

THE CITY OF CISCO
CITY COUNCIL, REGULAR CALLED MEETING
November 27, 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 IV	NATHAN BRUNER
COUNCILMEMBER PLACE V	CHRIS JOHNSON
COUNCILMEMBER PLACE VI	TRAVIS TOOF

PERSONNEL PRESENT:

CITY MANAGER	DARWIN ARCHER
CITY SECRETARY	TAMMY OSBORNE

PERSONNEL ABSENT:

Guests: Walter Fairbanks, Kenneth Preston, Richard Butler, Jane Nichols, Tammy Archer, Joy Hedges, Ervin Light, Barbara Light, Mary Kay Williamson, Justin Jaworski

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. QUARTERLY DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

- Quarterly Police Department Report-Chief Preston presented the Quarterly Police Department Report.
- Quarterly Fire Department Report-Chief Fairbanks presented the Quarterly Fire Department Report.
- Quarterly Financial Report-Mr. Archer presented the Quarterly Financial Report
- Quarterly Court Report-Judge Butler presented the Quarterly Court Report.
- Quarterly Public Works Report-Mr. Archer presented the Quarterly Public Works Report.
- Quarterly Street Department Report-Mr. Archer presented the Quarterly Street Department Report.
- Quarterly Water Treatment Plant Report-Mr. Archer presented the Quarterly Water Treatment Plant Report.
- Quarterly Cisco Development Corporation Report-Mr. Jaworski presented the Quarterly Cisco Development Corporation Report.

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

A. Consider and Discuss Extending Easement of Private Road 118.

Mr. Archer stated that the extension of the easement had been requested by the Greens who have the current easement on Private Road 118. They would like an extension for future development on their property. He commented that the city had no objections to the easement and did not foresee it causing any problems in the future.

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

Ayes: Councilmembers: Whetstone, Johnston, W. Johnson, Bruner, C. Johnson, Toof, Forester
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 7 to 0
Absent:

B. Consider and Discuss Filling Vacancy on Cisco Development Corporation Board.

Mr. Jaworski explained that Ms. Nichols had resigned from both boards leaving vacancies that need to be filled. He suggested Mary Kay Williamson be appointed to the Cisco Development Corporation Board. The Council discussed whether they could nominate and appoint other people. Councilmember Johnston nominated Joe Franks be appointed to the board.

Motion was made by Councilmember Bruner to appoint Matt Holm to fill the vacancy on the Cisco Development Corporation Board, second was made by Councilmember Toof. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilmembers: W. Johnson, Bruner, Toof
Nays: Whetstone, Johnston, C. Johnson, Forester/Motion does not carry
Voted: 3 to 4
Absent:

Motion was made by Councilmember C. Johnson to appoint Mary Kay Williamson to fill the vacancy on the Cisco Development Corporation Board, second was made by Councilmember Whetstone. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Whetstone, Johnston, C. Johnson, Forester
Nays: W. Johnson, Bruner, Toof/Motion Carries
Voted: 4 to 3
Absent:

C. Consider and Discuss Filling Vacancy on Cisco 4A Development Corporation Board.

Mr. Jaworski suggested appointing Casey Murter to the Cisco 4A Development Corporation Board. Discussion ensued between Mr. Jaworski and the Council regarding the qualifications of potential board members with Mr. Jaworski stating that he would like to meet with any potential nominees prior to a final appointment. Councilmember Whetstone suggested that if there were no strict time constraints, that the item be postponed so that Mr. Jaworski might have time to meet with other potential nominees.

Motion was made by Councilmember C. Johnson to appoint Casey Murter to fill the vacancy on the Cisco 4A Development Corporation, second was made by Councilmember Whetstone. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Whetstone, C. Johnson
Nays: Johnston, W. Johnson, Bruner, Toof, Forester/Motion does not carry
Voted: 2 to 5
Absent:

Councilmember Bruner then suggested another potential nominee, Gary Reeves.

Motion was made by Councilmember Bruner to table the item until Mr. Jaworski has an opportunity to meet with other potential nominees, second was made by Councilmember Johnston. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Whetstone, Johnston, W. Johnson, Bruner, Toof, Forester
Nays: C. Johnson/Motion Carries
Voted: 6 to 1
Absent:

D. Consider and Discuss Approval of Elected Volunteer Assistant Chief by the Cisco Volunteer Fire Department.

(This item was actually voted on during the Fire Department’s Quarterly Report.) Chief Fairbanks explained that the by-laws of the Fire Department require Council approval for electing a Volunteer Assistant Chief. The department has chosen Anthony Koch for that position.

Motion was made by Councilmember C. Johnson to approve Anthony Koch as the Volunteer Assistant Chief for the Cisco Volunteer Fire Department, second was made by Councilmember Johnston. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Whetstone, Johnston, W. Johnson, Bruner, C. Johnson, Toof, Forester
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 7 to 0
Absent:

E. Consider and Discuss Wholesale Water Agreement with Hidden Shores Property Owner’s Association. (Executive Session)

Mr. Archer explained that the Council did not necessarily have to go into Executive Session on the item unless they wanted to contact the attorney. He suggested that they discuss in Regular Session first saying that the proposed agreement had gone to the Hidden Shores Property Owner’s Association and they had returned affirmative consent with no requested changes.

Motion was made by Councilmember Johnston to proceed with signing the agreement, second was made by Councilmember W. Johnson. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Whetstone, Johnston, W. Johnson, Bruner, C. Johnson, Toof, Forester
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 7 to 0
Absent:

F. Consider and Discuss Long Range Planning

Mr. Archer requested a called meeting for December 4, 2023 to discuss with the City Attorney options regarding an upcoming class action lawsuit.


G. Announcements for City Council.

None.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

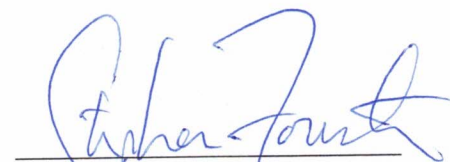
Motion was made by Councilmember Whetstone to adjourn, second made by Councilmember W. Johnson. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

ATTEST:



Tammy Osborne, City Secretary





Stephen Forester, Mayor
