

TOWN OF FULTON

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Monday, October 3, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.

Fulton Council Chambers, 201 N. 7th Street, Fulton, TX 78358

Present:

Kelli Cole, Mayor
Robert Loflin, Alderman
Mary Ann Pahmiyer, Alderwoman
Chris Garis, Alderman
Carl Biesenbach, Alderman
Jayne Robertson, Alderwoman

Staff Present:

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

NOTICE is hereby given that the Fulton Town Council will hold a Regular Meeting on Monday, October 3, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. at the Fulton Town Council Chambers, 201 North Seventh Street, Fulton, Texas. The following subjects will be discussed to wit:

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Cole called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE –U.S. Flag and Texas Flag**

Mayor Cole led everyone in the pledges.

3. **OBSERVE A MOMENT OF SILENCE/PRAAYER**

Mayor Cole led everyone in a moment of silence.

4. **CITIZENS TO BE HEARD (PUBLIC FORUM)**

“Public participation is valued and at this time, comments limited to three (3) minutes will be taken from the 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.

5. **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.”

A. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** minutes of the Special Meeting held on September 26, 2022.

Motion: *A motion was made by Chris Garis and seconded by MaryAnn Pahmiyer to approve the consent agenda item as presented. Motion carried unanimously.*

6. **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:**

- A. Hear from Craig Thompson with Hanson Professional Services regarding notification of upcoming construction activities for the CDBG-DR Contract 20-065-054-C164 Streets and Drainage Improvement project.

Mayor Cole introduced Mr. Thompson with Hanson Professional Services. Mr. Thompson informed the Council and audience that the project is very near starting. They have signed all the contracts and the contractors will be starting within the next few weeks. Mr. Thompson briefly reviewed the beginning process and indicated that the contract is for approximately fourteen months. There were no questions for Mr. Thompson.

- B. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** changing the time of future Council meetings from 7 p.m. to 6 p.m. beginning October 17, 2022.

Mayor Cole discussed the time change with the Council.

Motion: *A motion was made by Robert Loflin and seconded by Chris Garis to approve changing of the Council meeting time from 7 p.m. to 6 p.m. as presented. Motion carried, 4 Yays, 1 Nay.*

- C. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** Fee Schedule for all fees charged by the Town of Fulton.

Mayor Cole briefly explained the fee schedule and the repealing of the older fees. Mr. George also noted that if a fee is missed, the Ordinance regarding that fee stands.

Motion: *A motion was made by Robert Loflin and seconded by Carl Biesenbach to approve the Fee Schedule for all fees charged by the Town of Fulton as presented. Motion carried unanimously.*

- D. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** Ordinance No. 305; An Ordinance Establishing a Uniform Fee Schedule; Providing for Amending such Schedule; Providing for the Availability of such Schedule; Repealing all Fees and Schedules in Conflict; Providing for Severance and Providing for Publication.

Mayor Cole briefly reviewed the ordinance.

Motion: *A motion was made by Chris Garis and seconded by Jayne Robertson to approve Ordinance No. 305; An Ordinance Establishing a Uniform Fee Schedule; Providing for Amending such Schedule; Providing for the Availability of such Schedule; Repealing all Fees and Schedules in Conflict; Providing for Severance and Providing for Publication as presented. Motion carried unanimously.*

- E. **Discuss/Approve/Disapprove** Engagement of Counsel – City Attorney agreement with Hal George, Town of Fulton’s attorney.

Mayor Cole informed the Council that the agreement was updated to include Mr. George’s slight fee increase.

Motion: *A motion was made by Robert Loflin and seconded by Carl Biesenbach to approve the Engagement of Counsel – City Attorney agreement with Hal George, Town of Fulton’s attorney as presented. Motion carried unanimously.*

7. **CLOSED SESSION:**

Pursuant to Section 551.071, Government Code to deliberate potential litigation and Section 551.072, Government Code real estate matters.
Council did not convene into Closed Session.

8. **OPEN SESSION:**

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

9. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- A. Mayor’s update. *Mayor Cole announced and welcomed Gwen Wendell to the Planning and Zoning Committee. The Mayor also announced the hiring of Melissa Pina for the Fulton Convention Center and Event Coordinator. She announced National Night Out on Tuesday, October 4, 2022 at the Fulton Convention Center. Mrs. Pahmiyer shared that the Coastal Bend Council of Governments have been award a large grant which will include the Town of Fulton.*
- B. The next Regular Fulton Town Council Meeting will be held Monday, October 17, 2022, at the Fulton Town Hall beginning at 6:00 p.m.
Mayor Cole informed the Council of the date and time of the next meeting.

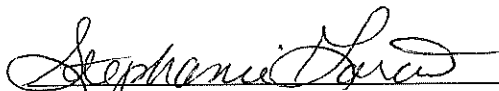
10. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mayor Cole entertained a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Robert Loflin that the meeting stand adjourned. Chris Garis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.



Kelli Cole, Mayor



Stephanie Garcia, City Secretary