



TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, November 15, 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 5 Laura McCorkle

ABSENT

Place 4 Margo Nielsen

STAFF PRESENT

Stephanie Garcia, City Secretary

Hal George, Town's Attorney

Ty Gerstenberger, Police Chief

Mayor Cole called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

Mayor Cole led everyone in the pledges.

OBSERVE A MOMENT OF SILENCE/PRAAYER

Mayor Cole led everyone in a moment of silence.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD (PUBLIC FORUM)

Public participation is valued and at this time, comments limited to three (3) minutes will be taken from persons who have signed the Speaker's Card located on the table inside the Council Chambers and delivered to the City Secretary before the meeting begins. Written comments received by submission to the City Secretary in person or emailed to citysec@fultontexas.org by 3:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting, on any subject matter that is not on the agenda, will be read and summarized in the minutes of the meeting. Persons wishing to address the Council and who have registered using the Speaker's Card will have up to three (3) minutes to speak. In accordance with the Open Meetings Act, Council may not discuss or take action on any item that has not been posted on the agenda. While civil public criticism is not prohibited; disorderly conduct or disturbance of the peace as prohibited by law shall be cause for the chair to terminate the offender's time to speak.

Mary Clare Kane: Mrs. Kane introduced herself and discussed the City of Rockport meeting the night before regarding the water rate increase. She noted that the petition they have been circulating can be turned in by December 5, 2023. They have approximately 700 signatures currently.

Kathy Kane: Ms. Kane discussed the requirements of their petition for the water rate, the increase of usage rate, and the decrease of rate charges. She also informed the Council that the City of Rockport's items to not accept the petition were voted down because the items were held out of order on the agenda.

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 October 18, 2023.
2. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** the August 2023 financials.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Loflin, Seconded by Place 2 Garis to approve the Consent Agenda items with the correction being made to the Regular Meeting Minutes within the Items for Consideration, Item 9.

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

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

3. **Discuss, Approve, Disapprove** Resolution No. R-02-2023; a Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Fulton Approving and Adoption a Fund Balance Policy (Developed for GASB 54); Repealing Resolutions in Conflict and Providing for Severance.

Mayor Cole read the item and informed the Council that this Resolution is an annual housekeeping matter and that the general, sewer, and pier fund balances were increased to one hundred eighty (180) days.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Loflin, Seconded by Place 5 McCorkle to approve Resolution No. R-02-2023; a Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Fulton Approving and Adoption a Fund Balance Policy (Developed for GASB 54); Repealing Resolutions in Conflict and Providing for Severance.

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

4. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** Resolution R-11-2023, a Resolution of the Town of Fulton Financial Policies approving and adopting Financial Policies.

Mayor Cole read the item and informed the Council that this Resolution is an annual housekeeping matter, and sections D and E were updated to reflect the fund balance policy.

Motion made by Place 5 McCorkle, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Loflin to approve Resolution R-11-2023, a Resolution of the Town of Fulton Financial Policies approving and adopting Financial Policies.

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

5. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove minor revisions to the Town's procurement procedures.

Mayor Cole read the item and informed the Council of the minor changes in the document.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Loflin, Seconded by Place 3 Pahmiyer the procurement procedures as presented.

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

6. Mayor's Update.

Maintenance: The work on Prairie Road is moving along and approximately 60% complete. The larger project is in progress.

Pier: The Pier has slowed down as usual for this time of year. The new seasonal hours are M-T-W / 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., Thursday through Sunday 5:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Police Dept.: Chief Gerstenberger indicated that he has not introduced Officer Thompson to date because the meetings have fallen on his days off. Officer Thompson will be living in the area soon and will be introduced to the Council then. He indicated there were 139 calls last month, and there has been several bicycle thefts lately.

Mayor Cole mentioned that Christmas in Fulton will be held on December 14, 2023 at the Fulton Convention Center. The Town will be giving away 25 bicycles.

7. The next Regular Fulton Town Council Meeting will be held Wednesday, December 6, 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 3 Pahmiyer to adjourn the meeting.
Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Loflin, Place 2 Garis, Place 3 Pahmiyer, Place 5 McCorkle

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Kelli Cole, Mayor

Stephanie Garcia, City Secretary