



TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, January 17, 2024 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)

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.

- 1. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** minutes of the Regular Meeting held on December 20, 2023.
- 2. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** Mayor's December 2023 credit card statement.
- 3. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** October 2023 financial report.

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.
- 5.** Receive an update of the 2023 Racial Profiling Report from Chief Gerstenberger.
- 6. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** Resolution No: R-01-2024: A Resolution of the Town of Fulton, ordering a general election and establishing procedures for said election to be held on May 4, 2024.

- 7. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** request from Fulton Oysterfest to use the Fulton Park from February 26, 2024 through March 12, 2024, their request for a parade permit for the Fulton Oysterfest Parade, and their request for street closures for the event.

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

8. Mayor's Update.
9. The next Regular Fulton Town Council Meeting will be held Wednesday, February 7, 2024, 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, January 12, 2024, 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



TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, December 20, 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
 Place 3 MaryAnn Pahmiyer
 Place 4 Margo Nielsen
 Place 5 Laura McCorkle

STAFF PRESENT

Stephanie Garcia, City Secretary
 Matt Olenick, Director of Operations
 Johnny Davis, Building Official
 Ty Gerstenberger, Police Chief
 Lucas Thompson, Police Officer
 Hal George, Town's Attorney

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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Kathy Kane: Ms. Kane informed the Council that the City of Rockport did rescind the increase and will refund the overcharge and credit to the citizen’s accounts. She also mentioned that the lower rate was effective as of December 15, 2023, and the City of Rockport will do a true rate study. Ms. Kane mentioned that the singing cadets, an all-male choir for A&M, will perform at the Martha Luigi auditorium.

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- 2. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** Mayor Cole's October 2023 credit card statement.
- 3. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** the September 2023 financials.

Motion made by Place 3 Pahmiyer, Seconded by Place 2 Garis to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented.

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

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 4. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** variance request from Mary McGeein regarding the lot size and a replat of the property located at 306 San Antonio Street.

Mayor Cole read the item and asked Ms. McGeein to come up and speak to the Council. Ms. McGeein introduced herself and gave a brief explanation regarding her wishes to divide the lot. Alderwoman Margo Nielson commented on the layout of the house that she wants to put on it. Alderwoman Nielson noted that the draw-up of the second house may be too large for the lot. There was more discussion regarding the lot and house size including the large tree that will be kept.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Loflin, Seconded by Place 2 Garis to approve the variance request from Mary McGeein regarding the lot size and a replat of the property located at 306 San Antonio Street.

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

- 5. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** request for use of roads from Janelle Weller, Assistant Tournament Director, for the 25th Annual Babes on the Bay Fishing Tournament.

Mayor Cole read the item and informed the Council that this is an annual request. Mayor Pro Tem Loflin inquired as to the access of the pier during the event. Mayor Cole stated that the event will not hinder access to the pier.

Motion made by Place 5 McCorkle, Seconded by Place 4 Nielsen to approve the request for use of roads from Janelle Weller, Assistant Tournament Director, for the 25th Annual Babes on the Bay Fishing Tournament.

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

- 6. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** Resolution No. R-12-2023 a Resolution of the Town of Fulton, Texas authorizing participation with the cities served by AEP Texas; authorizing hiring of legal counsel; finding that the Town's reasonable rate case expenses shall be reimbursed by the company; finding that the meeting at which this resolution is passed is open to the public as required by law; requiring notice of the resolution to legal counsel.

Mayor Cole read the item and informed the Council that Hal George had reviewed the resolution, and it is also an annual occurrence. Mr. George noted that there is no cost to the Town. Alderwoman McCorkle asked for further information regarding how the company represents the Town and Mr. George addressed her questions.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Loflin, Seconded by Place 3 Pahmiyer to approve Resolution No. R-12-2023 a Resolution of the Town of Fulton, Texas authorizing participation with the cities served by AEP Texas; authorizing hiring of legal counsel; finding that the Town's reasonable rate case expenses shall be reimbursed by the company; finding that the meeting at which this resolution is passed is open to the public as required by law; requiring notice of the resolution to legal counsel.

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

- 7. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** Ordinance 317 an ordinance regarding the Town of Fulton's Texas Municipal Retirement System benefits authorizing an increase to the employee contribution rate.

Mayor Cole read the item and explained that the Ordinance was being revised to use the form provided by TMRS. Mr. Robertson and Ms. Garcia also addressed the minor update to the TMRS form.

Motion made by Place 5 McCorkle, Seconded by Place 2 Garis to approve Ordinance 317 an ordinance regarding the Town of Fulton's Texas Municipal Retirement System benefits authorizing an increase to the employee contribution rate.

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

- 8. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** Contract for Election Services between the Elections Officer of Aransas County and the Town of Fulton for the May 4, 2024 General Election.

Mayor Cole read the item and discussed the cost of the election and the expense to the Town.

Motion made by Place 2 Garis, Seconded by Place 5 McCorkle to approve the Contract for Election Services between the Elections Officer of Aransas County and the Town of Fulton for the May 4, 2024 General Election.

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

9. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove the updating of fees on the Town of Fulton Fee Schedule.

