



TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, October 16, 2024 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
Hal George, Town Attorney
Ty Gerstenberger, Chief of Police

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.

No one came forward.

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 2, 2024.

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

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

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 2. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** an Agreement Concerning Use of Funds from the Hotel Occupancy Tax between Town of Fulton and Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce.
- 3. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** an Agreement Concerning Use of Funds from the Hotel Occupancy Tax between Town of Fulton and Oysterfest 2025.
- 4. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** an Agreement Concerning Use of Funds from the Hotel Occupancy Tax between Town of Fulton and Texas Maritime Museum.
- 5. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** an Agreement Concerning Use of Funds from the Hotel Occupancy Tax between Town of Fulton and Fulton Mansion State Historic Site.
- 6. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** an Agreement Concerning Use of Funds from the Hotel Occupancy Tax between Town of Fulton and Aransas County Council on Aging.

Mayor Cole read the item and informed the Council of the annual agreements to the entities receiving hotel motel tax funds. There was discussion regarding one motion to approve all of the agreements. Hal George, the Town's attorney confirmed that items 2 - 6 could be voted on in one motion.

Motion made by Place 2 Garis, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Loflin to approve the Agreements Concerning Use of Funds from the Hotel Occupancy Tax between Town of Fulton and Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce, Oysterfest 2025, Texas Maritime Museum, Fulton Mansion State Historic Site, and Aransas County Council of Aging.

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

7. Mayor's Update.

Mayor Cole informed the Council that the Fulton Fishing Pier had been closed due to the repairs of the pilings. Mayor Cole also informed the Council of her attendance to the Texas Municipal League conference the previous week.

Ty Gerstenberger, Chief of Police shared with the Council that he attended the annual Chief of Police conference the previous week.

8. The next Regular Fulton Town Council Meeting will be held Wednesday, November 6, 2024, 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 4 Nielsen, Place 5 McCorkle

The meeting was adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

Kelli Cole, Mayor

Stephanie Garcia, City Secretary