

**THE CITY OF CISCO  
CITY COUNCIL, REGULAR CALLED MEETING  
March 10, 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:**

<b>MAYOR</b> _____	<b>STEPHEN FORESTER</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER PLACE I</b> _____	<b>JASON WHETSTONE</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER PLACE II</b> _____	<b>ROBERT JOHNSTON</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER PLACE III</b> _____	<b>VACANT</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER PLACE IV</b> _____	<b>NATHAN BRUNER</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER PLACE V</b> _____	<b>CHRIS JOHNSON</b>

**PERSONNEL PRESENT:**

<b>CITY MANAGER</b> _____	<b>SARAH ADAMS</b>
<b>FINANCE DIRECTOR</b> _____	<b>PEGGY LEDBETTER</b>

**PERSONNEL ABSENT:**

<b>COUNCILMEMBER PLACE VI</b> _____	<b>TRAVIS TOOF</b>
<b>CITY SECRETARY</b> _____	<b>TAMMY OSBORNE</b>

Guests: Stephanie Alexander, Ervin Light, Barbara Light, Kenneth Preston, Lee Risdon

**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:**

Mr. Light asked for a speed bump to be installed in front of his residence near the football field to slow traffic on W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street.

Ms. Alexander addressed the Council saying that she was interested in serving on the Council and wanted more information about why utility rate increases were necessary when tax rates were just below voter approval rates.

**V. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING CONDUCTED ON:**

- **February 24, 2025**

Councilmember C. Johnson had questions about Councilmember W. Johnson being listed on the minutes since he had resigned and Mayor Forester said he would refer the question to the City Secretary.

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

## **VI. REPORTS:**

- 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 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*)**

Ms. Adams explained that the purpose of the ordinance was to add polycart delivery and removal fees to be included in the connect fee and deposit fees respectively. Historically, the city has absorbed this cost as a courtesy. She added that she was also requesting an amendment to the wastewater rates to remove the “over 65” terminology from the wastewater rate to align more with the existing “disabled rate” for trash. Councilmember Johnston had issues with removing the discount from elderly people that might be on fixed incomes, and Ms. Adams suggested that if the Council is concerned about that then perhaps the age limit could be raised to ‘over 75’. Councilmember C. Johnson was interested in how many accounts would be affected by changing the rates and whether or not the savings would be worth it to the city.

Motion was made by Councilmember Bruner to table the item pending more information, second was made by Councilmember C. Johnson. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

### **B. Consider and Discuss Amending 2025 Holiday Schedule.**

Mayor Forester began discussion saying that certain employees are paid overtime for holidays and removing some holidays would cut down on costs. Ms. Adams added that department heads have been notified of the potential change and had no objections.

Motion was made by Councilmember C. Johnson to accept the amended holiday schedule as presented, second was made by Councilmember Whetstone. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

### **C. Announcements for City Council.**

Mayor Forester informed the Council and guests that the last day to file for an application to be on the ballot for the Special Election to fill the vacancy in Place III would be March 24, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

# **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Councilmember Bruner to adjourn, second made by Councilmember Johnston. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

**ATTEST:**



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**Tammy Osborne, City Secretary**



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**Stephen Forester, Mayor**

