



TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Monday, December 19, 2022 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 3 MaryAnn Pahmiyer
Place 4 Carl Biesenbach
Place 5 Jayne Robertson

STAFF PRESENT

Stephanie Garcia, City Secretary
Hal George, Town Attorney
Noah Leuschner, Police Officer
Matt Olenick, Director of Operations

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 the audience 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 November 21, 2022.
2. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** the September and October 2022 financials

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Loflin, Seconded by Place 2 Garis.

Voting Yea: Mayor Cole, Mayor Pro Tem Loflin, Place 2 Garis, Place 3 Pahmiyer, Place 4 Biesenbach, Place 5 Robertson

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

3. Hear a presentation from Craig Karonka with LCR Total Transport, LLC regarding the GLO 20-065-054-C164 project.

Mr. Karonka introduced himself and explained they are still processing the payment method with the grant administrator, Grantworks. Mr. Karonka wanted to inform the Council of the hurdles and explained that Grantworks is the hold up, not the Town of Fulton. He stated that at this time they will not receive their first payment for work performed since October 2022 until February 2023. There was discussion regarding the lack of communication from Grantworks and possible solutions.

4. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** request for use of roads from Jen Thomasson, Tournament Director, for the 23rd Annual Babes on the Bay Fishing Tournament.

Mayor Cole informed the Council of this yearly request and reasoning for same.

Motion made by Place 4 Biesenbach, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Loflin.

Voting Yea: Mayor Cole, Mayor Pro Tem Loflin, Place 2 Garis, Place 3 Pahmiyer, Place 4 Biesenbach, Place 5 Robertson

5. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** Interlocal Cooperation Agreement Between Aransas County, Texas, the City of Rockport, Texas, the Town of Fulton, Texas, and the Aransas County Independent School District for Juvenile Case Management Services.

Mayor Cole reminded the Council that this item was postponed from the last meeting due to minor changes by the City of Rockport. Those changes were discussed. It was also noted that the fees for this agreement were in the approved budget.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Loflin, Seconded by Place 4 Biesenbach.

Voting Yea: Mayor Cole, Mayor Pro Tem Loflin, Place 2 Garis, Place 3 Pahmiyer, Place 4 Biesenbach, Place 5 Robertson

- 6. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** Ordinance No. 212-A, an Ordinance relating to removal of pet waste; providing a penalty, providing for publication; repealing ordinances in conflict and providing for severance.

Mayor Cole informed the Council that the existing ordinance was updated to increase the fine and modify the terminology regarding pets. Mayor Cole also mentioned that more signage has been ordered and will be placed at the park and convention center grounds.

Motion made by Place 4 Biesenbach, Seconded by Place 5 Robertson.

Voting Yea: Mayor Cole, Mayor Pro Tem Loflin, Place 2 Garis, Place 3 Pahmiyer, Place 4 Biesenbach, Place 5 Robertson

- 7. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** changing of the date of the January 2, 2023, meeting to January 3, 2023, due to the holiday.

Mayor Cole informed the Council of the change of date due to the holiday. There was discussion regarding the day of the meeting and possible cancellation due to lack of items.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Loflin, Seconded by Place 5 Robertson.

Voting Yea: Mayor Cole, Mayor Pro Tem Loflin, Place 2 Garis, Place 3 Pahmiyer, Place 4 Biesenbach, Place 5 Robertson

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

8. Mayor's Update.

Mayor Cole informed the Council that Christmas in Fulton held on December 15, 2022 was a success. She thanked Melissa Pina, Coordinator, and Heather Harrell, Administrative Assistant for all of their work on the project. She also thanked all Town employees for working the event. Fun was had by all! Mrs. Pahmiyer shared the next date, January 10, 2023, for the Neighborhood Watch.

9. The next Regular Fulton Town Council Meeting will be held Tuesday, January 3, 2023, beginning at 6:00 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - PUBLIC NOTICE is given that the Town Council may elect to go into executive session at any time during the meeting in order to discuss any matters listed on the agenda when authorized by the Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code. If the Council elects

to go into executive session regarding an agenda item, the section or sections of the Open Meetings Act authorizing the executive session will be publicly announced by the Mayor. The Council may deliberate and take action in open session on any issue that may be discussed in executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Cole entertained a motion to adjourn.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Loflin, Seconded by Place 5 Robertson.

Voting Yea: Mayor Cole, Mayor Pro Tem Loflin, Place 2 Garis, Place 3 Pahmiyer, Place 4 Biesenbach, Place 5 Robertson

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Kelli Cole, Mayor

Stephanie Garcia, City Secretary