

**THE CITY OF CISCO
CITY COUNCIL, REGULAR CALLED MEETING
March 11, 2024**

**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:

COUNCILMEMBER PLACE IV _____	NATHAN BRUNER
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Guests: Ervin Light, Lloyd Fagan, Cody Gill, Rylan Harrison, Jane Nichols

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. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING CONDUCTED ON:

- **February 26, 2024**

Motion was made by Councilmember Johnston to approve the minutes 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

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

A. Consider and Discuss Ordinance No. 0-2024-03

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS, AMENDING SECTION 13-24 “DESIGNATION OF STOP INTERSECTIONS” OF THE CITY’S CODE OF ORDINANCES; DESIGNATING A FOUR-WAY STOP INTERSECTION A W. 16TH STREET AND AVENUE J; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (*First Reading*)

Mayor Forester pointed out a small typo in the body of the ordinance that did not get changed from two-way to four-way from the previous reading of the ordinance.

Motion was made by Councilmember Whetstone to accept the ordinance with the one correction, 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

B. Consider and Discuss Resolution No. 2024-03-11

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF CISCO, TEXAS, SUSPENDING THE APRIL 4, 2024, EFFECTIVE DATE OF AEP TEXAS INC.’S REQUESTED RATE CHANGE TO PERMIT THE CITY TIME TO STUDY THE REQUEST AND TO ESTABLISH REASONABLE RATES; APPROVING COOPERATION WITH THE CITIES SERVED BY AEP TEXAS AND AUTHORIZING INTERVENTION IN AEP TEXAS INC.’S REQUESTED RATE CHANGE PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE COMMISSION; HIRING LLOYD GOSSELINK ATTORNEYS AND CONSULTING SERVICES TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE COMPANY AND DIRECT ANY NECESSARY LITIGATION AND APPEALS; REQUIRING REIMBURSEMENT OF CITIES’ RATE CASE EXPENSES; FINDING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS RESOLUTION IS PASSED IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS REQUIRED BY LAW; REQUIRING NOTICE OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE COMPANY AND LEGAL COUNSEL

Mr. Archer explained that the proposed resolution would halt the effective date of the proposed rate increase by AEP to give the cooperative’s attorneys a chance to review.

Motion was made by Councilmember C. Johnson to approve the resolution as presented, second was made by Councilmember W. Johnson. The 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 Accepting Bids for Lake Cisco Grass Lease.

Mr. Archer stated that the current lease was expired and it was time to go out for bids. Councilmember C. Johnson questioned the minimum bid since the current lessee is paying \$555.00, but there is a provision allowing credit for up to \$1000.00 per year for any improvements made. He thinks the minimum bid should be \$1000.00. Councilmember W. Johnson suggested selling property outright as opposed to leasing since the property is land locked and not useful to us.

Motion was made by Councilmember C. Johnson to table the item and consider sale of property at next meeting, 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

D. Consider and Discuss Approval of Logo/Signage for the Cisco Municipal Airport.

Mr. Archer commented that the logo was being presented as a way to market the airport for upcoming events in light of the new development and improvements there.

Motion was made by Councilmember W. Johnson to approve the logo/signage as presented, 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

E. Consider and Discuss Extension of Water Line on North Highway 183—Rylan Harrison

Mr. Archer introduced Mr. Harrison, explaining that he is interested in developing residential property just outside the city limits and has asked the city to consider extending water service to the property. Mr. Archer further said that the extension would be at the cost of Mr. Harrison, but the city would maintain the infrastructure once installed. Councilmember C. Johnson expressed concern over getting into another situation like Hidden Shores and asked whether the development would be annexed. Both Mr. Archer and Mr. Harrison answered that annexation had not been discussed with Mr. Harrison saying that he would probably not develop if annexation was a requirement. Councilmember Toof recognized Councilmember C. Johnson's concerns, but added that since there is a precedent for the city providing water to customer's outside the city limits, but inside the CCN, he thinks it should be approved.

Motion was made by Councilmember Toof to approve the extension of the water line on North Highway 183, second was made by Councilmember W. Johnson. 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

F. Consider and Discuss Long Range Planning

Mr. Archer reminded the Council that city offices would be closed on Friday, March 29, 2024 in observance of Good Friday, and that the citywide clean up would be Saturday, April 27, 2024.

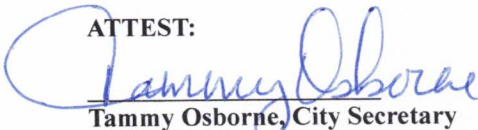
G. Announcements for City Council.

None.

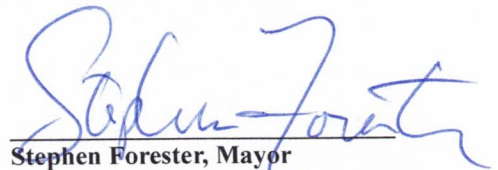
VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Councilmember Toof to adjourn, second made by Councilmember Johnston. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

ATTEST:


Tammy Osborne, City Secretary




Stephen Forester, Mayor