Mayor Cole read the item and reviewed the changes.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Loflin, Seconded by Place 3 Pahmiyer to approve updating of fees on the Town of Fulton Fee Schedule.

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

Alderwoman Nielson and Alderman Garis had questions regarding inspection fees. Mayor Cole and Mr. Robertson addressed those questions. There was also discussion regarding vendor application fees for food trucks.

CLOSED SESSION

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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

10. Mayor's Update.

Maintenance: Mayor Cole informed the Council that the work on Prairie Road was 95% completed. Alderwoman McCorkle asked Mr. Olenick about the time frame of work being done on the larger project as she received a call from a citizen. It was noted that the Texas General Land Office is still holding the needed documentation and it is hoped to begin work after the first of the year. Alderwoman Pahmiyer informed the Council that the additional money that was possibly coming through the COG has been rescinded.

Administration: Mayor Cole informed the Council that the Town has hired a part-time bookkeeper that will be in the office half a day for five (5) days a week. Mayor Cole also noted that the Notice to File for a Place on the Ballot dates are January 17, 2024 through February 16, 2024. The 2023 Christmas in Fulton event was a success.

Police Department: Chief Gerstenberger introduced Officer Lucas Thompson. Chief Gerstenberger informed the Council that the police department has started doing building

checks in the community. He shared that he contracted with an individual to help organize and enter the data base the Town of Fulton evidence room. Alyssa Hendricks is also helping with the evidence room and entries. Chief Gerstenberger noted that he is in the process of updating our reserve program and will have extra help.

Mayor announced the award from Government Finance Officer Association (“GFOA”) and asked Mr. Robertson to elaborate. Mr. Robertson noted how hard the Town has worked to put its fiscal matters in order after Hurricane Harvey. He also expressed how Mayor Cole has been a tremendous leader.

- 11. The next Regular Fulton Town Council Meeting will be held Wednesday, January 3, 2024, 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 3 Pahmiyer, Place 4 Nielsen, Place 5 McCorkle

The meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Kelli Cole, Mayor

Stephanie Garcia, City Secretary

Administrative Assistant

From: chamberexec@1rockport.org
Sent: Wednesday, November 29, 2023 10:09 AM
To: Administrative Assistant
Subject: Confirmation: Holidays with Heroes Luncheon

GF 500-1

Registration Information

Holidays with Heroes Luncheon

Date: December 12, 2023 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM CST

Location: Fulton Convention Center
402 N Fulton Beach Rd
Fulton, TX 78358

Date/Time Details: 11:30am-1pm

You've successfully completed registration for Holidays with Heroes Luncheon via Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce Website.

[Click Here for More Information](#)

Summary			
Item	Details	Quantity	Total Amt
Luncheon Table Sponsor	Stephanie Garcia, Kelli Cole, Melissa Pina, Alyssa Hendricks, Ty Gerstenberger, Matt Olenick, Johnny Davis, Ashley Sloan	1	\$300.00
Total:			\$300.00 PAID

[Edit Registration / Edit Attendee\(s\)](#)

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Holidays with Heroes Luncheon

Date: December 12, 2023 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM CST





**Quarterly Report on the Use of HOT Funds
4th Quarter – October-December 2023**

Best Coastal Small Town

The top 10 winners in the category Best Coastal Small Town
Are as follows:

- Bucksport – Maine
- Georgetown-South Carolina
- Southport-North Carolina
- **Rockport-Texas**
- Ocean Springs-Mississippi
- Bay Saint Louis-Mississippi
- Nags Head -North Carolina
- Del Mar-California

As a recipient of this award, we are able to use this logo in all media
including outdoor boards.



Highlights of October, November & December 2023

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- **Aransas Pathways Committee** – This committee meets monthly. The Chamber took the lead in working with the committee a Marketing Task force to assist Pathways in development of a 2023-2024 Marketing Plan and budget. During the November meeting a second committee was formed to begin the organizing of a Strategic Planning Session to be held January 3th to develop a 5 to 10-year plan for Aransas Pathways.
- **Attractions Committee-** This committee meets monthly and is made up of attraction managers and local event organizers who meet to share the nexts month upcoming events in Rockport-Fulton. A digital calendar is e-blasted to over 70,000 subscribers. Annual events are sent out monthly to all regional media and posted on regional and statewide tourism websites, and publications. Local events are promoted on Social Media. Events are posted in the Chamber Visitor Center lobby and picked up daily by visiing travelers.
- **Geocache-** The Chamber of Commerce has contracted with Texas Geo Tour. This provides the Chamber with a one-year Activity Report that shows how many Geocachers have visited our sites on the Texas GeoTour. Our sites on the tour are promoted on the Geocache Facebook, Instagram and Twitter accounts guaranteeing us up to 500,000 impressions within three Texas regions included in the tour. It also allows Rockport-Fulton an annual story about our communities at a time of our choosing. There are 2.3 million Geocache players in the U.S.
- **Marketing and Promotion** - Annual and local events forwarded to local and regional media monthly. Ad updates and placement in the Rockport Pilot Visitors Guide, (SeaFair). Placement of local events in the Texas Events Fall publication.
- **Social Media/Rockport-Fulton.Org-Local Events Promoting:** The Chamber promoted on its website and the VisitRockport-Fulton Facebook page the following events that had potential to draw visitors to the community: Fall Food Truck Fly-In, Fall Festival, Texas “T” Party, Austin Street Art Walk, Second Saturday, Markers Market, Downtown Farmer’s Market, and the Rockport-Fulton Market days, Lamar Market Days, Singer Song Writer Festival, Arbor Day in the District, SeaFair, Aransas County History Center; “Our Heritage to the Range”, Little Regatta & Harvey BBQ, Tropical Christmas, Tour of Historic Homes, Christmas in Fulton, Merry Campmas, and the Rockport-Fulton Market days, Christmas in the District, Lighted Boat Parade, Winter Texan Appreciation Day.

