



# TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, March 19, 2025 at 6:00 PM  
Fulton Council Chambers, 201 N. 7th Street

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## MINUTES

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### 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  
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.

### 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](mailto: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.

### PROCLAMATION

1. Proclamation recognizing April 5 - 11, 2025 as Week of the Young Child

Mayor Cole read the joint proclamation regarding Week of the Young Child and the support and investment into the children's futures.

## **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.*

2. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** minutes of the Regular Meeting held on February 19, 2025.
3. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** the January and February 2025 financials.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Loflin, Seconded by Place 2 Garis to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Alderwoman Pahmiyer mentioned funds allocated in the hotel motel fund. Mayor Cole addressed her question.

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** trash removal contract between the Town of Fulton and Coastal Bend Waste.

Mayor Cole read the item and informed the Council that the local company will be performing the same work and time schedule for a lesser fee. Brandon with Coastal Bend Waste introduced himself as the general manager and thanked the Council for the opportunity.

Motion made by Place 5 McCorkle, Seconded by Place 4 Nielsen to approve the trash removal contract between the Town of Fulton and Coastal Bend Waste.

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

5. Receive a report submitted by Mary Ellen Nies, Executive Director of the Aransas County Council on Aging of the quarterly expenditures and activity for the HOT funds for the Fulton Mansion.

Mayor Cole read the item and informed the Council that the representative was not present. The information was submitted for the Councils' review. There was a brief discussion regarding use of the funds.

## **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.*

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**

6. Mayor's Update.

Mayor Cole shared with the Council that the Town has allocated funds to contribute to the Leadership Aransas County project. This project will be the installation of large letters at the Fulton Park that read "FULTON". She mentioned that Oysterfest went very well and there was a large turnout. Mayor Cole thanked all the volunteers for their help. Mayor Cole informed the Council that the public bathrooms at the harbor had to be closed due to vandalism again. She noted that the Town has added an extra schedule to the cleaning of the portable bathrooms.

Police: Chief Gerstenberg shared that a man that was intoxicated high centered his vehicle on the Fulton seawall. He also mentioned that the spring break week has gone well.

7. The next Regular Fulton Town Council Meeting will be held Wednesday, April 2, 2025 beginning at 6:00 pm.

Mayor 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 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 6:10 p.m.

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Kelli Cole, Mayor

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Stephanie Garcia, City Secretary