



TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, August 19, 2026 at 6:00 PM
Fulton Council Chambers, 201 N. 7th Street

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT

Mayor Kelli Cole
Place 2 Chris Garis Place
Place 3 MaryAnn Pahmiyer
Place 4 Elizabeth Hackleman
Place 5 Laura McCorkle

ABSENT

Mayor Pro Tem Robert Loflin

STAFF PRESENT

Stephanie Garcia, City Secretary
Steven Robertson, Comptroller
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/PRAYER

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 Budget Workshop and Regular Meeting held on August 5, 2026.

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

Voting Yea: Place 2 Garis, Place 3 Pahmiyer, Place 4 Hackleman, Place 5 McCorkle

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

2. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** the proposed 2026 - 2027 Fiscal Year Tax Rate of .262205/\$100.

Mayor Cole read the item and referred to the information provided. There were no questions.

Motion made by Place 2 Garis, Seconded by Place 5 McCorkle to approve the proposed 2026 - 2027 Fiscal Year Tax Rate of .262205/\$100.

Voting Yea: Place 2 Garis, Place 3 Pahmiyer, Place 4 Hackleman, Place 5 McCorkle

3. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** scheduling a public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year 2026 - 2027 Budget: September 23, 2026.

Mayor Cole read the item and announced the meeting date and time: Wednesday, September 23, 2026 at 1 p.m.

Motion made by Place 5 McCorkle, Seconded by Place 4 Hackleman to approve the scheduling of the public hearing on the proposed Fiscal Year 2026 - 2027 Budget: September 23, 2026.

Voting Yea: Place 2 Garis, Place 3 Pahmiyer, Place 4 Hackleman, Place 5 McCorkle

4. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** scheduling a public hearing to adopt the Fiscal Year 2026 - 2027 Tax Rate: September 23, 2026.

Mayor Cole read the item and announced the meeting date and time: Wednesday, September 23, 2026 at 1 p.m.. There was no discussion.

Motion made by Place 5 McCorkle, Seconded by Place 3 Pahmiyer to approve the scheduling the public hearing to adopt the Fiscal Year 2026 - 2027 Tax Rate: September 23, 2026.

Voting Yea: Place 2 Garis, Place 3 Pahmiyer, Place 4 Hackleman, Place 5 McCorkle

5. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** a cost of living adjustment (COLA) for the Town of Fulton employees in Fiscal Year 2026 - 2027.

Mayor Cole read the item and asked that the Council go into Closed Session.

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 convened into Closed Session at 6:05 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

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

Council reconvened into Open Session at 6:22 p.m.

Motion made by Place 2 Garis, Seconded by Place 5 McCorkle to approve a two percent (2 %) cost of living adjustment (COLA) for the Town of Fulton employees in Fiscal year 2026 – 2027.

Voting Yea: Place 2 Garis, Place 3 Pahmiyer, Place 4 Hackleman, Place 5 McCorkle

ANNOUNCEMENTS

6. Mayor's Update.

Mayor Cole updated the Council on the dual project with Aransas County. She also noted to remember the school zones.

Chief Gerstenberger announced that Jessica Camacho is no longer with the Town. He also informed the Council that by September 1, 2026, the police department should be fully staffed.

7. The next Regular Fulton Town Council Meeting will be held Wednesday, September 2, 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 Place 3 Pahmiyer to adjourn the meeting.

Voting Yea: Place 2 Garis, Place 3 Pahmiyer, Place 4 Hackleman, Place 5 McCorkle

The meeting was adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Kelli Cole, Mayor

Stephanie Garcia, City Secretary