Highlights of October, November & December - Continued

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- The Chamber has formed a board and is working towards completion of their **Texas Music Friendly Community** certification. Rockport-Fulton is currently awaiting on the Governor's office to schedule an official announcement.
- **Goodie Bags-** The Chamber prepared 200 bags filled with information about Rockport-Fulton for The Texas "T" Party held in Rockport the week of October 17-23, 2023, 100 Ford T-Model vehicles, drivers spouses.
- In an effort to promote business in local restaurants, each month a location is "mobbed" during lunch, known as a **Meal Mob**. This program is promoted on Facebook both locally and regionally. Featured this quarter were Panjo's Pizza, Tropical Smoothie, and Los Comales.
- The Chamber partnered with the Aransas County Historical Society and Historical Commission, the History Center for Aransas County and the Cultural Arts District to submit an application to the Texas Historical Commission to host the **Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibit**, and Rockport was one of seven communities approved to host the exhibit in 2025. This group is working with the Texas Historical Commission, local and regional partners to begin the process of formulating a plan to host this prestigious exhibit while having the unique opportunity to showcase the history and culture of Rockport-Fulton and surrounding communities.
- The **Texas Coastal Bend Regional Tourism Council** hosted a 2023 Business Expo on October 24th in Cuero in an effort to promote tourism in the South Texas Coastal Bend Region. Partners throughout the region were able to set-up a table with information about their communities or attractions. Representatives from the Texas Hotel & Lodging Association, Texas Historical Commission, Building Brands Marketing and Texas Parks & Wildlife were featured guest speakers at the event.
- **SeaFair**, held October 5-7th, proved to be a very successful event despite the loss of carnival sales on Thursday due to weather. There were over 100 food, arts & crafts and market vendor were on-site. There was record attendance and participation at the crab and cardboard boat races, as well as the car show and parade. Ticket sales were at \$9,464 but did not include 12 and under free attendance. Carnival tickets sold were 5,255. Adding volunteers, sponsors, and VIP ticket sales, the estimated attendance was 15,000 versus 12,000 last year. The increase is attributed to The Bellamy Brothers that drew a large Friday night crowd and to the successful of the new carnival.

SEAFAIR 2023



Zoe Sundberg –
T-Shirt Art Contest
Winner



Highlights of October, November & December - Continued

- **Short Term Rental Council-** This committee meets monthly and is made up of management companies, vacation rental and Airbnb's. They originally formed to work with the city of Rockport to adopt ordinances that are agreeable to the STR owners as well as surrounding residents. In addition, the committee has submitted a Good Neighbor Brochure for review and approval. During the last quarter of 2023, the city has come closer to reaching a final set of ordinances. Once approved, the STR Council will approach both Aransas County and the Town of Fulton about adopting the same ordinances and policies.
- **RV Council-** The RV Council meets monthly. This quarter the group began planning for the January Winter Texan Appreciation Day. Each month the council hosts a guest speaker. In November the group heard from CampSpot Software, a organization offering software specific to RV Park Owners. In December, local park owner Katie McLeod shared a report received while attending the National Outdoor Hospitality Conference. Katie shared trends and the predicted future of outdoor hospitality as reported by the KOA Association.
- **Tourism Development Council** – The council last met November 9th at which they received a Tourism Report from the Chamber. The council nominated and elected new officers, Chair and Vice-Chairman. The council finalized the 2023-2024 Marketing Plan budget after having heard back from local government entities on approved amount of HOT funds. A Photo Contest was held seeking fresh new photographs to be used in
 - web based and print publications as well as large billboard advertising to market
 - Rockport-Fulton.

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FIND YOURSELF IN
**ROCKPORT
FULTON**

PHOTO CONTEST

The Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce is seeking fresh new photographs to be used in web based and print publications as well as large billboard advertising. Submit your best shot!

**THEME: Seeking
Photos of the
Beach, Fishing,
Birding, Families,
and Seafood.
If people included
in photo &
distinguishable
need talent release
form.**



Submit your photographs to
Tourism@1rockport.org
BY JANUARY 5TH

PHOTOGRAPHER SPECS:
Original RGB photo from digital camera
Original full-sized photo-no cropping.
Highest quality resolution and at least 300 DPI
Largest photo size will be at least MB

Digital Creative

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Families have been known to get along here.



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GO NOW **FULTON**

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The best time to fish is as soon as you can get here.



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Straight from the bay right to your plate.

