

THE CITY OF CISCO
CITY COUNCIL, CALLED MEETING
September 15, 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	AMANDA ROGERS-BENNETT
COUNCILMEMBER PLACE II	GLENN BOLES
COUNCILMEMBER PLACE III	SHERRIE ANAYA
COUNCILMEMBER PLACE IV	NATHAN BRUNER
COUNCILMEMBER PLACE V	CHRIS JOHNSON
COUNCILMEMBER PLACE VI	TRAVIS TOOF

PERSONNEL PRESENT:

CITY MANAGER	SARAH ADAMS
CITY SECRETARY	TAMMY OSBORNE

PERSONNEL ABSENT:

Guests: Melanie Weatherly, Ervin Light, Kenneth Preston, Jane Nichols, Walter Fairbanks, Tom Bailey, Ben Nelms, James Freeman

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. Ben Nelms commented to the Council that he would like an update on the lake lot leases, saying he wanted to know what the plan was moving forward with the tenants at Lake Cisco.

V. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING CONDUCTED ON:

- **August 25, 2025**

Motion was made by Councilmember Boles to approve the minutes as presented, second was made by Councilmember Rogers-Bennett. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Rogers-Bennett, Boles, Anaya, Bruner, Johnson, Toof, Forester
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 7 to 0
Absent:

VI. REPORTS:

- City Manager's Report-Ms. Adams presented the monthly City Manager's report.

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

A. Consider and Discuss Ordinance No. 0-2025-15

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS APPROVING THE 2025 AD VALOREM TAX RATE AND LEVY ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY, NOT EXEMPT BY LAW; PROVIDING REVENUES FOR PAYMENT OF CURRENT MUNICIPAL EXPENSES; AUTHORIZING TAX ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR TO ASSESS TAXES USING THE TAX RATE; PROVIDING FOR ENFORCEMENT OF COLLECTION; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *(Second Reading)*

Motion was made by Councilmember Toof to move that the property tax rate for tax year 2025 be increased by the adoption of a tax rate, \$0.577690, which is effectively a 5.18 percent increase in the tax rate, as set forth in the ordinance, second was made by Councilmember Johnson. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Rogers-Bennett, Boles, Anaya, Bruner, Johnson, Toof, Forester
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 7 to 0
Absent:

B. Consider and Discuss Ordinance No. 0-2025-16

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS, ADJUSTING AND AMENDING THE CITY'S FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 BUDGET; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *(Second Reading)*

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

Ayes: Councilmembers: Rogers-Bennett, Boles, Anaya, Bruner, Johnson, Toof, Forester
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 7 to 0
Absent:

C. Consider and Discuss Ordinance No. 0-2025-17

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS, PROVIDING FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE SUPPLEMENTAL DEATH BENEFITS FUND OF THE TEXAS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM BY THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS. *(Second Reading)*

Motion was made by Councilmember Bruner to approve the ordinance as presented, second was made by Councilmember Rogers-Bennett. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Rogers-Bennett, Boles, Anaya, Bruner, Johnson, Toof, Forester
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 7 to 0
Absent:

D. Consider and Discuss Ordinance No. 0-2025-18

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS, AMENDING CERTAIN SUBSECTIONS OF CHAPTER 20 "UTILITIES", SPECIFICALLY, SECTION 20-18 "TAPPING FEES" AND 20-23 "SEWER TAP FEE" OF THE CITY'S CODE OF ORDINANCES AMENDING WATER AND SEWER TAPPING FEES; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *(First Reading)*

Mayor Forester explained that the City Attorney had made one small change to the ordinance, amending the language “TBD by City Manager” to read “to be established by City manager depending on market costs”. Ms. Adams explained that the current fees being charged were not enough to cover the costs of labor and materials. Councilmember Bruner discussed that his personal taps were not done correctly by the city.

