

THE CITY OF CISCO
CITY COUNCIL, REGULAR CALLED MEETING
August 14, 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:

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

PERSONNEL PRESENT:

CITY MANAGER _____	DARWIN ARCHER
CITY SECRETARY _____	TAMMY OSBORNE

PERSONNEL ABSENT:

COUNCILMEMBER PLACE IV _____	NATHAN BRUNER
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Guests: Walter Fairbanks, Kenneth Preston, Richard Butler, Billy Woodrich, Ricci Coan, Valerie Hamlin

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:

None.

V. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING CONDUCTED ON:

- **June 26, 2023**

Mayor Forester indicated a date was incorrect on the minutes.

Councilmember W. Johnson arrived at 6:02 p.m.

Motion was made by Councilmember Whetstone to approve the minutes with the amended date, second was made by Councilmember Johnston. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Whetstone, Johnston, W. Johnson, C. Johnson, Toof, Forester
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 6 to 0
Absent: Bruner

VI. QUARTERLY DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

- Quarterly Cisco Development Corporation Report-Mr. Jaworski was absent and Council asked that the report be presented with the next round of quarterly reports.

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

A. Consider and Discuss Ordinance No. 0-2023-12

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 10 “GARBAGE AND TRASH”, SPECIFICALLY SECTION 10-19 “RATES”, OF THE CITY’S CODE OF ORDINANCES, ESTABLISHING SANITATION RATES; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Second Reading)

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

Ayes: Councilmembers: Whetstone, Johnston, W. Johnson, C. Johnson, Toof, Forester
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 6 to 0
Absent: Bruner

B. Consider and Discuss Resolution No. 2023-08-14

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS, APPROVING A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT BETWEEN THE ATMOS CITIES STEERING COMMITTEE (“ACSC”) AND ATMOS ENERGY CORP., MID-TEX DIVISION REGARDING THE COMPANY’S 2023 RATE REVIEW MECHANISM FILING; DECLARING EXISTING RATES TO BE UNREASONABLE; ADOPTING TARIFFS THAT REFLECT RATE ADJUSTMENTS CONSISTENT WITH THE NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT; FINDING THE RATES TO BE SET BY THE ATTACHED SETTLEMENT TARIFFS TO BE JUST AND REASONABLE AND IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST; APPROVING AN ATTACHMENT ESTABLISHING A BENCHMARK FOR PENSIONS AND RETIREE MEDICAL BENEFITS; REQUIRING THE COMPANY TO REIMBURSE ACSC’S REASONABLE RATEMAKING EXPENSES; DETERMINING THAT THIS RESOLUTION WAS PASSED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT; ADOPTING A SAVINGS CLAUSE; DECLARING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND REQUIRING DELIVERY OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE COMPANY AND THE ACSC’S LEGAL COUNSEL.

Mr. Coan from Atmos Energy introduced himself to the Council and stated he would answer any questions regarding the resolution.

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

Ayes: Councilmembers: Whetstone, Johnston, W. Johnson, C. Johnson, Toof, Forester
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 6 to 0
Absent: Bruner

C. Consider and Discuss Accepting Bids for Lake Lot, South Shore, Lots 3 & 4, Block BB

Mr. Archer explained that a request to lease these lots had come from a current lessee. He further commented that Council had previously taken action to not re-lease these lots, but instead to hold onto them, abate the flooded structures, and utilize the lots as an emergency services response site. He asked the Council to uphold that previous action.

Motion was made by Councilmember W. Johnson to keep the lots for emergency response use, second was made by Councilmember Johnston. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Whetstone, Johnston, W. Johnson, C. Johnson, Toof, Forester
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 6 to 0
Absent: Bruner

D. Consider and Discuss Closing the 100 Block of E. 4th Street and the 100 Block of E. & W. 7th Street on October 21, 2023, from 6:00 a.m. through 9:00 p.m. for Activities Associated with CiscoTX Piefest.

Ms. Hamlin, the president of Cisco Strong, made the request to close E. 4th Street for the Piefest events. Mr. Archer added that the 7th Street closures would be for the car show.

Motion was made by Councilmember C. Johnson to approve the street closures, second was made by Councilmember Whetstone. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Whetstone, Johnston, W. Johnson, C. Johnson, Toof, Forester
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 6 to 0
Absent: Bruner

E. Consider and Discuss Public Facility Improvements at the Old Zoo Trails. (Executive Session)

F. Consider and Discuss Cisco Municipal Airport. (Executive Session)

Mr. Archer said that since Mr. Jaworski is not in attendance, both items E & F should be tabled.

