

**THE CITY OF CISCO
CITY COUNCIL, REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 13, 2025**

**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: Walter Fairbanks, Sarah Adams, Kenneth Preston, Anthony Koch, Ervin Light, Barbara Light, Paul Flores, Lloyd Fagan, Jane Nichols, Mike McKinnie, Robert House, Lee Risdon, Caleb Fairbanks, Kainalu Barlow, Zach Beyer, Daniel Demaree

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:

Chief Preston informed the Council that the grant for new mobile radios had been awarded in the amount of \$10,200.00 and seven new radios have been purchased. He thanked the Council for their role in applying for the grant.

V. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING CONDUCTED ON:

- **December 9, 2024**
- **January 6, 2025**

Motion was made by Councilmember Johnston to approve the minutes 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

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

A. Consider and Discuss and Potentially Take Action Regarding Negotiations with U.S. Bronco, Inc., for Payment of Outstanding Invoices.—Pat Chesser (Executive Session)

The Council retired into Executive Session under Section 551.071 Consultation with Attorney at 6:04 p.m.

The Council reconvened into Regular Session at 6:27 p.m. and took the following action:

Motion was made by Councilmember C. Johnson to approve payment of the full outstanding invoice of \$232,210.75 for water meter installation, pending approval of a financing contract through Government Capital, 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 Republic Services Contract.

Mayor Forester indicated that the proposed item was in response to the Council's previous approval of extending the current contract to include any outstanding amounts owed. Councilmember C. Johnson voiced concerns over where the additional funds to make up new contracted amount would come from. Mayor Forester and Ms. Ledbetter both addressed his concerns saying an increase in sales tax and decreased spending will aid in covering the additional funds.

Motion was made by Councilmember W. Johnson to approve the contract extension 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

C. Consider and Discuss Rescheduling Regularly Scheduled Meetings that Fall on City Holidays in 2025; May 26, 2025 and October 13, 2025.

Mr. Forester said that the normal protocol was to move any meeting falling on a city holiday to the following Tuesday.

Motion was made by Councilmember Whetstone to reschedule the regularly scheduled meetings on May 26th and October 13th, 2025 to the following Tuesday, 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 Going Out for Bids on Equipment Associated with the Community Wildfire Defense Grant.

Ms. Ledbetter officially introduced Mr. Koch as the Wildfire Grant Coordinator. Mr. Koch explained that the grant required a sealed bid process for any equipment over \$50,000.00 and provided the Council with a list of equipment that would be bid out. The Council questioned Mr. Koch regarding personnel and whether employees would be hired or current city employees would be used and how the reimbursement process would work.

Motion was made by Councilmember Toof to go out for bids on equipment associated with the Community Wildfire Defense Grant, 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 Making an Employment Offer for the City Manager Position.

Motion was made by Councilmember W. Johnson to hire Ms. Sarah Adams as the City Manager at a salary of \$90,000.00 annually, 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

Ms. Adams accepted the offer and thanked the Mayor and Council for their consideration. A start date of February 3rd was established.

F. Consider and Discuss Long Range Planning

Ms. Osborne reminded the Council that the filing period for the May election for Mayor, Place I, and Place II would begin January 15, 2025, and end on February 14, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

G. Announcements for City Council.

Mayor Forester read a card received from the Police Department thanking the Mayor and Council for the longevity pay received.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Councilmember Toof to adjourn, second made by Councilmember Johnston. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

ATTEST:



Tammy Osborne, City Secretary



Stephen Forester, Mayor

