



TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, July 19, 2023 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 Margo Nielsen
Place 5 Laura McCorkle

STAFF PRESENT

Stephanie Garcia, City Secretary
Matt Olenick, Director of Operations
Steven Robertson, Comptroller
John Harrell, Police Chief

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.

Mary Clare Kane: Mrs. Kane introduced herself and stated she was confused on the additions to the budget for next year, particularly for the Fulton Convention Center.

Kathy Kane: Ms. Kane introduced herself and noted she was excited about the proposed no new revenue tax rate, but pointed out that the Town has the option to go even lower. She feels strongly that the convention center should pay for itself and hopes the funds are not coming out of the general fund.

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 Town Council Meeting held on June 21, 2023 and the Special Budget Workshop meeting held on July 14, 2023.

Motion made by Place 2 Garis, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Loflin to approve the Consent Agenda item as presented.

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

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

2. Receive report from Belt Harris Pechacek, LLLP regarding the 2021-2022 audit.

Mr. Daniel Hebert with Belt Harris Pechacek, LLP. introduced himself and thanked Steven for all his help with the audit. Mr. Hebert began the review with the Independent Auditor's report. He stated that the company's unmodified opinion of the Town of Fulton is the highest level they can give. He then reviewed the accounting sheet and pointed out that the Town ended the year and the income statement. Mr. Hebert noted that the Town ended the fiscal year fund balance with approximately 1 million dollars. That is approximately 100% of the overall balances and thirteen months of working capital. This is very good. He pointed out a small operating loss; however, the overall operating expenditure appears to be sitting very well. Mr. Hebert asked questions; however, there were none. Mayor Cole and the Council thanked him for his time.

- 3. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** the Fiscal Year 2021 – 2022 Town of Fulton Audit as presented by Belt Harris Pechacek, LLLP.

Mayor Cole read the item.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Loflin, Seconded by Place 2 Garis to approve the Fiscal Year 2021 – 2022 Town of Fulton Audit as presented by Belt Harris Pechacek, LLLP.

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

- 4. Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** Ordinance No. 312 an Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 303 Adopting the 2022-23 Budget in Several Funds in Accordance with the Attached Exhibit.

Mayor Cole read the item and deferred to Mr. Robertson. Mr. Robertson asked for any questions of him. They did not have any. Mayor Cole discussed the reasons for the moving of

the money. Alderman Garis noted that these budget amendments were for the current budget year, not the upcoming 2023 – 2024 budget.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Loflin, Seconded by Place 5 McCorkle to approve Ordinance No. 312 an Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. 303 Adopting the 2022-23 Budget in Several Funds in Accordance with the Attached Exhibit.

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

5. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** Resolution R-07-2023 a Resolution authorizing the Town to Issue a Request for Proposal for Bank Services - Bank Depository for the Town.

Mayor Cole read the item and explained that the current contract is coming to and end and the Town will be asking for proposals from other banks.

Motion made by Place 2 Garis, Seconded by Place 5 McCorkle to approve the Resolution R-07-2023 a Resolution authorizing the Town to Issue a Request for Proposal for Bank Services - Bank Depository for the Town.

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

6. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** Resolution R-08-2023 a Resolution authorizing the Town to Issue a Request for Proposal for bids to perform a build out of the Town of Fulton's Police Department offices.

Mayor read item. Alderman Loflin made a motion to postpone the item to procure more planning and information. Alderwoman Nielsen asked for more specifics regarding the possible buildout. Mayor Cole addressed her question.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Loflin, Seconded by Place 2 Garis to postpone the Resolution R-08-2023 a Resolution authorizing the Town to Issue a Request for Proposal for bids to perform a build out of the Town of Fulton's Police Department offices.

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 6:19 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 6:23 p.m. There was no action taken.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

7. Mayor's Update.

Maintenance: Mayor Cole thanked Matt Olenick, Director of Operations for his hard work and overseeing the project. It was noted that Sanda, Dehaus, and Lonestar roads are paved. The contractors are continuing to work in other areas.

Police: Chief Harrell informed the Council that there had been some nudity at Fulton harbor> Chief Harrell informed the persons they had to leave the area.

Fulton Convention Center: Mayor Cole informed the Council that final touches and bids for new signs, repaving of the parking lot, replacement of the exterior back door, and more interior work is all being researched and planned.

Pier: Mayor Cole noted that the pier is continuing to stay busy.

8. The next Regular Fulton Town Council Meeting will be held Wednesday, August 2, 2023, beginning at 6:00 pm.

Mayor Cole announced the date and time of the next Council meeting.

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 6:16 p.m.

Kelli Cole, Mayor

Stephanie Garcia, City Secretary