



TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, May 15, 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
Steven Robertson, Comptroller
Matt Olenick, Director of Operations
Ty Gerstenberger, Police Chief
Robert Brake, Police Officer

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.

Thomas Grimert: Mr. Grimert thanked the Town for changing speed limit to 25 mph. He informed the Council that on May 6th he was on his morning run and tripped on a bar protruding out of the bottom of

the tents located at Charlotte Plummers. Mr. Grimert fell and was injured. He also mentioned that while Joe Flores, Town employee, was cleaning downtown he pushed the exposed rod back into the tent flap. He provided pictures of the tent and how it was set up and stabilized. Mr. Grimert did speak to Johnny Davis, Town employee, regarding the permit process. Currently, the Town does not have one.

SWEARING IN ELECTED/APPOINTED COUNCIL MEMBERS

1. Swear in Elected/Appointed Officials: Kelli Cole, Mayor; Robert Loflin, Place 1; and Laura McCorkle, Place 5.

The City Secretary swore in Kelli Cole, Mayor; Robert Loflin, Place 1; and Laura McCorkle, Place 5.

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 April 17, 2024.
3. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** the March 2024 financials.
4. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** Mayor Cole's April credit card statement.
Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Loflin, Seconded by Place 2 Garis 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

5. Receive a report from Alyssa Massingill, Tourism and Events Coordinator, of the quarterly expenditures and activity for the HOT funds for the Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce.

Mayor Cole read the item and asked Alyssa Massingill to present it. Ms. Massingill introduced herself and gave a brief explanation of the quarterly report on hotel motel funds spent by the Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce. She mentioned they are working with an entity to have some walking tours in the Town. Ms. Massingill reviewed the specific ads they are actively advertising and highlighted the STR council that has been created to work with the City of Rockport, Town of Fulton, and Aransas County.

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.

Maintenance – Mayor Cole informed the Council that the streets and drainage project is nearing completion. The contractors are finishing some details and there will be some paperwork to finalize it all. She also mentioned that the new 25 mph speed limit signs are being installed.

Playground – Mayor Cole informed the Council that we are having decking added and hoping to have it done by summer.

FCC – Mayor Cole annual fire alarm and sprinkler inspection was completed and passed.

Police Department – Officer Brake mentioned there have been some burglaries and traffic enforcement. He shared that they have not found many speeders on the new roads but are keeping an eye out for them. Officer Brake noted that citizens should take note of their serial numbers on their mowers, etc. to help with finding stolen items. He reminded people to call if they see something suspicious.

Aldерwoman Pahmiyer noted that the General Land Office project with the Town, City of Rockport, and Aransas County has begun.

7. The next Regular Fulton Town Council Meeting will be held Wednesday, June 5, 2024, beginning at 6:00 pm.

Mayor Cole announced the next meeting date and time.

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 6:35 p.m.

Kelli Cole, Mayor

Stephanie Garcia, City Secretary