

**THE CITY OF CISCO
CITY COUNCIL, SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
NOVEMBER 18, 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 V	(BY VIDEOCONFERENCE)-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: Jane Nichols, Ervin Light, Barbara Light, Jerome Evans, Beth Hoferitza, Tammi Wilson, Dylan Keith, Water Fairbanks, Kenneth Preston, Tom Serfass, Zach Maxwell, Michael Sebree

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:

Beth Hoferitza addressed the Council regarding safety concerns during Trick-or-Treat night and asked the Council to consider closing Conrad Hilton Blvd. for that event each year.

Dylan Keith spoke, saying, that he recently placed a manufactured home on a lot and is planning to fix it up. He is hoping that its current state doesn't discourage the Council from granting future permissions regarding manufactured housing.

V. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING CONDUCTED ON:

- **November 12, 2024**

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, W. Johnson, Bruner, C. Johnson, Toof, Forester
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 7 to 0
Absent:

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

A. Consider and Discuss Consultation with Attorney Regarding US Bronco Services, Inc.—Pat Chesser

The Council retired into Executive Session under Section 551.071 Consultation with Attorney at 6:05 p.m.

The Council reconvened into Regular Session at 6:44 p.m. and took no action.

B. Consider and Discuss Resolution No. 2024-10-28

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS, REGARDING A CONTRACT FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING “WATER METER INSTALLATION”.

Motion was made by Councilmember Toof to table the resolution, second was made by Councilmember Johnston. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Whetstone, Johnston, W. Johnson, Bruner, C. Johnson, Toof, Forester

Nays: None/Motion Carries

Voted: 7 to 0

Absent:

C. Consider and Discuss Resolution No. 2024-11-18

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS, ESTABLISHING THE FINANCE COMMITTEE; DEFINING THE PURPOSE OF THE COMMITTEE; PROVIDING FOR THE COMPOSITION OF THE COMMITTEE; ESTABLISHING THE TERM OF APPOINTMENT FOR EACH COMMITTEE MEMBER; PROVIDING FOR MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE; PROVIDING FOR THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS; REQUIRING A QUORUM; PROVIDING FOR THE DUTIES OF THE COMMITTEE; PROVIDING FOR THE INITIAL APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Mrs. Osborne explained that some changes had been made to the resolution as presented, including that she will be made the secretary of the committee so one will not need to be elected. Councilmember Bruner stated that he felt there was no longer a need for the finance committee, but Councilmember Toof disagreed. Councilmembers Whetstone and C. Johnson wished to increase the investigative powers of the committee and were disappointed that was not a part of the proposed resolution. Mr. Chesser indicated those changes could be made.

Motion was made by Councilmember Toof to approve the resolution with amendment, second was made by Councilmember W. Johnson. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Whetstone, Johnston, W. Johnson, Bruner, C. Johnson, Toof, Forester

Nays: None/Motion Carries

Voted: 7 to 0

Absent:

D. Consider and Discuss Resolution No. 2024-11-18-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS, TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF TEXAS THROUGH THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF HIGHWAY 6 FROM 18TH STREET THROUGH 3RD STREET ON DECEMBER 5, 2024, FOR ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE CISCO LIGHTED CHRISTMAS PARADE.

Mayor Forester said that the proposed resolution would allow the Chamber of Commerce to hold the annual parade.

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

Ayes: Councilmembers: Whetstone, Johnston, W. Johnson, Bruner, C. Johnson, Toof, Forester
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 7 to 0
Absent:

E. Consider and Discuss Ordinance No. 0-2024-15

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS PROVIDING AVENUE P, BETWEEN W. 10TH STREET AND W. 11TH STREET; LOCATED IN BLOCKS 99-100 IN S/D2 AND S/D 3 OT CISCO, IN THE CITY OF CISCO, EASTLAND COUNTY, TEXAS, BE CLOSED AND THAT THE DEDICATION OF THE RIGHTS-OF-WAY BE VACATED AND ABANDONED, EXCEPT FOR EXISTING UTILITY AND/OR DRAINAGE EASEMENTS; PROVIDING FOR REVERSION OF THE FEES IN SAID LAND; AND, PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY UPON FINAL PASSAGE. (*Second Reading*)

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

Ayes: Councilmembers: Whetstone, Johnston, W. Johnson, Bruner, C. Johnson, Toof, Forester
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 7 to 0
Absent:

F. Consider and Discuss Audit Engagement Letter with Rod L. Abbott for 2024-2025.

Mayor Forester commented that Mr. Abbott was originally only engaged for 2021-2023 and that engagement would need to be renewed to complete the next audit.

Motion was made by Councilmember Bruner to approve the engagement letter as presented, second was made by Councilmember Johnston. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Whetstone, Johnston, W. Johnson, Bruner, C. Johnson, Toof, Forester
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 7 to 0
Absent:

G. Consider and Discuss Department Head Budget Updates.

Mrs. Ledbetter presented the Council with options to remove any grants that require matching funds from the current budget.

No action was taken on this item.

H. Consider and Discuss Long Range Planning

Mayor Forester ran down important upcoming dates: November 22nd Thanksgiving employee lunch; December 20th Employee Christmas Dinner; December 5th Lighted Christmas Parade

I. Announcements for City Council.

Councilmember Bruner offered to contribute to the Christmas dinner if the Mayor would provide him with details.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Councilmember Toof to adjourn, second made by Councilmember Whetstone. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tammy Osborne".

Tammy Osborne, City Secretary

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Stephen Forester".

Stephen Forester, Mayor

