



TOWN COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING

Wednesday, May 20, 2026 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 Elizabeth Hackleman
Place 5 Laura McCorkle

STAFF PRESENT

Stephanie Garcia, City Secretary
Hal George, Town Attorney
Jessica Camacho, Investigator
Ashley Sloan, Bookkeeper
Steven Robertson, Comptroller

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.

SWEARING IN ELECTED/APPOINTED COUNCIL MEMBERS

1. Swear in Elected/Appointed Officials: Kelli Cole, Mayor; Robert Loflin, Alderman Place 1, Laura McCorkle, Alderwoman Place 5, and Elizabeth Hackleman, Unexpired Term Alderwoman Place 4.

Stephanie Garcia, City Secretary swore in Kelli Cole, Mayor; Robert Loflin, Alderman Place 1, Laura McCorkle, Alderwoman Place 5, and Elizabeth Hackleman, Unexpired Term Alderwoman Place 4.

PROCLAMATION

2. Proclamation proclaiming the month of May 2026 Historic Preservation Month.

Mayor Cole introduced Cheryl Livingston. Mrs. Livingston read the proclamation proclaiming the month of May 2026 Historic Preservation Month.

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.

3. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** minutes of the Regular Meeting held on April 15, 2026.
4. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** the March 2026 financial reports.

Motion made by Place 5 McCorkle, Seconded by Place 3 Pahmiyer to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Voting Yea: Place 1 Loflin, Place 2 Garis, Place 3 Pahmiyer, Place 4 Hackleman, Place 5 McCorkle

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

5. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** the Declaration of Local Disaster Related to Local Disaster Water Shortage Emergency.

Mayor Cole read the item and informed the Council that Aransas County and City of Rockport have both adopted this declaration. The Town is joining the entities in this declaration.

Motion made by Place 2 Garis, Seconded by Place 1 Loflin to approve the Declaration of Local Disaster Related to Local Disaster Water Shortage Emergency.

Voting Yea: Place 1 Loflin, Place 2 Garis, Place 3 Pahmiyer, Place 4 Hackleman, Place 5 McCorkle

6. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** the Joint Resolution of Support for Regional Coordination and Sustainable Water Management in Response to the South Texas Water Supply Crisis.

Mayor Cole read the item and informed the Council this is to also work in conjunction with our neighbors.

Motion made by Place 2 Garis, Seconded by Place 5 McCorkle to approve the Joint Resolution of Support for Regional Coordination and Sustainable Water Management in Response to the South Texas Water Supply Crisis.

Voting Yea: Place 1 Loflin, Place 2 Garis, Place 3 Pahmiyer, Place 4 Hackleman, Place 5 McCorkle

7. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** Resolution No. R-02-2026 authorizing intervention in AEP Texas Inc.'s application to amend its rider mobile temporary emergency electric energy facilities before the commission; approving cooperation with the cities served by AEP Texas; hiring Lloyd, Gosselink Attorneys and Consulting Services to negotiate with the company and direct any necessary litigation and appeals; requiring reimbursement of cities' rate case expenses; finding that the meeting at which this resolution is passed is open to the public as required by law; requiring notice of this resolution to the company and legal counsel.

Mayor Cole read the item and noted that this is a yearly occurrence which Mr. George has reviewed. Mr. George explained the necessity of this resolution. Alderwoman Pahmiyer asked why this needed to occur every year. Mr. George explained that AEP must do this every year in order to request more money.

Motion made by Place 1 Loflin, Seconded by Place 5 McCorkle to approve Resolution No. R-02-2026 authorizing intervention in AEP Texas Inc.'s application to amend its rider mobile temporary emergency electric energy facilities before the commission; approving cooperation with the cities served by AEP Texas; hiring Lloyd, Gosselink Attorneys and Consulting Services to negotiate with the company and direct any necessary litigation and appeals; requiring reimbursement of cities' rate case expenses; finding that the meeting at which this resolution is passed is open to the public as required by law; requiring notice of this resolution to the company and legal counsel.

Voting Yea: Place 1 Loflin, Place 2 Garis, Place 3 Pahmiyer, Place 4 Hackleman, Place 5 McCorkle

8. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** Ordinance No. 330 prohibiting disorderly conduct; listing such conduct; establishing a standard; repealing ordinances in conflict; providing for severance; providing a penalty; negating the requirements of culpable mental state; and providing for publication.

Mayor Cole read the item. Mr. George explained that our police department realized there was not an existing ordinance for this in Fulton. In his research he suggested the ordinance to cover multiple disorderly conduct violations.

Motion made by Place 1 Loflin, Seconded by Place 3 Pahmiyer to approve Ordinance No. 330 prohibiting disorderly conduct; listing such conduct; establishing a standard; repealing ordinances in conflict; providing for severance; providing a penalty; negating the requirements of culpable mental state; and providing for publication.

Voting Yea: Place 1 Loflin, Place 2 Garis, Place 3 Pahmiyer, Place 4 Hackleman, Place 5 McCorkle

9. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** Ordinance No. 331 amending section 46-25, Fulton Town Code to provide for reduced speed limits in designated school zones; repealing ordinances in conflict; providing for severance; providing for penalty; and providing for publication.

Mayor Cole read the item. Alderman Loflin asked if the limits had changed. Mr. George indicated that the police department noted this school speed limit was not address in the Town's ordinance and needed to be updated.

Motion made by Place 5 McCorkle, Seconded by Place 4 Hackleman to approve Ordinance No. 331 amending section 46-25, Fulton Town Code to provide for reduced speed limits in designated school zones; repealing ordinances in conflict; providing for severance; providing for penalty; and providing for publication.

Voting Yea: Place 1 Loflin, Place 2 Garis, Place 3 Pahmiyer, Place 4 Hackleman, Place 5 McCorkle

10. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** approval and adoption of the Town Hall Community Planning Advisory Committee panel and the Bylaws and Guidelines.

Mayor Cole read the item and shared that the Town will be paying off existing debt next year. The Town would like to take on debt in order to build a new Town Hall and work on some additional projects within the Town. The chosen citizens committee will help work on upcoming projects and planning. There was brief discussion regarding keeping the Council informed.

Motion made by Place 3 Pahmiyer, Seconded by Place 5 McCorkle approved the adoption of the Town Hall Community Planning Advisory Committee panel and the Bylaws and Guidelines.

Voting Yea: Place 1 Loflin, Place 2 Garis, Place 3 Pahmiyer, Place 5 McCorkle
Voting Abstaining: Place 4 Hackleman

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).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

11. Mayor's Update.

Mayor Cole updated the Council on the progress of the joint street and drainage project with Aransas County. Mayor Cole and City Secretary Stephanie Garcia informed the Council of the water damage to the Town offices. Alderwoman Pahmiyer shared with the Council an update on Pathways and the upcoming Fulton Harbor Walk to benefit the Pathways.

12. The next Regular Fulton Town Council Meeting will be held Wednesday, June 3, 2026, beginning at 6:00 pm.

Mayor Cole announced the date and time of the next meeting, June 3, 2026.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Cole entertained a motion to adjourn.

Motion made by Place 5 McCorkle, Seconded by Place 3 Pahmiyer to adjourn the meeting.

Voting Yea: Place 1 Loflin, Place 2 Garis, Place 3 Pahmiyer, Place 4 Hackleman, Place 5 McCorkle

The meeting was adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

Kelli Cole, Mayor

Stephanie Garcia, City Secretary