



TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, November 06, 2024 at 6:00 PM

Fulton Council Chambers, 201 N. 7th Street

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT

Mayor Kelli Cole

Place 2 Chris Garis Place

Place 3 MaryAnn Pahmiyer

Place 4 Margo Nielsen

Place 5 Laura McCorkle

ABSENT

Mayor Pro Tem Robert Loflin

STAFF PRESENT

Stephanie Garcia, City Secretary

Steven Robertson, Comptroller

Robert Brake, 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/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.

Mayor Cole read a statement from Rebecca Johnson regarding Agenda Item 6 into the records.

Gwen Wendell also read Section 50-5 Official Zoning Map. Ms. Wendell stated that she is proud to be on the planning and zoning committee and would ask that it is all considered before taking any action. She also expressed her beliefs regarding the purpose of the planning and zoning committee.

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 16, 2024.
- 2. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** the September 2024 financials.
- 3. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** the Mayor's credit card statement.

Motion made by Place 5 McCorkle, Seconded by Place 4 Nielsen to approve the Consent Agenda items as presented.

Voting Yea: Place 2 Garis, Place 3 Pahmiyer, Place 4 Nielsen, Place 5 McCorkle

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 4. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** the Fiscal Year 2022 – 2023 Town of Fulton Audit as provided by Crowe, LLP.

Mayor Cole read the item and Stephanie Garcia, City Secretary, began a prerecorded presentation from Crowe auditors. Steven Robertson, Comptroller asked for any questions. The Council did not have any questions. Mr. Robertson added that the deficit was due to the legal expenses the Town had due to the Johnson lawsuit, dispatch cost, and the increase in insurance rates.

Motion made by Place 2 Garis, Seconded by Place 5 McCorkle to approve the Fiscal Year 2022 – 2023 Town of Fulton Audit as provided by Crowe, LLP.

Voting Yea: Place 2 Garis, Place 3 Pahmiyer, Place 4 Nielsen, Place 5 McCorkle

- 5. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** Resolution No. R-05-2024, a resolution authorizing the renaming of the pier fund to the Pier/Visitor Center Fund.

Mayor Cole read the item and explained it was a housekeeping change in the budget due to the Visitor Center being added to the Fulton Fishing Pier.

Motion made by Place 2 Garis, Seconded by Place 4 Nielsen to approve Resolution No. R-05-2024, a resolution authorizing the renaming of the pier fund to the Pier/Visitor Center Fund.

Voting Yea: Place 2 Garis, Place 3 Pahmiyer, Place 4 Nielsen, Place 5 McCorkle

6. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** Resolution No. R-06-2024, a resolution determining the number and terms of members of the Planning and Zoning Commission; and establishing an effective date.

Mayor Cole read the item and referenced Ordinance 248 which established the Planning and Zoning Commission. In that Ordinance the terms and maximum number of members were not specified. Resolution R-06-2024 will set out the maximum number of members and the term. She also went over the appointment of members by the Town Council. Mayor Cole noted that planning and zoning members will be provided with appropriate information regarding the duties of the members and that Texas Municipal League has training regarding the Roberts Rules of Law. There was discussion regarding the applications and information packet that will be made public after the acceptance of this Resolution. Alderman Garis asked a question regarding the terms. Hal George, Town Attorney, answered that and noted the terms were not clearly stated in the original ordinance and this resolution will set the terms, so it is not open ended. It will also include the ability to remove someone if necessary. Mr. George also noted that the current members' terms have ended; however, by Texas law they will hold their positions until successors are appointed.

Motion made by Place 2 Garis, Seconded by Place 5 McCorkle to approve Resolution No. R-06-2024, a resolution determining the number and terms of members of the Planning and Zoning Commission; and establishing an effective date.

Voting Yea: 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.

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

7. Mayor's Update.

Alderswoman Pahmiyer shared with the Council what she presented to the Aransas County Pathways for the walking area and that the Linda Castro pathway will be refurbished. She also noted that none of this is at a cost to the Town of Fulton. The Pathway sign that will be placed near the Fulton Pier is not completed yet.

Alderman Garis shared that the Fulton Learning Center's new cafeteria and classrooms will be completed soon. They will also be finishing some of the other work in January.

8. The next Regular Fulton Town Council Meeting will be held Wednesday, November 20, 2024, beginning at 6:00 pm.

Mayor 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 Place 2 Garis, Seconded by Place 5 McCorkle to adjourn the meeting.

Voting Yea: Place 2 Garis, Place 3 Pahmiyer, Place 4 Nielsen, Place 5 McCorkle

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Kelli Cole, Mayor

Stephanie Garcia, City Secretary