



TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, February 21, 2024 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 4 Margo Nielsen
Place 5 Laura McCorkle

STAFF PRESENT

Stephanie Garcia, City Secretary
Steven Robertson, Comptroller
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 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.

Thomas Grimert: Mr. Grimert introduced himself and indicated he wanted to speak to the Council regarding the safety of pedestrians on Fulton Beach Road. He runs in the morning and states that on some days there are people speeding. He would like to see some opportunities taken to make it safer for pedestrians.

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 February 7, 2024.
- 2. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** November and December 2023 financial report.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Loflin, Seconded by Place 2 Garis 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** Fulton Community Church's parking permit application to be used during the 2024 Oysterfest.

Mayor Cole read the item and informed the Council that this is the church's yearly request. There were no questions at this time.

Motion made by Place 5 McCorkle, Seconded by Place 2 Garis to approve Fulton Community Church's parking permit application to be used during the 2024 Oysterfest.

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

- 4. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** the Interlocal Cooperation Contract Failure to Appear Program with the State of Texas.

Mayor Cole read the item also informing the Council that is an annual agreement for our Texas Department of Public Safety failure to appear program.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Loflin, Seconded by Place 5 McCorkle to approve the Interlocal Cooperation Contract Failure to Appear Program with the State of Texas..

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

5. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove Policy Renewal Offer for Texas Windstorm Insurance Association for Town of Fulton properties.

Mayor Cole read the item and informed the Council that we compared deductibles but because all properties must have the same deductible, the Town will stay with the current one percent deductible.

Motion made by Place 2 Garis, Seconded by Place 3 Pahmiyer to approve the Policy Renewal Offer for Texas Windstorm Insurance Association for Town of Fulton properties.

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

6. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove Labor Standards Officer Oversight Procedures related to Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Project with the General Land Office, State Contract No. 20-065-054-C164.

Mayor Cole read the item and informed the Council that this is a compliance requirement for the audit on the large west side drainage and street project.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Loflin, Seconded by Place 4 Nielsen to approve the Labor Standards Officer Oversight Procedures related to Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Project with the General Land Office, State Contract No. 20-065-054-C164.

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

7. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove the Fully Managed Services Master Agreement with Straight Edge Technology.

Mayor Cole read the item and informed the Council that Straight Edge Technology will be the Town's new IT representative. They will manage all the software and help with computer, internet, etc. issues.

Motion made by Place 2 Garis, Seconded by Place 5 McCorkle to approve the Fully Managed Services Master Agreement with Straight Edge Technology.

Voting Yea: Mayor Pro Tem Loflin, 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 convened into Closed Session at 6:08 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

Discuss/Approve/Disapprove any and all action necessary with regard to the preceding matter(s).

Council reconvened into Open Session at 6:19 p.m.

No action was taken.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

8. Mayor's Update.

Mayor Cole shared with the Council the following:

Maintenance: As contractors complete the ditch clean outs/grading, they will begin with the recycling and milling of the streets. Once that process is complete, they will begin with the stabilization of the streets.

Election: No one signed up to run against the incumbents. We will cancel the election on the next agenda. Saved the Town a minimum of \$17,300.

Police Department: Chief Gerstenberger addressed the speeding issue discussed during citizens to be heard. He indicated that he hopes to be able to have an officer on duty in the early mornings in the future. Chief Gerstenberger also noted that to date there have been 133 calls for service in Fulton. He shared that there had been a break in on North 5th Street and reminded everyone to be sure to lock their homes and vehicles.

9. The next Regular Fulton Town Council Meeting will be held Wednesday, March 6, 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 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 4 Nielsen, Place 5 McCorkle

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Kelli Cole, Mayor

Stephanie Garcia, City Secretary