



TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, January 21, 2026 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

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD (PUBLIC FORUM)

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PROCLAMATION

1. Joint Proclamation Recognizing the Year 2026 as a Semiquincentennial Celebration

CONSENT AGENDA

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2. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 17, 2025.
3. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove the November 2025 financials.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

4. Receive the 250 Semiquincentennial flag from the Aransas County Historical Commission in celebration of the founding of our nation.

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

5. Mayor's Update.
6. The next Regular Fulton Town Council Meeting will be held Wednesday, February 4, 2026, 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 Thursday, January 15, 2026, 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

JOINT PROCLAMATION

**Recognizing the Year 2026 as a Semiquincentennial Celebration Year in
Aransas County, the City of Rockport, and the Town of Fulton**

WHEREAS, on July 4, 1776, the Continental Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence, establishing the United States of America as a sovereign nation founded upon the ideals of liberty, freedom, and self-governance; and

WHEREAS, the year 2026 marks the 250th anniversary of that historic event, a milestone nationally recognized as the Semiquincentennial; and

WHEREAS, communities across the United States will commemorate this anniversary through educational programs, patriotic observances, historical acknowledgements, and ceremonial activities honoring the legacy of the American people; and

WHEREAS, the State of Texas, through its Texas America250 initiative, joins with the national America250 Commission to promote statewide participation in this historic anniversary; and

WHEREAS, Aransas County, the City of Rockport, the Town of Fulton, and surrounding areas collectively embrace this moment as an opportunity to reflect upon our coastal heritage, celebrate our citizens, and recognize the resilience and patriotism that have shaped our communities; and

WHEREAS, throughout the year 2026, residents, civic organizations, local businesses, schools, and visitors shall be encouraged to participate in commemorative programs, festivals, historical recognitions, and community-wide celebrations inspired by the America250 and Texas America250 initiatives; and

WHEREAS, this joint Semiquincentennial observance will strengthen community pride, enhance cultural awareness, support tourism, and inspire future generations to appreciate the sacrifices and achievements that define the American story;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that Aransas County, the City of Rockport, and the Town of Fulton hereby formally recognize the year 2026 as a Year of Semiquincentennial Celebration, and encourage all citizens and community partners to take part in the patriotic spirit of this historic anniversary.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED that this Joint Proclamation shall be recorded and placed into the official records of each governing body, and that appropriate ceremonies and activities be coordinated in unity with America250 and Texas America250 efforts.

Organized in partnership with the Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce.

PROCLAIMED AND ADOPTED this __ day of _____, 2025.

ARANSAS COUNTY

Judge Ray Garza, County Judge
Date: _____

CITY OF ROCKPORT

Mayor Tim Jayroe
Date: _____

TOWN OF FULTON

Mayor Kelli Cole
Date: _____



TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, December 17, 2025 at 6:00 PM
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MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT

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

STAFF PRESENT

Hal George, Town Attorney
Stephanie Garcia, City Secretary
Ty Gerstenberger, 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.

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Mrs. Mary Claire Kane announced to the Council that the singing A&M Cadets will be performing January 5, 2026, 7 p.m. at the high school auditorium. Mrs. Kane read about her daughter's concern regarding the appointment of a council member for Place 4. She asked that it not be an appointment and have it filled during the general election in May.

PROCLAMATION

1. Proclamation proclaiming December 14, 2025 Centennial of the Aransas County Navigation District.

Mayor Cole announced the proclamation and proclaimed December 14, 2025, Centennial of the Aransas County Navigation District.

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2. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** minutes of the Regular Meeting held on November 19, 2025.
3. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** the October 2025 financials.

Motion made by Place 5 McCorkle, Seconded by Place 3 Pahmiyer to approve the Consent Agenda as present.

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

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

4. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** appointment of a replacement for Alderwoman Place 4 for their unexpired term.

There was discussion on how the unexpired term is replaced and re-election of that place. Alderwoman McCorkle clarified that the seat would be open for the May 2026 election. Aldermen Loflin and Garis expressed they would like to not appoint at this time and wait for the May 2026 election. Mayor Cole asked for a motion to disapprove.

Motion made by Place 2 Garis, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Loflin to disapprove the appointment of a replacement for Alderwoman Place 4 for their unexpired term.

Voting Nay: Mayor Pro Tem Loflin, Place 2 Garis, Place 3 Pahmiyer, Place 5 McCorkle

5. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** Contract for Election Services between the Elections Officer of Aransas County and the Town of Fulton for the May 2, 2026 General Election.

Mayor Cole read the item. There was no discussion.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Loflin, Seconded by Place 2 Garis to approve the Contract for Election Services between the Elections Officer of Aransas County and the Town of Fulton for the May 2, 2026 General Election.

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

6. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** Resolution No: R-06-2025: A Resolution of the Town of Fulton, ordering a general election and establishing procedures for said election to be held on May 2, 2026.

Mayor Cole read the item. There was no discussion.

Motion made by Place 2 Garis, Seconded by Place 5 McCorkle to approve the Resolution No: R-06-2025: A Resolution of the Town of Fulton, ordering a general election and establishing procedures for said election to be held on May 2, 2026.

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

7. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** Memorandum of Understanding between and among City of Rockport, Aransas County, Town of Fulton and Aransas County Navigation District for pursuing various strategies and funding intended to enhance Little Bay water quality.

Mayor Cole read the item. There was no discussion.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Loflin, Seconded by Place 3 Pahmiyer to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between and among City of Rockport, Aransas County, Town of Fulton and Aransas County Navigation District for pursuing various strategies and funding intended to enhance Little Bay water quality.

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

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The Council did not convene into Closed Session.

OPEN SESSION

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

8. Mayor's Update.

Mayor Cole shared with the Council that the plans for the east side streets and drainage project should be approximately 90% complete by the end of this month. She also shared that the Christmas in Fulton event held last week was a success.

Chief Gerstenberg informed the council that the Rockport South Neighbors Watch will make a donation to the department. They are donating to all the emergency divisions in the area.

Alderwoman Pahmiyer informed the Council that Aransas County has hired a new administrator, and she has written a good article on the School House.

9. The next Regular Fulton Town Council Meeting will be held Wednesday, January 7, 2026, beginning at 6:00 pm.

Mayor Cole 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 5 McCorkle

The meeting was adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

Kelli Cole, Mayor

Stephanie Garcia, City Secretary