

**THE CITY OF CISCO
CITY COUNCIL, SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
September 18, 2023**

**CISCO, TEXAS §
EASTLAND, COUNTY §**

The City Council of the City of Cisco met in a regular called session at the Cisco Council Chambers in Cisco as scheduled, and notice was posted 72 hours in advance and prior to the meeting.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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| MAYOR _____ | STEPHEN FORESTER |
| COUNCILMEMBER PLACE I _____ | JASON WHETSTONE |
| COUNCILMEMBER PLACE III _____ | WILLARD JOHNSON |
| COUNCILMEMBER PLACE V _____ | CHRIS JOHNSON |
| COUNCILMEMBER PLACE VI _____ | TRAVIS TOOF |

PERSONNEL PRESENT:

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| CITY MANAGER _____ | DARWIN ARCHER |
| CITY SECRETARY _____ | TAMMY OSBORNE |

PERSONNEL ABSENT:

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| COUNCILMEMBER PLACE II _____ | ROBERT JOHNSTON |
| COUNCILMEMBER PLACE IV _____ | NATHAN BRUNER |

Guests: Walter Fairbanks, Kenneth Preston, John Cameron, Peggy Ledbetter, Billy Woodrich, Scott Pittman

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Mayor Forester called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. PLEDGES

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Pledge to the Texas Flag

III. INVOCATION:

Councilmember Whetstone gave the invocation.

IV. CITIZEN-VISITOR COMMENTS:

Mr. Cameron, President of the Hidden Shores Property Owner's Association, spoke regarding the letter he had received stating that the city would cease providing solid waste collections at Hidden Shores as of October 1, 2023. He indicated that he felt it was unfair and suggested that the action was retaliation for the property development deciding to not voluntarily annex into the city limits.

V. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING CONDUCTED ON:

- **August 28, 2023**

Motion was made by Councilmember Whetstone to approve the minutes as presented, second was made by Councilmember W. Johnson. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Whetstone, W. Johnson, C. Johnson, Toof, Forester
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 5 to 0
Absent: Johnston, Bruner

VI. THE CITY COUNCIL MAY DISCUSS AND/OR TAKE ACTION ON ANY OF THE FOLLOWING AGENDA ITEMS:

A. Consider and Discuss Ordinance No. 0-2023-13

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS AMENDING CERTAIN SUBSECTIONS OF CHAPTER 5 “ANIMALS AND FOWL” OF THE CITY’S CODE OF ORDINANCES; SPECIFICALLY SECTIONS 5-19 “REDEMPTION OF IMPOUNDED DOGS”, 5-23 “DOG SURRENDER FEE”, 5-34 “CONFINEMENT FOR OBSERVATION”, AND 5-75 “ANNUAL PERMIT” ESTABLISHING UPDATED FEES FOR PERMIT, IMPOUND, SHELTER, QUARANTINE, AND SURRENDER BY THE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *(Second Reading)*

Motion was made by Councilmember C. Johnson to approve ordinance as presented, second was made by Councilmember Toof. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Whetstone, W. Johnson, C. Johnson, Toof, Forester
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 5 to 0
Absent: Johnston, Bruner

B. Consider and Discuss Ordinance No. 0-2023-14

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 12 “LICENSES AND BUSINESS REGULATIONS” SPECIFICALLY SECTION 12-21 “LICENSE FEE” AMENDING FEES FOR ITINERANT VENDOR/SOLICITORS LICENSE FEES; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *(Second Reading)*

Motion was made by Councilmember Toof to approve the ordinance as presented, second was made by Councilmember Whetstone. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Whetstone, W. Johnson, C. Johnson, Toof, Forester
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 5 to 0
Absent: Johnston, Bruner

C. Consider and Discuss Ordinance No. 0-2023-15

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 13 “MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC” SPECIFICALLY SECTION 13-106 “PERMIT REQUIRED” AMENDING FEES FOR GOLF CARTS/UTILITY VEHICLES; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *(Second Reading)*

Motion was made by Councilmember C. Johnson to approve the ordinance as presented, second was made by Councilmember Toof. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Whetstone, W. Johnson, C. Johnson, Toof, Forester
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 5 to 0
Absent: Johnston, Bruner

D. Consider and Discuss Ordinance No. 0-2023-16

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 8 “FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION” SPECIFICALLY ARTICLE IV “OUTDOOR BURNING PERMITS” AMENDING SECTION 8-45.1 “ISSUANCE OF PERMIT”; OFFENSES” TO INCLUDE THE FEE FOR A BURN PERMIT; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Second Reading)

Motion was made by Councilmember Toof to approve the ordinance as presented, second was made by Councilmember Whetstone. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Whetstone, W. Johnson, C. Johnson, Toof, Forester
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 5 to 0
Absent: Johnston, Bruner

E. Consider and Discuss Ordinance No. 0-2023-17

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS, ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OCTOBER 1, 2023, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2024, FOR THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Second Reading)

Motion was made by Councilmember C. Johnson to approve the ordinance as presented, second was made by Councilmember Whetstone. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Whetstone, W. Johnson, C. Johnson, Toof, Forester
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 5 to 0
Absent: Johnston, Bruner

F. Consider and Discuss Ordinance No. 0-2023-18

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS, ESTABLISHING THE TAX LEVY FOR THE 2023-2024 BUDGET YEAR OF CISCO, TEXAS; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Second Reading)

