



TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, June 04, 2025 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
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 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 to establish Rockport-Fulton and Aransas County as the "Ecosystem Capital of Texas Gulf Coast" and Proclaim June 20, 2025, as Sustainable Ecotourism Day.

Mayor Cole read the Proclamation and claimed June 20, 2025, Sustainable Ecotourism Day. Jennifer Day introduced herself and gave an explanation to the Council of what the Proclamation represents and the events of the day.

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 May 21, 2025.

Motion made by Place 2 Garis, Seconded by Place 5 McCorkle to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

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

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

3. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** Ordinance No. 325, an Ordinance relating to battery energy storage; repealing ordinances in conflict; providing for severance; providing a penalty; and providing for publication.

Mayor Cole read the item and informed the Council how this item came to her attention. Alderman Garis stated that he agrees with the Ordinance; however, feels that the language needs to be more defined. Hal George, Town's attorney, will look into the revisions. The Council agreed to postpone the item.

Motion made by Place 2 Garis, Seconded by Place 5 McCorkle to postpone Ordinance No. 325, an Ordinance relating to battery energy storage; repealing ordinances in conflict; providing for severance; providing a penalty; and providing for publication to a later date.

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

4. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** Resolution No. R-03-2025, a Resolution of the Town of Fulton adopting the Aransas County 2025 Hazard Mitigation Plan. The Aransas County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update addresses natural hazards that affect the area and the goal of the Plan Update is to minimize or eliminate the long-term risk to human life and property from known hazards through effective mitigation.

Mayor Cole read the item. Stephanie Garcia, City Secretary, discussed the resolution and informed the Council that each entity involved in the mitigation plan is adopting the same resolution.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Loflin, Seconded by Place 2 Garis to approve the Resolution No. R-03-2025, a Resolution of the Town of Fulton adopting the Aransas County 2025 Hazard Mitigation Plan. The Aransas County Hazard Mitigation Plan Update addresses natural hazards that affect the area and the goal of the Plan Update is to minimize or eliminate the long-term risk to human life and property from known hazards through effective mitigation.

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.

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

5. Mayor's Update.

Mayor Cole informed the Council that the cabanas at the beach park are in need of repair. The Town's maintenance team is removing the cabana tops and will be replacing them. Mayor Cole explained this is in the best interest of our citizens and visitors.

Alderman Pahmiyer shared that the Linda S Castro preservation park is coming together. They are going to add signage, pave the road, update the ADA path, and extend the weather protection.

Alderman McCorkle inquired to the beginning of the large project on Highway 35. Mayor Cole informed the Council that the developer has received a tree permit and has a plan for the replacement of trees. There was also discussion regarding the approval of the drainage for the project.

6. The next Regular Fulton Town Council Meeting will be held Wednesday, June 18, 2025, 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 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 6:17 p.m.

Kelli Cole, Mayor

Stephanie Garcia, City Secretary