Motion was made by Councilmember Johnston to table Items E & F, second was made by Councilmember Toof. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Whetstone, Johnston, W. Johnson, C. Johnson, Toof, Forester
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 6 to 0
Absent: Bruner

G. Consider and Discuss City Manager Evaluation. (Executive Session)

The Council retired into Executive Session for all three employee evaluations under Section 551.074 Personnel Matters at 6:14 p.m.

The Council reconvened into Open Session at 6:45 p.m. and took the following actions:

Motion was made by Councilmember Whetstone to approve the evaluation of the City Manager and continue his employment, second was made by Councilmember Toof. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Whetstone, Johnston, W. Johnson, C. Johnson, Toof, Forester
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 6 to 0
Absent: Bruner

H. Consider and Discuss City Secretary Evaluation. (Executive Session)

Motion was made by Councilmember C. Johnson to approve the evaluation of the City Secretary and continue her employment, second was made by Councilmember Whetstone. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Whetstone, Johnston, W. Johnson, C. Johnson, Toof, Forester
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 6 to 0
Absent: Bruner

I. Consider and Discuss Municipal Court Judge Evaluation. (Executive Session)

Motion was made by Councilmember C. Johnson to approve the evaluation of the Municipal Court Judge and continue his employment, second was made by Councilmember Johnston. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Whetstone, Johnston, W. Johnson, C. Johnson, Toof, Forester
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 6 to 0
Absent: Bruner

J. Consider and Discuss Long Range Planning.

Mr. Archer stated that City offices will be closed September 4th for Labor Day, CiscoTX Piefest will be held October 21, 2023.

K. Announcements for City Council.

None.

VIII. BUDGET WORKSHOP

A. Consider and Discuss Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

Mr. Archer presented the proposed budget and the Council discussed particular items and took the following actions:

Motion was made by Councilmember W. Johnson to increase the City Manager's salary by 5%, second was made by Councilmember Johnston. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Whetstone, Johnston, W. Johnson, C. Johnson, Toof, Forester
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 6 to 0
Absent: Bruner

Motion was made by Councilmember Johnston to deny committing any funds to the Eastland County Crisis Center, second was made by Councilmember C. Johnson. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Whetstone, Johnston, W. Johnson, C. Johnson, Toof, Forester
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 6 to 0
Absent: Bruner

Motion was made by Councilmember C. Johnson to increase the amount paid for the Cooperative Ambulance Service to \$70,737.00, second was made by Councilmember Whetstone. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Whetstone, Johnston, W. Johnson, C. Johnson, Toof, Forester
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 6 to 0
Absent: Bruner

B. Consider and Discuss Proposed Tax Levy.

Mr. Archer stated that the proposed tax rate to support the proposed budget would be 0.641601. This rate is lower than last year's tax rate, but would raise more revenue due to higher valuations. The proposed rate is above the no new revenue tax rate, but below the voter approval rate so it would not require an election.

Motion was made by Councilmember W. Johnson to set the proposed tax rate at 0.641601/\$100.00, second was made by Councilmember Toof. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Whetstone, Johnston, W. Johnson, C. Johnson, Toof, Forester
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 6 to 0
Absent: Bruner

C. Consider and Discuss Updated Master Fee Schedule.

Mr. Archer presented the proposed Master Fee Schedule with an overall increase of 5% to all fees. All those fees set by ordinance will be brought before the Council at upcoming meetings.

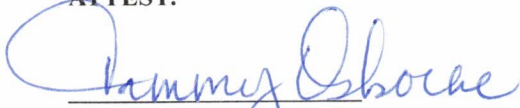
Motion was made by Councilmember C. Johnson to approve the Master Fee Schedule as presented, second was made by Councilmember Johnston. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Whetstone, Johnston, W. Johnson, C. Johnson, Toof, Forester
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 6 to 0
Absent: Bruner

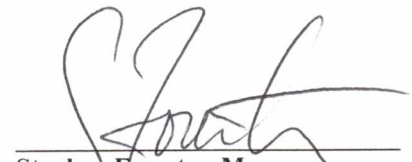
IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Councilmember Whetstone to adjourn, second made by Councilmember Johnston. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

ATTEST:



Tammy Osborne, City Secretary



Stephen Forester, Mayor