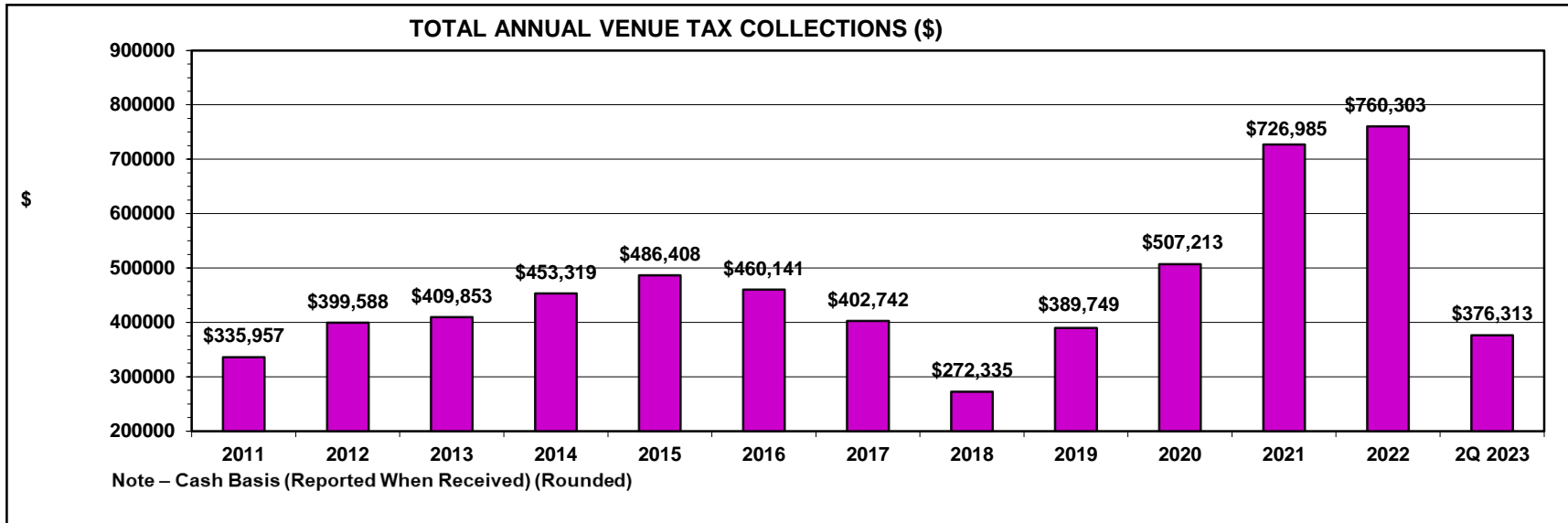


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ARANSAS COUNTY ANNUAL VENUE TAX COLLECTIONS (\$)

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- The first half of 2023 show Venue Tax Collections at \$376,313.
- At \$760,303 for all of 2022, the Venue Tax was up about 4.5% over the banner year of 2021, which showed a 43% increase over 2020.
- Calendar year 2018 was the low point for Venue Tax Collections and since then (through 2022), the collections are up three times the 2018 level.
- Overall, the Venue Tax Collections have achieved a total accumulation of nearly \$6 Million

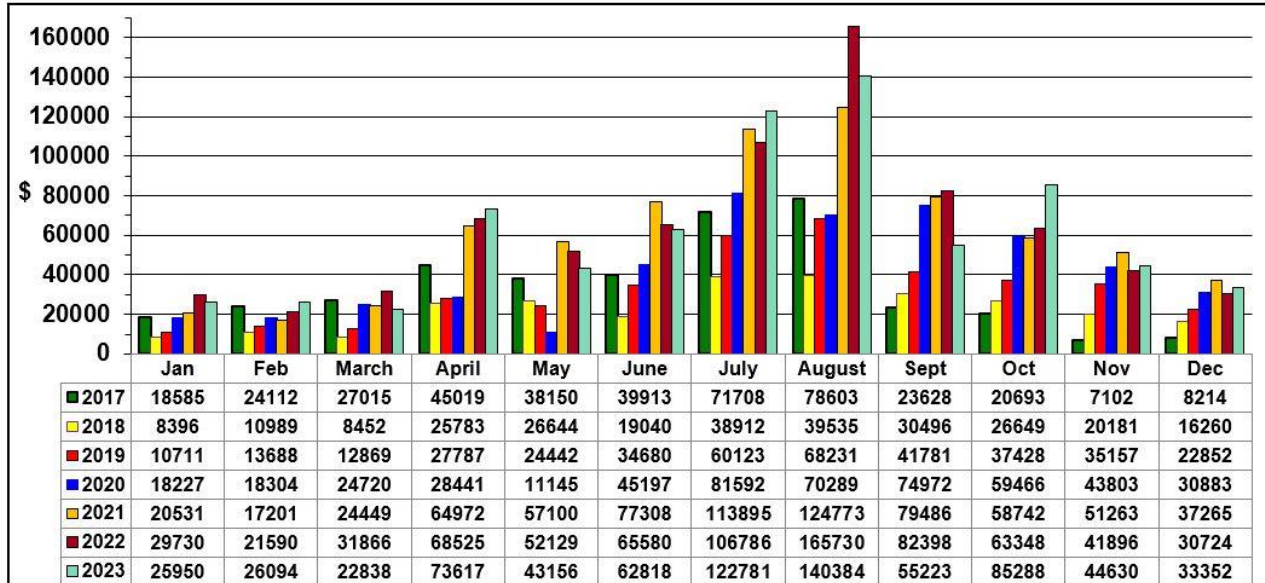


SOURCE: Aransas County Treasurer Data

ARANSAS COUNTY VENUE TAX COLLECTIONS (\$) BY MONTH FROM 2017 FORWARD

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- For the first half of 2023, the months of Feb, April, and July reflected banner collections – the highest ever. August remains the highest month of collections at \$140,384.
- 4th quarter 2023 data was 20% higher than 2022 collections.