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

Ayes: Councilmembers: Rogers-Bennett, Boles, Anaya, Bruner, Johnson, Toof, Forester
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 7 to 0
Absent:

E. Consider and Discuss Ordinance No. 0-2025-19

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS AMENDING SEC. 20-22(E) OF THE CITY’S CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ESTABLISH INCREASED WATER RATES FOR WHOLESALE CUSTOMERS OF TREATED WATER; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE FOR THE RATES; PROVIDING A CUMULATIVE REPEALER AND SAVINGS CLAUSE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT. (*First Reading*)

Ms. Adams informed the Council that the proposed ordinance would set wholesale water rates for Westbound Water and Hidden Shores in the same manner as regular water rates.

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

Ayes: Councilmembers: Rogers-Bennett, Boles, Anaya, Bruner, Johnson, Toof, Forester
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 7 to 0
Absent:

F. Consider and Discuss Resolution No. 2025-09-15

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE CISCO 4A DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (C4ADC) TO EXECUTE A REAL ESTATE SALES CONTRACT, AND ANY AND ALL CLOSING DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO ACQUIRE CERTAIN REAL PROPERTY CONSISTING OF LOTS 1, 2, 3, 4, AND 5, BLOCK 55, ORIGINAL TOWN OF CISCO, EASTLAND COUNTY, TEXAS, IDENTIFIED AS 203 W. 7TH STREET, CISCO, TEXAS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mr. Bailey explained that the C4ADC wants to purchase the property for a potential tenant.

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

Ayes: Councilmembers: Rogers-Bennett, Boles, Anaya, Bruner, Johnson, Toof, Forester
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 7 to 0
Absent:

G. Consider and Discuss Approving Remediation of Safety Concerns by the Cisco Development Corporation for Parcel #71604.

Mr. Bailey indicated that the CDC owns the referenced parcel and there is concern that it presents a safety hazard with large blocks of concrete, rebar, and uneven surfaces. He has received two bids to remediate the lot, both under \$15,000.00. Councilmember Toof suggested blocking the lot from public parking once it was cleaned up.

Motion was made by Councilmember Bruner to approve the remediation of parcel #71604 by the CDC, not to exceed \$25,000.00, second was made by Councilmember Toof. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Rogers-Bennett, Boles, Anaya, Bruner, Johnson, Toof, Forester
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 7 to 0
Absent:

H. Consider and Discuss Approval of Westbound Water Contract.

Ms. Adams presented the contract. Councilmember Johnson questioned the 5% annual increase, expressing concern that we should not raise citizen rates more than wholesale rates. Ms. Adams answered that a 5% increase cannot be contested, but if the rate needed to be raised above the 5%, the city would have to have demonstrable evidence of the need for the increase and the wholesale customer would have an option to appeal the increase. Councilmember Johnson reiterated his concern for citizen rates above wholesale rates.

Motion was made by Councilmember Boles to approve the contract as presented, second was made by Councilmember Rogers-Bennett. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Rogers-Bennett, Boles, Anaya, Bruner, Johnson, Toof, Forester
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 7 to 0
Absent:

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

Ms. Adams discussed the proposed contract which asks the city to contribute approximately \$114,000.00. She indicated that last year the city paid \$70,737.00 for the service. She has questions and concerns about the financial report provided by the ambulance service and has recommended that the remediation members of the ambulance service formally present the contract to the Council with explanation before the Council approves the contract.

No action was taken on this item.

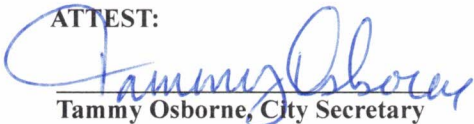
J. Items of Community Interest.

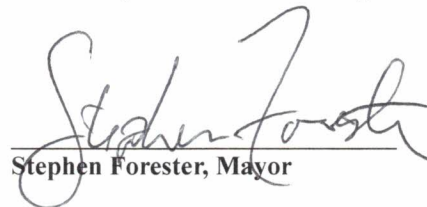
Mayor Forester reminded the Council that a regular meeting will be held next Monday, September 22, 2025.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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

ATTEST:


Tammy Osborne, City Secretary


Stephen Forester, Mayor