Motion was made by Councilmember C. Johnson to approve the ordinance as presented, second was made by Councilmember Toof. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Whetstone, W. Johnson, C. Johnson, Toof, Forester
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 5 to 0
Absent: Johnston, Bruner

G. Consider and Discuss Ordinance No. 0-2023-19

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 4 “ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES” SPECIFICALLY ARTICLE II “PRIVATE CLUBS”, REMOVING REFERENCE TO PRIVATE CLUBS; RENAMING THE ARTICLE “ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE PERMITS”; ESTABLISHING FEES FOR SAID PERMITS; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (First Reading)

City Secretary Osborne explained that the presented ordinance was an attempt to clean up the current code which had not been updated since the election to allow alcohol sales within the city limits and to make it easier for the city to collect the fees for alcohol permits allowed by the state.

Motion was made by Councilmember Whetstone to approve the ordinance as presented, second was made by Councilmember W. Johnson. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Whetstone, W. Johnson, C. Johnson, Toof, Forester
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 5 to 0
Absent: Johnston, Bruner

H. Consider and Discuss Ordinance No. 0-2023-20

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS, ADJUSTING AND AMENDING THE CITY'S FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023 BUDGET; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (First Reading)

Mr. Archer explained that Ms. Ledbetter was available to answer any questions on the budget amendment.

Motion was made by Councilmember Toof to approve the ordinance as presented, second was made by Councilmember Whetstone. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Whetstone, W. Johnson, C. Johnson, Toof, Forester
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 5 to 0
Absent: Johnston, Bruner

I. Consider and Discuss Ordinance No. 0-2023-21

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 16 "PARKS AND RECREATION" OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES, SPECIFICALLY ARTICLE II "CITY LAKES AND RESERVOIRS"; ESTABLISHING AMENDED BOAT DOCK PERMIT REGULATIONS AND BOAT DOCK PERMIT FEES; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (First Reading)

Mr. Archer again commented that the proposed ordinance represented discussions had during budget workshops regarding the new fees for non-leasehold boat dock permits.

Motion was made by Councilmember Toof to approve the ordinance as presented, second was made by Councilmember W. Johnson. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Whetstone, W. Johnson, C. Johnson, Toof, Forester
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 5 to 0
Absent: Johnston, Bruner

J. Consider and Discuss Ordinance No. 0-2023-22

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS PROVIDING THAT THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES BE AMENDED BY REVISING CHAPTER 20 "UTILITIES", ARTICLE II "WATER AND SEWER SERVICE", INCREASING TAPPING FEES, WATER RATES,, SEWER TAP FEES, AND SEWER RATES; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (First Reading)

Motion was made by Councilmember Toof to approve the ordinance as presented, second was made by Councilmember Whetstone. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Whetstone, W. Johnson, C. Johnson, Toof, Forester
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 5 to 0
Absent: Johnston, Bruner

K. Consider and Discuss Ordinance No. 0-2023-23

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS AMENDING SECTION 13-24 "DESIGNATION OF STOP INTERSECTIONS" OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES; DESIGNATING A TWO-WAY STOP INTERSECTION AT THE INTERSECTION OF PERSHING AND BULLARD STREETS; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (First Reading)

Mr. Archer stated that the proposed ordinance was a citizen request for improved traffic control in the area. The Council questioned which intersections in the area already had stop signs and whether an additional stop intersection would be helpful. Chief Preston offered to study conditions in the area and bring back data if the Council wanted to table the item to a later date.

Motion was made by Councilmember C. Johnson to table the item pending further information, second was made by Councilmember Whetstone. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Whetstone, W. Johnson, C. Johnson, Toof, Forester
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 5 to 0
Absent: Johnston, Bruner

L. Consider and Discuss Westbound Water Rates.

Mr. Archer presented the Council with a chart outlining the rate increases to Westbound Water over the last 15 years. He requests a 5% increase in the rate this year, bringing the rate to \$4.62 per one thousand gallons up to 3.5 million gallons and \$5.54 per one thousand gallons over 3.5 million.

Motion was made by Councilmember Whetstone to increase Westbound Water rates by five percent as presented, second was made by Councilmember Toof. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Whetstone, W. Johnson, C. Johnson, Toof, Forester
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 5 to 0
Absent: Johnston, Bruner

M. Consider and Discuss Long Range Planning.

Mr. Archer reminded that Council that the next regularly scheduled meeting will be September 25, 2023; that October 4-6 he will be out of the office attending the Texas Municipal League Conference; that city offices are closed on October 9, 2023, and that the meeting regularly scheduled for October 9th had been moved to October 10, 2023. Lastly, he said that Piefest would be October 21, 2023.

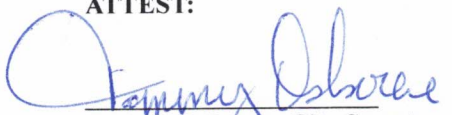
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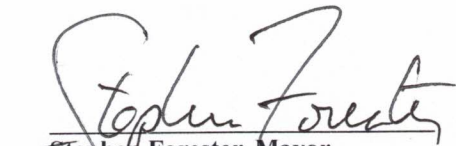
None.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Councilmember Toof to adjourn, second made by Councilmember C. Johnson. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

ATTEST:


Tammy Osborne, City Secretary


Stephen Forester, Mayor

