

**THE CITY OF CISCO
CITY COUNCIL, REGULAR CALLED MEETING
July 24, 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 IV _____	NATHAN BRUNER
COUNCILMEMBER PLACE VI _____	TRAVIS TOOF

PERSONNEL PRESENT:

CITY MANAGER _____	DARWIN ARCHER
CITY SECRETARY _____	TAMMY OSBORNE

PERSONNEL ABSENT:

COUNCILMEMBER PLACE III _____	WILLARD JOHNSON
COUNCILMEMBER PLACE V _____	CHRIS JOHNSON

Guests: Walter Fairbanks, Kenneth Preston, Richard Butler, Peggy Ledbetter, Paul Flores, Kerrie Edgar, Randy Clark, Anthony Koch, Jacob Irby

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:

The Council and guests observed a moment of silence in honor of Deputy David Bosecker who lost his life in the line of duty. Chief Preston gave the invocation.

IV. CITIZEN-VISITOR COMMENTS:

None.

V. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING CONDUCTED ON:

- *July 10*
June 26, 2023

Motion was made by Councilmember Johnston to accept the minutes as presented, second was made by Councilmember Whetstone. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

VI. 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-Peggy Ledbetter presented the Quarterly Financial Report
- Quarterly Court Report-Judge Butler presented the Quarterly Court Report.
- Quarterly Public Works Report-Paul Flores presented the Quarterly Public Works Report.
- Quarterly Street Department Report-Anthony Koch presented the Quarterly Street Department Report.
- Quarterly Water Treatment Plant Report-Jacob Irby presented the Quarterly Water Treatment Plant Report.
- Quarterly Cisco Development Corporation Report-Mr. Jaworski was absent and will present the report at a later meeting.

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

A. Consider and Discuss Ordinance No. 0-2023-11

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS, AMENDING SECTION 13-24 “DESIGNATION OF STOP INTERSECTIONS” OF THE CITY’S CODE OF ORDINANCES; CHANGING THE TWO WAY STOP AT BEECH AND E. 23RD STREET TO A FOUR WAY STOP, AND DESIGNATING A FOUR-WAY STOP INTERSECTION AT BEECH STREET AND E. 22ND STREET; 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, Bruner, Toof, Forester
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 5 to 0
Absent: W. Johnson, C. Johnson

B. 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. *(First Reading)*

Mr. Archer explained that the revised rates reflected the contractual increase that Republic Services would make to the city starting September 1, 2023.

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

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

C. Consider and Discuss Resolution No. 2023-07-24

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE EASTLAND COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT (ECAD) TO CONSTRUCT ADDITIONAL OFFICE SPACE ON .84 ACRES OF PROPERTY LOCATED IN EASTLAND, TEXAS, IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$800,000.00, FOR THE USE OF DISTRICT OFFICE FACILITIES.

Mr. Clark from the Appraisal District addressed the Council. Mr. Clark said that the ECAD had been saving funds for approximately twenty years to build the new facility and the land for the new facility has been donated so there will be no impact to the ECAD's budget.

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

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

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

Since Mr. Jaworski was not in attendance, this item was tabled.

E. Pre-Budget Workshop

Mr. Archer hit some budget highlights including:

- TMRS matching funds increasing from 11% to 12.75%
- Proposed 3% increase in salaries
- 13.4% increase in health insurance
- Grant for 2 new police vehicles
- Police Department camera upgrade for \$65,000.00
- First payment for new fire truck of \$67,000.00
- \$300,000.00 back in street improvement/maintenance funds
- New riding lawn mower request for \$20,000.00
- CDBG Grant of \$500,000.00 for improvement of water line running under the railroad tracks
- \$725,000.00 in debt service
- Expected cost of \$200,000.00 in chemicals
- Proposed 5% increase in all city fees including water and wastewater rates
- Proposed 3% increase in ad valorem taxes
- County approved 35% increase in ambulance service payment (they are asking for a 57% increase)

Councilmember Whetstone asked Mr. Archer to look into street improvements for the 1000 block of W. 7th St., and Councilmember Johnston asked about who would need to be contacted about leveling out the railroad crossing.

F. Consider and Discuss Long Range Planning

None.

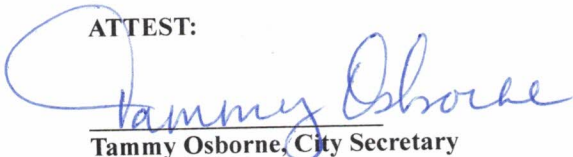
G. Announcements for City Council.

None.

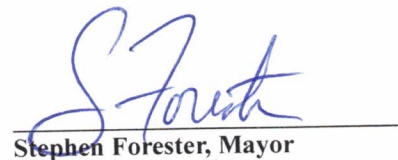
VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Councilmember Toof to adjourn, second made by Councilmember Whetstone. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

ATTEST:



Tammy Osborne, City Secretary



Stephen Forester, Mayor