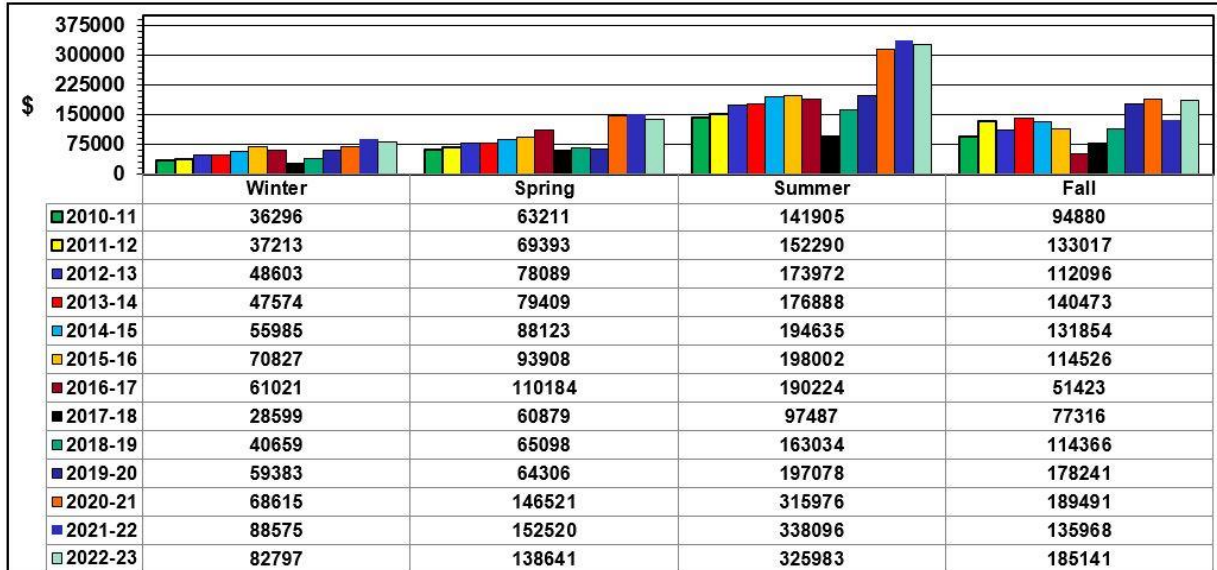


SOURCE: Aransas County Treasurer (Rounded Data)

ARANSAS COUNTY VENUE TAX REVENUE BY SEASON (SOURCE: ARANSAS COUNTY)

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- When the Venue Tax data is aggregated by tourism seasons, there is linear seasonal growth over time – very significantly in Summer, significantly in Spring, and gradual in Winter. The Fall data is inconsistent over time but is higher than Spring.
- Summer, Spring, and Winter seasons have grown 144% since their respective baselines when tracking began in 2011. Data in 2023 is just under the pinnacle reached in 2022.



Winter = December – January – February
Spring = March – April - May

Summer = June – July – August
Fall = September – October – November

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Visitor Sign-In Log at the Rockport- Fulton Visitor Center

Attendance Data Sheet	Oct 2023	Nov 2023	Dec 2023
Visitor Data Distribution			
Outside of 70 Miles*	82.58%	82.35%	87.11%
Local**	17.41%	17.65%	12.89%
Total	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%
70+ Miles / Metro Areas			
Austin	12.05%	0.00%	4.64%
Dallas / Ft. Worth	4.02%	2.35%	3.09%
Houston	7.14%	1.76%	3.09%
San Antonio	11.16%	6.47%	5.15%
Total major metro areas	34.37%	10.58%	15.97%
Tourism from outside of Texas	25.89%	54.12%	64.95%
Rural tourism beyond 70 miles	1.79%	15.88%	4.64%
Total tourism from beyond 70 miles	62.05%	80.58%	85.56%
** Local Visitors < 70 miles			
Rockport and Fulton	13.84%	17.65%	12.89%
Corpus Christi	0.89%	1.18%	0.52%
Victoria	0.89%	0.00%	1.03%
Rural Areas	1.79%	0.59%	0.00%
Total	17.41%	19.42%	14.44%



MODEL USING # OF HOTEL ROOMS AS BASE – 4Q 2023

Item 4.

