



TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, February 01, 2023 at 6:00 PM
Fulton Council Chambers, 201 N. 7th Street

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT

Mayor Kelli Cole
Place 2 Chris Garis
Place 3 MaryAnn Pahmiyer
Place 4 Carl Biesenbach

ABSENT

Mayor Pro Tem Robert Loflin
Place 5 Jayne Robertson

STAFF PRESENT

Stephanie Garcia, City Secretary
Hal George, Town Attorney
John Harrell, Police 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 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.

PRESENTATION

Chief Harrell presented David Cameron and John Lazzarotti with the Fulton Fire Department a certificate of appreciation. Chief Harrell thanked the gentlemen for their service and the help they provided the Town of Fulton Police Department. Chief Harrell also mentioned that with the help of the fire department it helps to maintain the integrity of a scene.

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 Town Council Meeting held on January 18, 2023.

Motion made by Place 2 Garis, Seconded by Place 4 Biesenbach to approve the Consent Agenda item as presented

Voting Yea: Mayor Cole, Place 2 Garis, Place 3 Pahmiyer, Place 4 Biesenbach

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

2. Receive an update of the 2021 Racial Profiling Report from Chief Harrell.

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3. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** Contract for Election Services between the Elections Administrator of Aransas County and the Town of Fulton for the May 6, 2023 Election.

Motion made by Place 2 Garis, Seconded by Place 3 Pahmiyer to accept the Contract for Election Services between the Elections Administrator of Aransas County and the Town of Fulton for the May 6, 2023 Election.

Voting Yea: Mayor Cole, Place 2 Garis, Place 3 Pahmiyer, Place 4 Biesenbach

4. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** Resolution No: R-03-2023: A Resolution of the Town of Fulton, ordering a general election and establishing procedures for said election to be held on May 6, 2023.

Motion made by Place 4 Biesenbach, Seconded by Place 2 Garis Resolution No: R-03-2023: A Resolution of the Town of Fulton, ordering a general election and establishing procedures for said election to be held on May 6, 2023.

Voting Yea: Mayor Cole, Place 2 Garis, Place 3 Pahmiyer, Place 4 Biesenbach

- 5. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** request from Fulton Oysterfest to use the Fulton Park from February 20, 2022 through March 8, 2022, their request for a parade permit for the Fulton Oysterfest Parade, and their request for street closures for the event.

It was noted that the year of 2022 indicated on the agenda was incorrect. The corrected dates are February 20, 2023 through March 8, 2023. It was agreed to accept the request with the corrected dates being indicated in the minutes.

Motion made by Place 2 Garis, Seconded by Place 3 Pahmiyer to accept the request from Fulton Oysterfest to use the Fulton Park from February 20, 2022, through March 8, 2022, their request for a parade permit for the Fulton Oysterfest Parade, and their request for street closures for the event.

Voting Yea: Mayor Cole, Place 2 Garis, Place 3 Pahmiyer, Place 4 Biesenbach

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

6. Mayor's Update. Mayor Cole indicated the work is progressing on the large westside sewer and drainage project. Chief Harrell indicated that the RV parks are full with our Winter Texans.
7. The next Regular Fulton Town Council Meeting will be held Wednesday, February 15, 2023, beginning at 6:00 pm. MaryAnn Pahmiyer also mentioned that the next Neighborhood Watch meeting will be held February 14, 2023.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - PUBLIC NOTICE is given that the Town Council may elect to go into executive session at any time during the meeting in order to discuss any matters listed on the agenda when authorized by the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code. If the Council elects to go into executive session regarding an agenda item, the section or sections of the Open Meetings Act authorizing the executive session will be publicly announced by the Mayor. The Council may deliberate and take action in open session on any issue that may be discussed in executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Cole entertained a motion to adjourn.

Motion made by Place 2 Chris Garis, Seconded by Place 4 Carl Biesenbach.

Voting Yea: Mayor Cole, Place 2 Garis, Place 3 Pahmiyer, Place 4 Biesenbach

Meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

Kelli Cole, Mayor

Stephanie Garcia, City Secretary