



TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, November 19, 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 5 Laura McCorkle

STAFF PRESENT

Hal George, Town Attorney
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 announced with great sadness that Councilwoman Margo Nielsen recently passed away and asked for a moment of silence in her honor.

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.

1. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** minutes of the Regular Meeting held on October 15, 2025.
2. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** Mayor's October 2025 credit card.
3. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** the September 2025 financials.

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

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

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

4. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** request for use of roads by Janelle Weller, Assistant Tournament Director, for the 27th Annual Babes on the Bay Fishing Tournament.

Mayor Cole read the item and noted this is an annual request. There was no further discussion.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Loflin, Seconded by Place 5 McCorkle the request for use of roads by Janelle Weller, Assistant Tournament Director, for the 27th Annual Babes on the Bay Fishing Tournament.

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

5. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** Ordinance No. 330, An Ordinance Authorizing Holiday Pay/Leave; Repealing Ordinances in Conflict; providing for severance and an effective date.

Mayor Cole read the item and gave a brief explanation of the modified ordinance regarding holiday pay. There was no further discussion.

Motion made by Place 3 Pahmiyer, Seconded by Place 2 Garis to approve Ordinance No. 330, An Ordinance Authorizing Holiday Pay/Leave; Repealing Ordinances in Conflict; providing for severance and an effective date.

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

6. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** an Agreement Concerning Use of Funds from the Hotel Occupancy Tax between Town of Fulton and Oysterfest 2026.

Mayor Cole read the item. There were no questions.

Motion made by Place 5 McCorkle, Seconded by Place 2 Garis to approve the Agreement Concerning Use of Funds from the Hotel Occupancy Tax between Town of Fulton and Oysterfest 2026.

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

- 7. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** an Agreement Concerning Use of Funds from the Hotel Occupancy Tax between Town of Fulton and Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center.

Mayor Cole read the item. There were no questions.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Loflin, Seconded by Place 2 Garis to approve the Agreement Concerning Use of Funds from the Hotel Occupancy Tax between Town of Fulton and Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center.

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

- 8. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** an Agreement Concerning Use of Funds from the Hotel Occupancy Tax between Town of Fulton and Rockport-Fulton Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Mayor Cole read the item. There were no questions.

Motion made by Place 5 McCorkle, Seconded by Place 2 Garis to approve the Agreement Concerning Use of Funds from the Hotel Occupancy Tax between Town of Fulton and Rockport-Fulton Convention and Visitors Bureau.

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

- 9. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** an Agreement Concerning Use of Funds from the Hotel Occupancy Tax between Town of Fulton and Texas Maritime Museum.

Mayor Cole read the item. There were no questions.

Motion made by Place 2 Garis, Seconded by Place 5 McCorkle to approve the Agreement Concerning Use of Funds from the Hotel Occupancy Tax between Town of Fulton and Texas Maritime Museum.

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

- 10. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** an Agreement Concerning Use of Funds from the Hotel Occupancy Tax between Town of Fulton and Fulton Mansion State Historic Site.

Mayor Cole read the item. There were no questions.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Loflin, Seconded by Place 3 Pahmiyer to approve the Agreement Concerning Use of Funds from the Hotel Occupancy Tax between Town of Fulton and Fulton Mansion State Historic Site.

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

- 11. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** an Agreement Concerning Use of Funds from the Hotel Occupancy Tax between Town of Fulton and Aransas County Council on Aging.

Mayor Cole read the item. There were no questions.

Motion made by Place 2 Garis, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Loflin to approve the Agreement Concerning Use of Funds from the Hotel Occupancy Tax between Town of Fulton and Aransas County Council on Aging.

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

- 12. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** an Agreement Concerning Use of Funds from the Hotel Occupancy Tax between Town of Fulton and ACTS Aviation non-Profit Fund - NCF Houston.

Mayor Cole read the item. There were no questions.

Motion made by Place 5 McCorkle, Seconded by Place 2 Garis to approve the Agreement Concerning Use of Funds from the Hotel Occupancy Tax between Town of Fulton and ACTS Aviation non-Profit Fund - NCF Houston.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Loflin, Place 2 Garis, Place 3 Pahmiyer, 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 convened into Closed Session at 6:10 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

Discuss/Approve/Disapprove any and all action necessary with regard to the preceding matter(s).

Council reconvened at 6:18 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

13. Mayor's Update.

Mayor Cole shared the service information for Councilwoman Nielson's services: December 6, 2025, at 2 p.m. at Charlie Marshall Funeral Home. She noted that the Fulton baithouse has been repainted and the floors resealed. Mayor Cole announced that Christmas in Fulton will be held on December 11, 2025, at the Fulton Convention Center. She noted that David Nesloney is again donating bikes to be given away.

Chief Gerstenberger noted that the fall months have been busier than usual. He shared that the additional patrol during the evening hours has been beneficial. Officer Dougherty is overseeing the Fulton Police Department Facebook page.

14. The next Regular Fulton Town Council Meeting will be held Wednesday, December 3, 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 5 McCorkle

The meeting was adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

Kelli Cole, Mayor

Stephanie Garcia, City Secretary