Base = Rockport - Fulton # of Hotel Rooms 4Q 2023

Base = Rockport - Fulton # of Hotel Rooms	4Q 2023
1. Number of Hotel Rooms in Rockport - Fulton (Source: Texas Comptroller)	2124
2. Number of Nights in 4Q 2023 (Oct-Dec)	92
3. Available Room Nights to Sell in Rockport - Fulton (1 * 2)	195,408
4. Rockport - Fulton Hotel Occupancy (Estimated by Source Strategies)	45.80%
5. Rockport - Fulton Rooms Nights Sold (3 * 4)	89,497
6. Number of Visitors in Each Room (Size of Party Assumption)	1.9
7. Number of Rockport - Fulton Hotel-based Visitors (5 * 6)	170,044
8. Average Number of Nights Spent in Rockport - Fulton (Assumption)	2.8
9. Number of "Heads in Beds" Rockport - Fulton (7 * 8)	476,123
Calculations by Prost Marketing, Inc	



Thank you!

Shelly Stuart, IOM, President/CEO

Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce
319 Broadway
Rockport, TX 78382

Shanon Biggerstaff

Tourism Coordinator
Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce
319 Broadway
Rockport, TX 78382



Rockport-Fulton Area Chamber of Commerce, Inc.
 Fulton Hotel Tax Account
 October 1, 2023 through
 September 30, 2024
EXHIBIT "B"

HOT FUNDING EXPENSE REPORT 2023-2024

Description of Expense	Approved Budget	1st Quarter Expenses	2nd Quarter Expenses	3rd Quarter Expenses	4th Quarter Expenses	Total	Number of Heads In Beds
Accounting Fees	1,500.00	-	-	-	-	-	-
Advertising and promotion	36,826.00	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bank & Card Fees	-	48.50	-	-	-	48.50	-
Conference Fees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Contract Services	3,324.00	-	-	-	-	-	-
Event funding assistance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dues and Subscriptions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Equipment lease and maintenance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food, beverages and meals	800.00	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maintenance and repairs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mileage and travel	1,200.00	-	-	-	-	-	-
Postage and freight	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Printing and publication	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Prizes, gifts and awards	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Rentals and fees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Supplies	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tax and license	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Telephone	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Telephone Internet Service	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Utilities	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Web site maintenance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Administrative services reimbursement	22,850.00	-	-	-	-	-	-
Inter Fund Support	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL REQUESTED	66,500.00	48.50	-	-	-	48.50	-
476,123							
Description of Administrative Expenses	Current Fiscal Year Administrative Expenses	Fiscal Year Administrative Actual			Percentage of Fiscal Year		
Administrative services reimbursement	22,850.00	-			0.00%		
Totals	22,850.00	-			0.00%		

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		John	Noah	Ty	Lucas
Gender					
Female					
	<i>Asian/Pacific Islander</i>			1	
	<i>Black</i>		1		
	<i>White</i>	3	1	6	
	<i>Hispanic/Latino</i>		2	2	
	<i>Alaska Native/American Indian</i>				
Male					
	<i>Asian/Pacific Islander</i>		1		
	<i>Black</i>	1		1	1
	<i>White</i>	10	8	8	15
	<i>Hispanic/Latino</i>	5	5	5	
	<i>Alaska Native/American Indian</i>				
Race or Ethnicity					
	Black	1	1	1	1
	Asian/Pacific Islander	1	1	1	
	White	12	9	14	15
	Hispanic/Latino	6	7	7	
	Alaska Native/American Indian				
Was Race or Ethnicity Known Prior to Stop?					
	Yes	3	1	1	
	No	17	17	22	16
Reason for Stop					
Violation of Law					
	<i>Asian/Pacific Islander</i>				
	<i>Black</i>			1	
	<i>White</i>	4	1	10	8
	<i>Hispanic/Latino</i>	2	1	6	
	<i>Alaska Native/American Indian</i>				
Preexisting knowledge					
	<i>Asian/Pacific Islander</i>				
	<i>Black</i>				
	<i>White</i>				
	<i>Hispanic/Latino</i>	2			
	<i>Alaska Native/American Indian</i>				
Moving traffic violation					
	<i>Asian/Pacific Islander</i>	1	1	1	
	<i>Black</i>	1	1		
	<i>White</i>	4	6	4	2
	<i>Hispanic/Latino</i>	3	8	1	
	<i>Alaska Native/American Indian</i>				
Vehicle traffic violation					
	<i>Asian/Pacific Islander</i>				

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<i>Black</i>				1
<i>White</i>	3			5
<i>Hispanic/Latino</i>				
<i>Alaska Native/American Indian</i>				

Street Address or Approximate Location of Stop

City Street	15	7	20	16
US Highway	5	10	2	
County Road			1	
State Highway				
Private property or other		1		

Was a Search Conducted?

