

**THE CITY OF CISCO
CITY COUNCIL, REGULAR CALLED MEETING
March 24, 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	VACANT
COUNCILMEMBER PLACE V	CHRIS JOHNSON
COUNCILMEMBER PLACE VI	TRAVIS TOOF

PERSONNEL PRESENT:

CITY MANAGER	SARAH ADAMS
CITY SECRETARY	TAMMY OSBORNE

PERSONNEL ABSENT:

COUNCILMEMBER PLACE IV	NATHAN BRUNER
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Guests: Scott Stevens, Jane Nichols, Kenneth Preston, Marcia Hale, Paul Flores, Peggy Ledbetter, Rod Abbott, Glenn Boles, Brian Cross, Ervin Light, James Freeman, Amanda Bennett, Walter Fairbanks

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Mayor Forester called the meeting to order at 6:02 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. Stevens spoke to the Council giving thanks to the city employees that helped him with water upgrades at his property. He further added that he felt Code Enforcement process is not working and takes too long.

V. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING CONDUCTED ON:

- **March 10, 2025**

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

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

VI. REPORTS:

- City Manager Report—Ms. Adams presented the Finance Committee Report.

- City Manager Report—Ms. Adams presented the 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 Approval of the Audit for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024.—Rod L. Abbott, CPA

Mr. Abbott presented the audit for 2023-2024.

Motion was made by Councilmember C. Johnson to approve the audit as presented, second was made by Councilmember Toof. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

B. Consider and Discuss Approval of Grant of License for 605 W. 17th St.—Marcia Hale

The City Secretary explained that the grant was for retaining walls on two sides of her property.

Motion was made by Councilmember C. Johnson to approve the Grant of License as presented, second was made by Councilmember Whetstone. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

C. Consider and Discuss Authorizing the City Manager or her Designee, on behalf of the City of Cisco, to join the Tyco and/or BASF settlements in City of Camden, et al. v. 3M Company, Case No. 2:23- cv-03147-RMG (D.S.C.), and City of Camden, et al. v. E.I. DuPont de Nemours and Company, et al., No. 2:23-cv-03230-RMG (D.S.C.), respectively, and file any documents necessary for the City of Cisco to participate in both settlements.

Ms. Adams explained that the proposed item, recommended by the City Attorney, would allow the city to join the settlements that are testing for harmful chemicals in drinking water, and if detected, comply with EPA rules to mitigate the defect.

Motion was made by Councilmember C. Johnson to authorize the City Manager or her designee to join the settlements presented, second was made by Councilmember Toof. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

D. Consider and Discuss Ordinance No. 0-2025-01

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS PROVIDING THAT THE CITY’S CODE OF ORDINANCES BE AMENDED BY REVISING CHAPTER 20 “UTILITIES”, ARTICLE II “WATER AND SEWER SERVICE”, INCREASING DEPOSIT FEES AND CONNECTION FEES, AND AMENDING SEWER RATES; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *(First Reading)*

Mayor Forester began by saying that the ordinance was returned from the last meeting. Ms. Adams brought additional information regarding the potential savings for removing the ‘over 65’ discount, stating that there were approximately 392 customers receiving a \$2.14 per month discount, equaling over \$10,000.00 per year. She would like to purge the list and add customers back on that meet the disability exemption. The Council debated if the savings would be worth the effort to remove and add people back on and if people of a certain age should receive the discount. Councilmember Johnston thought the sewer rate should be unchanged. Councilmember Whetstone said he would be in favor of starting the list over, but would like to see a discount available to older citizens. Councilmember C. Johnson said that he does not want customers to have the discount

removed and then they have to take steps themselves to receive the discount again. The Council agreed that they would like to see the two provisions of the proposed ordinance presented separately in two different ordinances.

Motion was made by Councilmember C. Johnson to separate the two provisions into two different ordinances, second was made by Councilmember Johnston. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

Motion was made by Councilmember C. Johnson to add 'over 70' back to proposed ordinance for Section 20-24, second was made by Councilmember Johnston. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Johnston, C. Johnson, Toof, Forester
Nays: Whetstone/Motion Carries
Voted: 4 to 1
Absent: Bruner

E. Consider and Discuss Resolution No. 2025-03-24

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE EASTLAND COUNTY JOINT ELECTION ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE PURPOSE OF SERVING AS THE ELECTION ADMINSTRATOR FOR THE CITY OF CISCO; ESTABLISHING FEES FOR ELECTION SERVICES; ESTABLISHING TERMS FOR THE AGREEMENT; AND OTHER PROVISION IN REGARD TO GENERAL AND SPECIAL ELECTIONS HELD BY THE CITY.

Motion was made by Councilmember C. Johnson to approve the resolution as presented, second was made by Councilmember Whetstone. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

F. Consider and Discuss Resolution No. 2025-03-24-01

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.

City Secretary explained that the resolution was intended to update the signatories to include the new City Manager, Sarah Adams.

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, C. Johnson, Toof, Forester
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 5 to 0
Absent: Bruner

G. Consider and Discuss Public Works Department. (Executive Session)

The Council retired into Executive Session under Section 551.074 Personnel Matters at 7:30 p.m.

The Council reconvened into Regular Session at 7:58 p.m. and took no action.

H. Announcements for City Council.

Councilmember C. Johnson stated he had questions about the sales tax and would like to have a discussion about that with Mr. Jaworski at the next meeting.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Councilmember Toof to adjourn, second made by Councilmember Johnston. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

ATTEST:



Tammy Osborne, City Secretary



Stephen Forester, Mayor

