

**THE CITY OF CISCO
CITY COUNCIL, REGULAR CALLED MEETING
NOVEMBER 12, 2024**

**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:

INTERIM CITY MANAGER	PEGGY LEDBETTER
CITY SECRETARY	TAMMY OSBORNE

PERSONNEL ABSENT:

COUNCILMEMBER PLACE IV	NATHAN BRUNER
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Guests: Ervin Light, Thelma Thompson, Walter Fairbanks, Candi Evans, Jerome Evans, Belinda Sebree, Michael Sebree, Joe Spano, Tom Terry, Marilyn Preston, Kenneth Preston, Brian Williamson, Cathy Jenthro, Zach Maxwell, Donna Williamson, Phil Green

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 Toof gave the invocation.

IV. CITIZEN-VISITOR COMMENTS:

Mr. Tom Terry, a lake resident, expressed concern about selling water out of the lake with the level being so low.

V. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING CONDUCTED ON:

- **October 28, 2024**

Councilmember C. Johnson noted a typographical error on Item G on the minutes where his name was misrepresented as 'C. Johnston'. Mrs. Osborne informed the Council that Mr. Johnson had spoken to her earlier in the day and the error had been corrected on the official copy.

Motion was made by Councilmember Johnston to approve the minutes with the amendment, 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

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

Mayor Forester indicated that we would discuss Item C first since the County Clerk was in attendance to get the original contract signed.

A. Consider and Discuss Approval of Audit for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023.—Rod L. Abbott, CPA

Mr. Abbott presented the Audit for fiscal year 2022-2023.

Motion was made by Councilmember C. Johnson to approve the audit 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 Code Red Contract.

Chief Fairbanks stated that he was presenting a renegotiated contract with CodeRed for three years with a price of approximately \$5,400.00 per year as opposed to the \$7,400.00 we are currently paying.

Motion was made by Councilmember Toof to approve the contract as presented, 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

C. Consider and Discuss Eastland County Cooperative Ambulance Service Contract.

Mrs. Jentho presented the contract to the Council with no changes.

Motion was made by Councilmember C. Johnson to approve the contract as presented, 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

D. Consider and Discuss TexPool Authorized Representatives

Mrs. Ledbetter explained that the authorized representatives would need to be updated again after the resignation of the City Manager.

Motion was made by Councilmember W. Johnson to approve the Mayor and Finance Director to be authorized representatives for TexPool, second was made by Councilmember Johnston. The vote was as follows:

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

E. Consider and Discuss Uses of Certificate of Deposit Funds

Mrs. Ledbetter said that she wanted to earmark some of the funds to keep for contingency circumstances and recommended leaving at least \$20,000.00 unencumbered. The Council discussed various ways to use the funds to most effectively maximize the injection of cashflow. Councilmember C. Johnson stated that he had issues with devoting any monies to outstanding debts until the Council had an opportunity to hear from the Finance Committee and meet with the City Attorney next week. The Council further agreed that this conversation might be better had when Mrs. Ledbetter gave her finance report.

No action was taken on this item.

F. Consider and Discuss Ordinance No. 0-2024-15

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS PROVIDING AVENUE P, BETWEEN W. 10TH STREET AND W. 11TH STREET; LOCATED IN BLOCKS 99-100 IN S/D2 AND S/D 3 OT CISCO, IN THE CITY OF CISCO, EASTLAND COUNTY, TEXAS, BE CLOSED AND THAT THE DEDICATION OF THE RIGHTS-OF-WAY BE VACATED AND ABANDONED, EXCEPT FOR EXISTING UTILITY AND/OR DRAINAGE EASEMENTS; PROVIDING FOR REVERSION OF THE FEES IN SAID LAND; AND, PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY UPON FINAL PASSAGE. (First Reading)

Mrs. Osborne commented that the presented ordinance was the method to abandon the easement that was approved by application at the last meeting. She further added that the property owner's that had not provided a letter affirming the abandonment had since contacted her and said they were not opposed.

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

G. Consider and Discuss Resolution No. 2024-11-12

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CISCO ADOPTING A POLICY PROHIBITING THE INSTALLATION OR USE OF TIKTOK AND OTHER PROHIBITED TECHNOLOGIES ON CITY DEVICES PURSUANT TO TEXAS SB 1893.

Mayor Forester explained the resolution would prohibit installation of certain applications and software on city owned electronic devices. Councilmember C. Johnson said he thought the already enacted state law should cover that, but Mrs. Osborne commented that the resolution came from the City Attorney with instructions to pass before November 20, 2024.

Motion was made by Councilmember Toof to approve the resolution as presented, 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

H. Consider and Discuss Resolution No. 2024-11-12-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS, DESIGNATING AUTHORIZED SIGNATORIES FOR CONTRACTUAL DOCUMENTS PERTAINING TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT MITIGATION (CDBG-MIT) RESILIENT COMMUNITIES PROGRAM THROUGH THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE.

Mrs. Osborne said that the resolution was to authorize signatories for the current GLO grant for a new comprehensive plan.

Motion was made by Councilmember C. Johnson to approve the resolution 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

I. Consider and Discuss Calling a Meeting on November 18, 2024, and Cancelling the Scheduled Meeting on November 25, 2024.

Mayor Forester said that since the Council wanted to meet with the City Attorney, his schedule allowed for a meeting on November 18, 2024. The recommendation is to call a meeting for that day and then cancel the regularly scheduled meeting on November 25, 2024 since the requirement for two meetings per month will be met.

Motion was made by Councilmember Johnston to call a meeting on November 18, 2024 and cancel the regularly scheduled meeting on November 25, 2024, 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

J. Consider and Discuss Monthly Finance Report.

Mrs. Ledbetter presented the Council with several documents pertaining to the city's financial status, including bank balances, checks written, and bills due. The Council discussed the best way to try to catch up on past due invoices. Mrs. Ledbetter said that although the Council may be experiencing trust issues, she requests that the Council allow her to exercise her best judgement to prioritize the bills and get caught up and work toward reestablishing trust between the Council and the city staff.

Motion was made by Councilmember W. Johnson to authorize the Interim City Manager to use the Certificate of Deposit funds as necessary, 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

K. Consider and Discuss Long Range Planning

Mrs. Osborne updated the Council on the Wildfire Mitigation Grant saying that a meeting had been held between the participating cities and had yielded positive results. She should be able to bring more information to the Council in December.

Mayor Forester ran down important upcoming dates: next meeting November 18th ; November 21st Thanksgiving employee lunch; November 27-27th city offices closed for Thanksgiving holiday; November 28th Thanksgiving meal provided by Bible Baptist Church at the Conrad Hilton Center from 10:30-1:30; December 5th Christmas Parade; December 12th Employee Christmas Dinner; December 24th from noon through December 27th city offices will be closed for the Christmas holiday,

L. Announcements for City Council.

None.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Councilmember Toof to adjourn, second made by Councilmember W. Johnson. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

ATTEST:



Tammy Osborne, City Secretary



Stephen Forester, Mayor