Yes				
<i>Asian/Pacific Islander</i>				
<i>Black</i>				
<i>White</i>	2			3
<i>Hispanic/Latino</i>	2			
<i>Alaska Native/American Indian</i>				
No				
<i>Asian/Pacific Islander</i>	1	1		
<i>Black</i>	1	1	1	
<i>White</i>	10	9	9	13
<i>Hispanic/Latino</i>	4	7	4	
<i>Alaska Native/American Indian</i>				

Reason for Search

Consent				
<i>Asian/Pacific Islander</i>				
<i>Black</i>				
<i>White</i>	1			
<i>Hispanic/Latino</i>				
<i>Alaska Native/American Indian</i>				
Contraband in plain view				
<i>Asian/Pacific Islander</i>				
<i>Black</i>				
<i>White</i>				1
<i>Hispanic/Latino</i>				
<i>Alaska Native/American Indian</i>				
Probably Cause				
<i>Asian/Pacific Islander</i>				
<i>Black</i>				
<i>White</i>	1			2
<i>Hispanic/Latino</i>				
<i>Alaska Native/American Indian</i>				
Inventory				
<i>Asian/Pacific Islander</i>				

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	<i>Black</i>				
	<i>White</i>				
	<i>Hispanic/Latino</i>	1			
	<i>Alaska Native/American Indian</i>				
Incident to arrest					
	<i>Asian/Pacific Islander</i>				
	<i>Black</i>				
	<i>White</i>				
	<i>Hispanic/Latino</i>	1			
	<i>Alaska Native/American Indian</i>				
<u>Was Contraband Discovered?</u>					
Yes					
	<i>Asian/Pacific Islander</i>				
	<i>Black</i>				
	<i>White</i>				3
	<i>Hispanic/Latino</i>				
	<i>Alaska Native/American Indian</i>				
No					
	<i>Asian/Pacific Islander</i>				
	<i>Black</i>				
	<i>White</i>	2			
	<i>Hispanic/Latino</i>	2			
	<i>Alaska Native/American Indian</i>				
<u>Description of Contraband</u>					
Drugs					
	<i>Asian/Pacific Islander</i>				
	<i>Black</i>				
	<i>White</i>				2
	<i>Hispanic/Latino</i>				
	<i>Alaska Native/American Indian</i>				
Currency					
	<i>Asian/Pacific Islander</i>				
	<i>Black</i>				
	<i>White</i>				
	<i>Hispanic/Latino</i>				
	<i>Alaska Native/American Indian</i>				
Weapons					
	<i>Asian/Pacific Islander</i>				
	<i>Black</i>				
	<i>White</i>				
	<i>Hispanic/Latino</i>				
	<i>Alaska Native/American Indian</i>				
Alcohol					
	<i>Asian/Pacific Islander</i>				
	<i>Black</i>				
	<i>White</i>				
	<i>Hispanic/Latino</i>				

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Stolen Property	Alaska Native/American Indian				
	Asian/Pacific Islander				
	Black				
	White				
	Hispanic/Latino				
Other	Alaska Native/American Indian				
	Asian/Pacific Islander				
	Black				
	White				1
	Hispanic/Latino				
<u>Result of Stop</u> Verbal Warning	Alaska Native/American Indian				
	Asian/Pacific Islander				
	Black				
	White				
	Hispanic/Latino				
Written warning	Alaska Native/American Indian				
	Asian/Pacific Islander	1		1	
	Black	1			
	White	6	1	9	
	Hispanic/Latino			4	
Citation	Alaska Native/American Indian				
	Asian/Pacific Islander		1		
	Black		1	1	
	White	4	8	3	16
	Hispanic/Latino	2	7	1	
Written warning and arrest	Alaska Native/American Indian				
	Asian/Pacific Islander				
	Black				
	White			2	
	Hispanic/Latino	2		2	
Citation and arrest	Alaska Native/American Indian				
	Asian/Pacific Islander				
	Black				
	White	1			
	Hispanic/Latino				
Arrest	Alaska Native/American Indian				
	Asian/Pacific Islander				

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Arrest Based On

Violation of Penal Code

<i>Black</i>				
<i>White</i>	1			
<i>Hispanic/Latino</i>	2			
<i>Alaska Native/American Indian</i>				

Violation of Traffic Law

<i>Asian/Pacific Islander</i>				
<i>Black</i>				
<i>White</i>				
<i>Hispanic/Latino</i>	2			
<i>Alaska Native/American Indian</i>				

Violation of City Ordinance

<i>Asian/Pacific Islander</i>				
<i>Black</i>				
<i>White</i>	1		1	
<i>Hispanic/Latino</i>				
<i>Alaska Native/American Indian</i>				

Outstanding Warrant

<i>Asian/Pacific Islander</i>				
<i>Black</i>				
<i>White</i>				
<i>Hispanic/Latino</i>				
<i>Alaska Native/American Indian</i>				

Was Physical Force Resulting in Bodily Injury Used During?

Yes

<i>Asian/Pacific Islander</i>				
<i>Black</i>				
<i>White</i>	1			
<i>Hispanic/Latino</i>				
<i>Alaska Native/American Indian</i>				

No

<i>Asian/Pacific Islander</i>				
<i>Black</i>				
<i>White</i>				
<i>Hispanic/Latino</i>				
<i>Alaska Native/American Indian</i>				
<i>Asian/Pacific Islander</i>	1			
<i>Black</i>	1		1	
<i>White</i>	13		5	8
<i>Hispanic/Latino</i>	5		3	
<i>Alaska Native/American Indian</i>				

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RESOLUTION R-01-2024

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF FULTON, ORDERING A GENERAL ELECTION AND ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES FOR SAID ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 4, 2024; THE GENERAL ELECTION SHALL BE FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING THE POSITION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS TO REPRESENT MAYOR, ALDERMAN PLACE 1, AND ALDERWOMAN PLACE 5 FOR TWO YEAR TERMS; DESIGNATING POLLING PLACES FOR EARLY VOTING AND ELECTION DAY; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE OF SAID ELECTION; FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS RESOLUTION IS PASSED IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS REQUIRED BY LAW.

