPORTIONING EACH LEVY FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES; AND PROVIDING WHEN TAXES SHALL BECOME DUE AND WHEN SAME SHALL BECOME DELINQUENT IF NOT PAID AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION.

THIS TAX RATE WILL RAISE MORE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS THAN LASTYEAR'S TAX RATE.

THE TAX RATE WILL EFFECTIVELY BE RAISED BY 2.08 PERCENT AND WILL RAISE TAXES FOR MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS ON A \$100,000 HOME BY APPROXIMATELY \$-0.25.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FULTON, TEXAS:

SECTION 1. That a tax rate of **\$0.266875** on each one hundred dollars (\$100.00) valuation is hereby adopted for the tax year 2023-2024.

SECTION 2. That there is hereby levied and there shall be collected for the use and support of the municipal government of the Town of Fulton for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, upon all property, real, within the corporate of said Town, subject to taxation, a tax **\$0.266875** on each hundred dollars (\$100.00) valuation of property, said tax being so levied and apportioned to the specific purpose here set forth:

1. For maintenance and support of the general government General Fund (M&O) **\$0.155671** on each \$100.00 valuation of property.
2. For interest and sinking fund for Debt Service (I&S) **\$0.111204** on each \$100.00 valuation of property.

SECTION 3. That taxes levied under this Ordinance shall be due October 1, 2023 and if not paid on or before January 31, 2024, shall immediately become delinquent.

SECTION 4. All taxes shall become a lien upon the property against which assessed, and the Aransas County Assessor and Collector, as representative for the Town of Fulton, is hereby authorized and empowered to enforce the collection of such taxes according to the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas and Ordinances for the Town of Fulton and shall by virtue of the tax rolls, fix and establish a lien by levying upon such property, whether real or personal, or the payment of said taxes, penalty and interest and the interest and penalty collected from such delinquent taxes shall be apportioned to the General Fund of the Town of Fulton. All delinquent taxes shall bear interest from the date of delinquency at the rate prescribed by state law.

SECTION 5. That this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

PASSED this the 18th day of September 2023, at a Public Hearing and Regular Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Fulton, Texas, there being a quorum present, by ___ Yeas and ___ Nays and approved by the Mayor on the date set out.

TOWN OF FULTON

Kelli Cole, Mayor

ATTEST:

Stephanie Garcia, City Secretary

ORDINANCE NO. 314

ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR

AN ORDINANCE MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE TOWN OF FULTON FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2023, AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2024; ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF FULTON, ARANSAS COUNTY, TEXAS FOR THE 2023-2024 FISCAL YEAR

WHEREAS, the budget appended here as Exhibit A, for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2024, was duly presented to the Town Council by the Mayor and said notice was published in the official newspaper now, therefore,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FULTON TEXAS:

SECTION 1. That the appropriation for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2024, for the support of the general government of the Town of Fulton, Texas, be fixed and determined for said terms in accordance with the expenditures shown in the Town's fiscal year 2023-2024 budget, a copy of which is appended hereto as Exhibit A.

SECTION 2. That the budget, as shown in words and figures in Exhibit A, is hereby approved in all respects and adopted as the Town's budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2023 and ending September 30, 2024.

PASSED this the 18th day of September, 2023, at a Public Hearing and Regular Meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Fulton, Texas, there being a quorum present, by ___ Yeas and ___ Nays, and approved by the Mayor on the date set out.

TOWN OF FULTON

Kelli Cole, Mayor

ATTEST:

Stephanie Garcia, City Secretary

Memo

To: Fulton Town Council
From: Mayor Kelli Cole
Date: 9/12/2023
Re: Police Chief position

As per approval by Council on August 16, 2023, a hiring committee was formed, and the police chief position was advertised in the appropriate locations. Eight (8) applications were received and reviewed by the committee. Five (5) of the applicants were not willing to relocate and three (3) did not meet the criteria.

At this time, the committee recommends that the current interim police chief, Ty Gerstenberger be hired as the police chief for the Town of Fulton. Officer Gerstenberger is an experienced law enforcement professional who has served in various roles in the police department. He has a proven track record of success and has the necessary skills and qualifications to lead the department. He is also well respected in the community and has a strong commitment to public safety.

The committee believes that Officer Gerstenberger is the best choice for the position of police chief and will be able to provide the leadership and guidance that our police departments need. He is a strong leader who will be able to ensure that the department is operative efficiently and effectively.

Respectfully,

Kelli Cole, Mayor
Town of Fulton

**AN ORDINANCE
RELATING TO OFFICE OF POLICE CHIEF; CONFIRMING THE
APPOINTMENT OF POLICE CHIEF; REPEALING ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT
AND PROVIDING FOR SEVERANCE**

WHEREAS, the Town of Fulton abolished the office of town marshal in 1986; and

WHEREAS, Section 24-40, Code of Ordinances, provided for the appointment of Police Chief by Resolution; and

WHEREAS, Section 22.076, Local Government Code provides for abolishing the office of marshal and conferring the duties of marshal to a police officer appointed by Ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FULTON:

Section 1. That Section 24-40, Code of Ordinances shall be amended to read as follows:

“Se. 24.40. Office established; appointment; term; qualifications.

The town has abolished the office of town marshal. The town council may appoint a town chief of police to serve at the pleasure of the town council. The chief shall be appointed by Ordinance and shall be certified as a police officer in compliance with the state law. The chief, at appointment, shall have a minimum of two (2) years’ experience in the law enforcement field.”

Section 2. That the previous appointment of Ty Gerstenberger as Police Chief of the Town of Fulton is hereby ratified and affirmed and he is appointed as Police Chief.

Section 3. Any ordinance, resolution or regulation in conflict with this Ordinance is hereby repealed.

Section 4. In the event any section, part or paragraph of this Ordinance is held to be invalid or unenforceable by any Court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining parts of this Ordinance shall be and remain in full force and effect, it being the intention of the City Council to pass each part of this Ordinance irrespective of any other section, part or paragraph.

Passed and approved on the ____ day of _____, 2023.

TOWN OF FULTON

Kellie Cole
Mayor

ATTEST:

Stephanie Garcia
City Secretary