



TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, May 21, 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

ABSENT

Place 4 Margo Nielsen

STAFF PRESENT

Stephanie Garcia, City Secretary
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/PRAYER

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.

Kathy Kane greeted the Council and informed them the Historical Society is gathering historical pictures that depict Aransas County. She asked if anyone had pictures from the time of 1999 or later that they would like to share contact with the History Society.

SWEARING IN ELECTED/APPOINTED COUNCIL MEMBERS

1. Swear in Elected/Appointed Officials: Christopher Garis, Place 2; MaryAnn Pahmiyer, Place 3; and Margo Nielsen, Place 4.

Mayor Cole read the item and the City Secretary, Stephanie Garcia, swore in Chris Garis, Place 2; and MaryAnn Pahmiyer, Place 3. The City Secretary will swear Margo Nielsen, Place 4 at a later date.

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 7, 2025.
3. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** the April 2025 financial report.

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 5 McCorkle

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

4. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** Ordinance 324 an ordinance amending Ordinance 206 and Chapter 50, Article III, area and setback standards, Fulton town code relating to minimum side yard setbacks in residential; repealing ordinances in conflict; providing for severance; and providing for publication

Mayor Cole read the item and informed the Council that this is an update to our ordinance to bring it current with the State of Texas requirements. Alderwoman McCorkle inquired as to why the Town had setbacks at seven (7) foot. Alderman Loflin addressed her question and discussed the reasoning for the seven (7) foot side yards in the past.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Loflin, Seconded by Place 2 Garis Ordinance 324 an ordinance amending Ordinance 206 and Chapter 50, Article III, area and setback standards, Fulton town code relating to minimum side yard setbacks in residential; repealing ordinances in conflict; providing for severance; and providing for publication.

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 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 Town is currently working to have a three (3) foot fence placed at Fulton Park between the park and harbor for safety. She indicated that the combined project with Aransas County and the General Land Office is ongoing. This project will address street repairs and drainage on the east side of the Town. Mayor Cole mentioned the Memorial Day service at Veterans Park in Rockport at 11 a.m. on Monday. The Town offices will be closed Monday, May 26, 2025, in observance of Memorial Day.

Robert: Officer Brake informed the Council that he issued a criminal trespass warning to a man that was sleeping at the harbor.

6. The next Regular Fulton Town Council Meeting will be held Wednesday, June 4, 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 Place 5 McCorkle, 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 6:11 p.m.

Kelli Cole, Mayor

Stephanie Garcia, City Secretary