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

Section 1. In accordance with the general laws and Constitution of the State of Texas, a General Election is hereby called and ordered for Saturday, May 4, 2024. This General Election is being held for all qualified voters of the Town to vote for the position of Mayor for a two-year term, Alderman Place 1 for a two-year term, and Alderwoman Place 5 for a two-year term.

Section 2. That the City Secretary is hereby directed to cause notice to be given of said election by publication in the official newspaper of the Town of Fulton, Texas in accordance with the State Election Code.

Section 3. That the City Secretary is hereby directed to cause to be published in the official newspaper of the Town of Fulton this Resolution as presented by the Town Council at the Wednesday, January 17, 2024, Regular Town Council Meeting in accordance with Town Council and State Election Code.

Section 4. That applications to have the name of a candidate placed on the ballot may not be filed earlier than thirty (30) days before the deadline prescribed by the Election Code for filing applications with the City Secretary and that the earliest date for a candidate to file same will be Wednesday, January 17, 2024, at 8:00 a.m., with the last day for filing to be Friday, February 16, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. in accordance with Election Code Sec. 143.006 and 143.007.

Section 5. That the order in which names of the candidates are to be printed on the ballot for the positions of Mayor, Alderman Place 1, and Alderwoman Place 5 will be determined by a drawing conducted by the City Secretary as provided by Sec. 52.094 of the Texas Election Code on Friday, February 23, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in the office of the City Secretary at 201 North Seventh Street, Fulton, Texas.

Section 6. That the Office of the City Secretary and the Election Administrator shall perform all duties normally performed by the County Clerk in general elections with respect early voting, giving notice of the election, and preparing the official ballots.

Section 7. That the voting place on Election Day and election officer of said Town election shall be as follows:

Location: Aransas County Elections and Voter Registration Office
602 E. Concho, Rockport, TX 78382
Election Officer: Kevin Stroud, Election Administrator

Election clerks shall be paid \$12.00 per hour. The Presiding Judge shall receive \$12 per hour and an additional \$25.00 for conducting the election.

The polls at the polling place shall be open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Section 8. That Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted at the Aransas County Voting Centers listed on the attached Exhibit "A" beginning Monday, April 22, 2024, at 8:00 a.m. and ending on Tuesday, April 30, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. Early voting by personal appearance shall be conducted during regular business hours of the Election Administrator's Office each weekday from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., except for the final two days of the early voting period. On the final two days of early voting by personal appearance, April 29 and April 30, 2024, the Election Administrator's business hours are hereby designated as 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. (Section 85.005, Election Code)

Section 9. That notice of this election shall be given in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Election Code and returns of such notice shall be made as provided for in said code. The Mayor shall issue all necessary orders and writs for such elections and returns of such election shall be made to the City Secretary immediately after the closing of the polls.

Section 10. That all resident, qualified voters of the Town of Fulton shall be permitted to vote in said election. In addition, the election materials as outlined in Section 272.005, Texas Election Code, shall be printed in both English and Spanish for use at the polling place and for early voting for said election.

Section 11. That the Mayor is authorized to sign an Order of Election prescribed by the State of Texas on behalf of the City Council. The notice of Regular Municipal Election shall be published in accordance with the provisions of the Texas Election Code.

Section 12. That should any part, section, paragraph, sentence, or phrase contained in this resolution be held to be unconstitutional or of no force and effect, such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this resolution, but in all respects said remaining portion shall be and remain in full force and effect.

Section 13. That this resolution shall be effective immediately upon adoption.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Town Council of the Town of Fulton, County of Aransas, State of Texas, on this 17th of January 2024.

Kelli Cole, Mayor
Town of Fulton

ATTEST:

Stephanie Garcia, City Secretary
Town of Fulton

EXHIBIT "A"

Main Vote Centers (All Precincts)

Aransas County elections & Voter Registration Office (side entrance)
602 E. Concho St.
Rockport, TX 78382

Voting by mail

Kevin A. Stroud
Aransas County Early Voting Clerk
602 E Concho St.
Rockport, TX 78382

FULTON OYSTERFEST

P.O. Box 393 • Fulton, TX 78358



FULTON OYSTERFEST
"The Best Fest in Texas"

Item 7.

January 06, 2024

Town of Fulton
201 7th street
Fulton, TX 78358

Fulton Oysterfest is asking to be put on your agenda on January 17,2024 . For the use of the Fulton Park from February 26 till March 12,2024. We are requesting a parade permit for the use of the Fulton Beach Road and closing off of Palmetto Street, Broadway Street, Cactus Street and Chaparral Street for the Fulton Oysterfest Parade on March 9, 2024 Also Chaparral Street and Mesquite Street for the Carnival from Monday March 6 till March 12,2024.

If you have any question please contact me at 361-790-6466.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sharron Loflin". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Sharron Loflin
Fulton Oysterfest