



TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, January 15, 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 4 Margo Nielsen
Place 5 Laura McCorkle

STAFF PRESENT

Stephanie Garcia, City Secretary
Steven Robertson, Comptroller
Ty Gerstenberger, 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.

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 18, 2024.
2. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** November 2024 financial report.
3. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** the Rockport Fulton Independent School District Police Department and the Fulton Police Department Memorandum of Understanding.

Mayor Cole mentioned the only changes to the interlocal with the school district were the dates.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Loflin, 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 4 Nielsen, Place 5 McCorkle

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

4. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** request for use of roads by Jen Thomasson, Tournament Director, for the 26th Annual Babes on the Bay Fishing Tournament.

Mayor Cole read the item and informed the Council what areas will be closed.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Loflin, Seconded by Place 2 Garis to approve the request for use of roads by Jen Thomasson, Tournament Director, for the 26th Annual Babes on the Bay Fishing Tournament.

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

5. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** request from Fulton Oysterfest to use the Fulton Park from February 18, 2025 through March 12, 2025, 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 there were no questions.

Motion made by Place 5 McCorkle, Seconded by Place 2 Garis to approve the request from Fulton Oysterfest to use the Fulton Park from February 18, 2025 through March 12, 2025, 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

6. Receive an update of the 2024 Racial Profiling Report from Chief Gerstenberger.

Mayor Cole read the item and asked Chief Gerstenberger to review his report; Chief Gerstenberger referenced his report indicating there had been 127 stops and reviewed same. It was noted that many of the citations are given to males.

7. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** the Aransas County Navigation District Renewal and Extension Lease to Town of Fulton for the Fulton Convention Center.

Mayor Cole read the item and asked that the Council go into Closed Session.

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 6:05 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 6:11 p.m.

Motion made by Place 2 Garis, Seconded by Place 4 Nielsen to approve the Aransas County Navigation District Renewal and Extension Lease to Town of Fulton for the Fulton Convention Center.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

8. Mayor's Update.

Alderman Loflin mentioned that the Winter Texan Appreciation event will be held at the Fulton Convention Center on January 16, 2025.

9. The next Regular Fulton Town Council Meeting will be held Wednesday, February 5, 2025, beginning at 6:00 pm.

Mayor 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 2 Garis, Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Loflin 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 6:14 p.m.

Kelli Cole, Mayor

Stephanie Garcia, City Secretary