



TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, October 02, 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
Robert Brake, Officer

Mayor Cole called the meeting to order at 6:02 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.

Gwen Wendell - Ms. Wendell introduced herself as a member of the Planning and Zoning Committee and asked when the Town might be accepting new members for the committee.

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 Joint Public Hearing and Regular Meeting held on September 4, 2024 and the minutes of the Public Hearing and Special Meeting held on September 9, 2024.
- 2. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** the August 2024 financials.
- 3. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** the Mayor's credit card statement.

Motion made by Place 5 McCorkle, Seconded by Place 4 Nielsen 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** recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Committee regarding the request by OCB Development LLC for a Rezoning Permit from commercial and R-2/R-3 to planned development for the property located at 4131-4159 Hwy 35 N, Fulton, TX 78358.

Mayor Cole read the item and informed the Council of the Planning and Zoning Committee's approval.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Loflin, Seconded by Place 2 Garis to approve the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Committee regarding the request by OCB Development LLC for a Rezoning Permit from commercial and R-2/R-3 to planned development for the property located at 4131-4159 Hwy 35 N, Fulton, TX 78358.

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

- 5. Hear from the Texas Maritime Museum** regarding their new expansion project.

Mr. Michael Ables and Capt. Rodino introduced themselves and began the presentation on the new expansion for the Texas Maritime Museum. Mr. Ables explained the aspects they are working with to improve the community and noted the plans will triple the size of the organization. Mr. Able also mentioned that the expansion project will not affect citizens' taxes. They are working to receive permission from the Navigation District to begin the grant process and are asking the Navigation District for a structural approval. Capt. Rodino noted that up to two years ago they have never requested funding from the State. The funding they received then was used for maintenance, repairs and upgrades. If all goes well, they will start construction in two years.

6. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** Shawna Brader’s request to support the Fulton’s Downtown Fall Festival to held on October 26, 2024, and closing affected streets.

Mayor Cole read the item and explained which street they would like to close. It is the street in front of the park where the palm trees are. The request is the same as the previous years.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Loflin, Seconded by Place 5 McCorkle to approve Shawna Brader’s request to support the Fulton’s Downtown Fall Festival to held on October 26, 2024, and closing affected streets.

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

7. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** the Proclamation recognizing November 1, 2024 as Aransas County Arbor Day.

Mayor Cole read the item and noted that Alderwoman Maryann Pahmiyer will be planting a tree.

Motion made by Place 5 McCorkle, Seconded by Place 3 Pahmiyer to approve the Proclamation recognizing November 1, 2024 as Aransas County Arbor Day.

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

8. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** Resolution R-04-2024, a Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Fulton Approving and Adopting an Investment Policy.

Mayor Cole read the item and noted that the only change was to the dates of the Resolution.

Motion made by Place 2 Garis, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Loflin to approve Resolution R-04-2024, a Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Fulton Approving and Adopting an Investment Policy.

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

9. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** the Interlocal Agreement Between City of Rockport and Town of Fulton for Assistance in Law Enforcement.

Mayor Cole read the item and noted that the only change to the agreement was the date.

Motion made by Place 2 Garis, Seconded by Place 5 McCorkle to approve the Interlocal Agreement Between City of Rockport and Town of Fulton for Assistance in Law Enforcement.

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

10. Mayor's Update.

Mayor Cole informed that Council that:

Maintenance: The new Visitor Information Center signs have been hung at the baithouse.

Administration: September 302, 2024 was declared by Proclamation to be Mike Probst Day.

Police: Office Brake noted there was nothing new to share at this time. Alderwoman McCorkle had a question regarding Lonestar Road and Officer Brake addressed her question.

Planning and Zoning: Mayor Cole informed the Council that the Planning and Zoning Ordinance is being reviewed and updated.

11. The next Regular Fulton Town Council Meeting will be held Wednesday, October 16, 2024, 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 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 6:37 p.m.

Kelli Cole, Mayor

Stephanie Garcia, City Secretary