



TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, January 17, 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 PRSENT

Stephanie Garcia, City Secretary
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.

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 December 20, 2023.
2. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** Mayor's December 2023 credit card statement.
3. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** October 2023 financial report.

Motion made by Place 5 McCorkle, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Loflin to approve the Consent Agenda items as present.

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

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

4. Receive a report from Shelly Stuart, President/CEO, of the quarterly expenditures and activity for the HOT funds for the Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce.

Shannon Biggerstaff with the Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce introduced herself and gave an overview of their quarterly report. The Aransas Pathways are starting to advertise and setting up events on the Pathway. Mrs. Biggerstaff discussed their future plans for the pathways. She also overviewed the other committees and how they help with advertising. There are seven geocaches in the Fulton area and last year there were approximately 217 hits. Their short-term rental council met with Vanessa Shrauner, Rockport's City Manager and she indicated that the City of Rockport is close to having a draft ready. Alderwoman Pahmiyer referenced the Town following the City of Rockport's short-term rental to create our ordinance. There was discussion regarding the same.

5. Receive an update of the 2023 Racial Profiling Report from Chief Gerstenberger.

Chief Gerstenberger referenced the yearly racial profiling information that is reported to the State. Chief Gerstenberger reviewed the numbers and discussed the same. The Town averaged approximately 1200 calls last year.

6. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** Resolution No: R-01-2024: A Resolution of the Town of Fulton, ordering a general election and establishing procedures for said election to be held on May 4, 2024.

Mayor Cole read the item and informed the Council of the yearly resolution ordering the general election for the Town of Fulton.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Loflin, Seconded by Place 2 Garis to approve Resolution No: R-01-2024: A Resolution of the Town of Fulton, ordering a general election and establishing procedures for said election to be held on May 4, 2024.

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

- 7. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** request from Fulton Oysterfest to use the Fulton Park from February 26, 2024 through March 12, 2024, their request for a parade permit for the Fulton Oysterfest Parade, and their request for street closures for the event.

Mayor Cole read the item and referenced the permission letter submitted by the Oysterfest Committee.

Motion made by Place 5 McCorkle, Seconded by Place 3 Pahmiyer to approve the request from Fulton Oysterfest to use the Fulton Park from February 26, 2024 through March 12, 2024, their request for a parade permit for the Fulton Oysterfest Parade, and their request for street closures for the event.

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.

The 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.

Maintenance: Prairie Road is completed and has been cement stabilized. We will chip seal in the summer. The large street and drainage project is in progress. Park restrooms have been updated and repainted with hopes to minimize vandalism.

Election: Candidates may begin signing up for the 2024 Election as of today through February 16th.

FCC: There are approximately nine weekends available for 2024.

Mayor Cole also noted that there is an Oysterfest meeting on January 18, 2024. The next Neighborhood watch meeting will be February 13, 2024.

9. The next Regular Fulton Town Council Meeting will be held Wednesday, February 7, 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 Mayor Pro Tem Loflin, 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 6:24 p.m.

Kelli Cole, Mayor

Stephanie Garcia, City Secretary