

**THE CITY OF CISCO
CITY COUNCIL, REGULAR CALLED MEETING
June 12, 2023**

**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 _____ (BY VIDEOCONFERENCE)	CHRIS JOHNSON

PERSONNEL PRESENT:

CITY MANAGER _____	DARWIN ARCHER
CITY SECRETARY _____	TAMMY OSBORNE

PERSONNEL ABSENT:

COUNCILMEMBER PLACE VI _____	TRAVIS TOOF
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Guests: Walter Fairbanks, Peggy Ledbetter, Erin Townson, Russell Hayes, Paul Flores, Kenneth Preston, Scott Pittman, Joe Wright, Ron Hunt

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:

- **May 22, 2023**

Motion was made by Councilmember Whetstone to accept 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, Forester
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 6 to 0
Absent: Toof

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

A. Consider and Discuss Boat Dock Permit.—Ladd Wilks

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

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

B. Consider and Discuss Leasing Property on North Shore Drive.

Mr. Archer explained that a current lessee was interested in leasing some adjacent unplotted property at the lake. He further explained that in order to lease the property, the city would need to have it surveyed and potentially parceled and then proceed with accepting sealed bids for the property. He recommended that the lease have restrictions on placing structures on the property since it can be overtaken by the lake when the water is high. The Council questioned costs, number of parcels the property would yield, and jurisdiction for dumping issues on the property.

Motion was made by Councilmember Johnston to table the item pending an executive session at a later meeting, second was made by Councilmember W. Johnson. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Whetstone, Johnston, W. Johnson, Bruner, C. Johnson, Forester
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 6 to 0
Absent: Toof

C. Consider and Discuss Ambulance Service Contract.

Mr. Archer introduced Mr. Wright and Mr. Hunt from Eastland Memorial Hospital who explained the request for increased funds in the upcoming budget year. Mr. Hunt, the CFO, provided the Council with a request for \$102,000.00 from the city for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, an approximate 57 percent increase over last year. The Council questioned the EMH representatives regarding the increased funding request, specifically why all cities in the county do not contribute, and statistics for how and where the ambulances respond to calls in town. The Council also requested additional information regarding last year's budget and current expenses. Mr. Archer concluded the conversation by explaining that no decision needed to be made tonight, but the request should be considered during budget discussions in upcoming months.

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

Ayes: Councilmembers: Whetstone, Johnston, W. Johnson, Bruner, C. Johnson, Forester
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 6 to 0
Absent: Toof

D. Consider and Discuss and Potentially Award Contract for Water Metering Project.

Mr. Archer informed the Council that the city had requested proposals for a new water metering system and had received five responses. An eight person scoring committee had been convened to review the proposals and hear presentations from each respondent. He stated that the committee was presenting two proposals for the Council's consideration from Zenner USA, and Atlas Utility Supply Company. The Council received a breakdown of each proposal including alternative bids for different meter types. His recommendation was to choose Atlas Utility Supply Company's alternate bid #2 for the positive displacement meters at an approximate cost of \$942,000.00. He continued by explaining how the project would be funded, including using some of the city's remaining American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, and then financing the remainder. Councilmember Whetstone asked how quickly the city needed to move forward and Mr. Archer answered the need is

immediate since all meters are currently being read manually. He further indicated that once the decision is made, full installation will likely take 6-9 months.

Motion was made by Councilmember Bruner to accept Atlas Utility Supply Company's alternate #2 bid, second was made by Councilmember W. Johnson. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Whetstone, Johnston, W. Johnson, Bruner, C. Johnson, Forester
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 6 to 0
Absent: Toof

E. Consider and Discuss Long Range Planning

Mr. Archer reminded the Council and guests that city offices would be closed on June 19, 2023 in observance of Juneteenth.

F. Announcements for City Council.

None.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Councilmember W. Johnson to adjourn, second made by Councilmember Johnston. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

ATTEST:

Tammy Osborne, City Secretary

Stephen Forester, Mayor
