



**TOWN COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING
AND SPECIAL MEETING**
Monday, September 09, 2024 at 9:00 AM
Fulton Council Chambers, 201 N. 7th Street

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

PRESENT

Mayor Kelli Cole
Mayor Pro Tem Robert Loflin
Place 3 MaryAnn Pahmiyer
Place 4 Margo Nielsen
Place 5 Laura McCorkle

ABSENT

Place 2 Chris Garis Place

STAFF PRESENT

Stephanie Garcia, City Secretary
Ty Gerstenberger, Police Chief
Matt Olenick, Director of Operations
Alyssa Hendricks, Administrative Assistant
Melissa Pina, Coordinator
Sherry Hudson, Pier Manager
Ashley Sloan, Bookkeeper

Mayor Cole called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.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.

CLOSE REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Cole closed the Regular Meeting at 9:00 a.m.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Cole opened the Public Hearing at 9:00 a.m.

1. PUBLIC HEARING ITEM: BUDGET

The purpose of this public hearing is to discuss the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 budget proposed for adoption by the governing body of the Town of Fulton.

This budget will raise less revenue from property taxes than last year's budget by an amount of \$-9,003, which is a -1.22 percent decrease from last year's budget. The property tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year is \$24,633.

Mayor Cole read the purpose of the public hearing and asked Mr. Robertson for any information that needed to be shared with the Council. Mr. Robertson went over a few items in the general fund and police department. He asked for any questions. The Council had no questions at this time.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Cole closed the Public Hearing at 9:04 a.m.

OPEN REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Cole opened the Regular Meeting at 9:04 a.m.

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.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 2. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Town of Fulton Budget.

Mayor Cole read the item and asked for any questions.

Motion made by Place 5 McCorkle, Seconded by Place 4 Nielsen to approve the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Town of Fulton Budget.

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

- 3. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** Ordinance No. 322 an Ordinance making appropriations for the support of the Town of Fulton for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2024, and ending

September 30, 2025; Adopting the Annual Budget of the Town of Fulton, Aransas County, Texas for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year.

Mayor Cole read the item and asked for any questions.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Loflin, Seconded by Place 5 McCorkle to approve Ordinance No. 322 an Ordinance making appropriations for the support of the Town of Fulton for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2024, and ending September 30, 2025; Adopting the Annual Budget of the Town of Fulton, Aransas County, Texas for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year.

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

4. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Tax Rate of \$0.250843/\$100.

Mayor Cole read the item and asked for any questions.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Loflin, Seconded by Place 4 Nielsen to approve the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Tax Rate of \$0.250843/\$100.

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

5. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** Ordinance No. 323 an Ordinance adopting the tax rate and levy ad valorem taxes for use and support of the Municipal Government of the Town of Fulton, Fulton, Texas for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year; providing for apportioning each levy for specific purposes; and providing when taxes shall become due and when same shall become delinquent if not paid and providing for publication.

Mayor Cole read the item and asked for any questions.

Motion made by Place 5 McCorkle, Seconded by Place 4 Nielsen to approve Ordinance No. 323 an Ordinance adopting the tax rate and levy ad valorem taxes for use and support of the Municipal Government of the Town of Fulton, Fulton, Texas for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year; providing for apportioning each levy for specific purposes; and providing when taxes shall become due and when same shall become delinquent if not paid and providing for publication.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Loflin, 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).

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 3 Pahmiyer, Place 4 Nielsen, Place 5 McCorkle

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 a.m.

Kelli Cole, Mayor

Stephanie Garcia, City Secretary