



## TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, February 07, 2024 at 6:00 PM  
Fulton Council Chambers, 201 N. 7th Street

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### MINUTES

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#### 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  
Alyssa Hendricks, Administrative Assistant  
Matt Olenick, Director of Operations  
Ty Gerstenberger, Police Chief  
Hal George, Town's Attorney

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](mailto: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 January 17, 2024.
2. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** Mayor's January 2024 credit card statement.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Loflin, Seconded by Place 5 McCorkle 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

3. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** Grant Administration Services Amendment No. 2 for Town of Fulton - General Land Office Contract No. 20-065-054-C164 revising the frequency of their billing system.

Mayor Cole read the item and informed the Council that Mr. George had reviewed it. Mayor Cole explained to the update to Grantworks' contract regarding their billing timelines. This will not affect the amount of money owed by the Town of Fulton to Grantworks.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Loflin, Seconded by Place 4 Nielsen approved the Grant Administration Services Amendment No. 2 for Town of Fulton - General Land Office Contract No. 20-065-054-C164 revising the frequency of their billing system.

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

4. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** the Software As A Service Agreement with Tyler Technologies for the police department records management system.

Mayor Cole read the item also informing the Council that this is a records management system for the Fulton Police Department which is now required to keep the department in compliance with the State. Chief Gerstenberger also reiterated the details to the Council.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Loflin, Seconded by Place 5 McCorkle approved the Software As A Service Agreement with Tyler Technologies for the police department records management system.

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

5. Discuss regarding the Fulton Park Playground damage and repairs

Mayor Cole began the discussion regarding needed updates to the Fulton Park Playground. Alyssa Hendricks, Fulton's Administrative Assistant shared pictures of the rust issues at the playground. It was noted that a representative of the maker of the equipment gave an estimate of \$92,000 to only replace part of the equipment. Fulton maintenance will begin removal of the most heavily damaged areas. Mrs. Kane spoke to the Council and shared her son's thoughts on the repair of the playground equipment. Mr. Olenick also discussed the replacement process and the plan for upkeep. It was noted that the playground was installed in 2018.

## **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.

**Maintenance:** Mayor Cole informed the Council that the contractors have installed the majority of all drainage and will begin work on the ditch clean outs. Once the ditch work is complete, the remaining road construction will begin. Mr. Olenick indicated that the road work will follow drainage work so that the large trucks and equipment do not damage the newly paved roads.

**Administration:** Mayor Cole formerly introduced Alyssa Hendricks as the Administrative Assistant. She also noted that one of the large garage doors fell off the track and is being repaired.

**Police Department:** Chief Gerstenberger reviewed the number of calls for the Town of Fulton since the beginning of the year.

Mayor Cole noted that Oysterfest will be March 7 – 10, 2024 and the tents will be going up in a week or two. Alderwoman Pahmiyer noted that Neighborhood Watch meeting will be held Tuesday, February 13, 2024, at 6 p.m. at the Fulton Volunteer Fire Station.

Alderwoman McCorkle asked about the Council Room upgrades. Ms. Garcia, City Secretary gave a brief explanation of the progress.

7. The next Regular Fulton Town Council Meeting will be held Wednesday, February 21, 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 5 McCorkle 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 6:23 p.m.

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Kelli Cole, Mayor

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Stephanie Garcia, City Secretary