



TOWN COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING AND SPECIAL MEETING

Wednesday, September 23, 2026 at 1:00 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 Elizabeth Hackleman
Place 5 Laura McCorkle

STAFF PRESENT

Stephanie Garcia, City Secretary
Steven Robertson, Comptroller
Hal George, Town Attorney
Ty Gerstenberger, Chief of Police
Alyssa Hendricks, Administrative Assistant
Matt Olenick, Director of Operations
Johnny Davis, Building Official
Melissa Pina, Coordinator
Sherry Hudson, Pier Manager

Mayor Cole called the meeting to order at 1:00 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.

CLOSE SPECIAL MEETING

Mayor Cole closed the Special Meeting at 1:00 p.m.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Cole opened the Public Hearing at 1:00 p.m.

1. PUBLIC HEARING ITEM: BUDGET

The purpose of this public hearing is to discuss the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 budget proposed for adoption by the governing body of the Town of Fulton.

This budget will raise less revenue from property taxes than last year's budget by an amount of \$-2,500, which is a -0.31 percent decrease from last year's budget. The property tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is \$7,867.

Mayor Cole read the item and asked Steven Robertson, Comptroller to discuss. He noted that all has remained the same since the last budget workshop other than the allotment of hotel motel funds. Mayor asked for any questions. The Council did not have any.

2. PUBLIC HEARING ITEM: TAX RATE

The purpose of this public hearing is to discuss a Tax Rate of \$0.262205 per \$100 valuation that has been proposed for adoption for the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 tax year by the governing body of the Town of Fulton.

Mayor Cole read the item and asked the Council for any questions. There were no questions or comments.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Cole closed the Public Hearing at 1:04 p.m.

OPEN SPECIAL MEETING

Mayor Cole opened the Special Meeting at 1:04 p.m.

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.

3. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** minutes of the Regular Meeting held on September 2, 2026.
4. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** the August 2026 financials.

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

Voting Yea: Place 1 Loflin, Place 2 Garis, Place 3 Pahmiyer, Place 4 Hackleman, Place 5 McCorkle

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

5. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** Ordinance No. 334 an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 328 adopting the 2025-2026 budget in several funds in accordance with the attached exhibit.

Mayor Cole read the item and referred to the information provided.

Motion made by Place 2 Garis, Seconded by Place 3 Pahmiyer to approve Ordinance No. 334 an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 328 adopting the 2025-2026 budget in several funds in accordance with the attached exhibit.

Voting Yea: Place 1 Loflin, Place 2 Garis, Place 3 Pahmiyer, Place 4 Hackleman, Place 5 McCorkle

6. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Tax Rate of \$0.262205/\$100.

Mayor Cole read the item. There were no questions.

Motion made by Place 5 McCorkle, Seconded by Place 1 Loflin to approve the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Tax Rate of \$0.262205/\$100.

Voting Yea: Place 1 Loflin, Place 2 Garis, Place 3 Pahmiyer, Place 4 Hackleman, Place 5 McCorkle

7. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** Ordinance No. 332 an Ordinance adopting the tax rate and levy ad valorem taxes for use and support of the Municipal Government of the Town of Fulton, Texas for the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year; providing for apportioning each levy for specific purposes; and providing when taxes shall become due and when same shall become delinquent if not paid and providing for publication.

Mayor Cole read the item and referred to the information provided.

Motion made by Place 2 Garis, Seconded by Place 4 Hackleman to approve Ordinance No. 332 an Ordinance adopting the tax rate and levy ad valorem taxes for use and support of the Municipal Government of the Town of Fulton, Texas for the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year; providing for apportioning each levy for specific purposes; and providing when taxes shall become due and when same shall become delinquent if not paid and providing for publication.

Voting Yea: Place 1 Loflin, Place 2 Garis, Place 3 Pahmiyer, Place 4 Hackleman, Place 5 McCorkle

8. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Town of Fulton Budget.

Mayor Cole read the item. There were no questions.

Motion made by Place 1 Loflin, Seconded by Place 2 Garis to approve the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Town of Fulton Budget.

Voting Yea: Place 1 Loflin, Place 2 Garis, Place 3 Pahmiyer, Place 4 Hackleman, Place 5 McCorkle

9. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** Ordinance No. 333 an Ordinance making appropriations for the support of the Town of Fulton for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2026, and ending September 30, 2027; Adopting the Annual Budget of the Town of Fulton, Aransas County, Texas for the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year.

Mayor Cole read the item and referred to the information provided.

Motion made by Place 2 Garis, Seconded by Place 5 McCorkle to approve Ordinance No. 333 an Ordinance making appropriations for the support of the Town of Fulton for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2026, and ending September 30, 2027; Adopting the Annual Budget of the Town of Fulton, Aransas County, Texas for the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year.

Voting Yea: Place 1 Loflin, Place 2 Garis, Place 3 Pahmiyer, Place 4 Hackleman, Place 5 McCorkle

10. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** the Interlocal Agreement between Aransas County and Town of Fulton for Law Enforcement Assistance.

Mayor Cole read the item and informed the Council that there needs to be a change to the date in Section 5 from January 1 to October 1. There was some discussion regarding when the Town of Fulton decided to enter the interlocal with Aransas County.

Motion made by Place 1 Loflin, Seconded by Place 5 McCorkle to approve the Interlocal Agreement between Aransas County and Town of Fulton for Law Enforcement Assistance with the change of date from January 1 to October 1.

Voting Yea: Place 1 Loflin, Place 2 Garis, Place 3 Pahmiyer, Place 4 Hackleman, Place 5 McCorkle

11. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** Resolution No. R-06-2026, a resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Fulton adopting the Aransas County, City of Rockport and Town of Fulton Emergency Management Plan Basic Plan dated September 2026 authorizing implementation providing for severability and establishing an effective date.

Mayor Cole read the item and referred to the information provided. There was some discussion regarding the purpose of the plan.

Motion made by Place 2 Garis, Seconded by Place 5 McCorkle to approve Resolution No. R-06-2026, a resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Fulton adopting the Aransas County, City of Rockport and Town of Fulton Emergency Management Plan Basic Plan dated

September 2026 authorizing implementation providing for severability and establishing an effective date.

Voting Yea: Place 1 Loflin, Place 2 Garis, Place 3 Pahmiyer, Place 4 Hackleman, 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

12. Mayor's Update.

Mayor Cole informed the Council that the road project is still moving forward. Alderwoman McCorkle noted that Seafair will be the first weekend of October.

13. The next Regular Fulton Town Council Meeting will be held Wednesday, October 7, 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 1 Loflin to adjourn the meeting.

Voting Yea: Place 1 Loflin, Place 2 Garis, Place 3 Pahmiyer, Place 4 Hackleman, Place 5 McCorkle

The meeting was adjourned at 1:17 p.m.

Kelli Cole, Mayor

Stephanie Garcia, City Secretary