

THE CITY OF CISCO
CITY COUNCIL, REGULAR CALLED MEETING
April 14, 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 IV	NATHAN BRUNER

PERSONNEL PRESENT:

CITY SECRETARY	TAMMY OSBORNE
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PERSONNEL ABSENT:

COUNCILMEMBER PLACE V	CHRIS JOHNSON
COUNCILMEMBER PLACE VI	TRAVIS TOOF
CITY MANAGER	SARAH ADAMS

Guests: Ashley Fail, Malcolm Martindale, Stephanie Alexander, James Freeman, Bonnie Freeman, Ross Honea, Glenn Boles, Dixie Courtney, Wes Light, Barbara Light, Thelma Tompson, Dennis Grogan, Kenneth Preston, Robert Sessions, Donna Carlisle, Edward Honea, Andrea Honea, Walter Fairbanks, Peggy Ledbetter

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Mayor Forester called the meeting to order at 6:03 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 gave thanks to the city employees for their hard work and requested prayers for first responders.

Mr. Honea said he was a lifelong citizen and requested that the Council consider putting the termination of the Cisco Development Corporation on the next ballot and use the recuperated funds to offer citizens better services.

Mr. Freeman echoed Mr. Honea's statements saying that at this time, city streets, and infrastructure repairs and upgrades need more attention than economic development. He feels that the CDC has not brought sufficient development and he would also like the Council to place a proposition on the ballot to terminate the CDC.

Mr. Grogan, a Lake Cisco resident, requested the city to repair North Shore Drive.

Ms. Courtney, also a Lake Cisco resident, stated that although she was not able to vote in city business, she feels like a citizen of Cisco and would like the Council not to raise Lake Lot Lease rates. She stated that many residents of the lake are low income and she would further like to request that lease funds are used to repair North Shore Drive.

Ms. Carlile addressed the guests saying that citizens can disagree with ordinances by petition and offered support to those in attendance.

V. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING CONDUCTED ON:

- **March 24, 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, Bruner, Forester
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 4 to 0
Absent: C. Johnson, Toof

VI. REPORTS:

- None

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

A. Consider and Discuss Change of Zoning for 501 W. 1st St.

The City Secretary indicated that the proposed change had passed the Planning & Zoning Commission, and a public hearing had been held without comment.

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

Ayes: Councilmembers: Whetstone, Johnston, Bruner, Forester
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 4 to 0
Absent: C. Johnson, Toof

B. Consider and Discuss Child Abuse Awareness Month Proclamation.

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

Ayes: Councilmembers: Whetstone, Johnston, Bruner, Forester
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 4 to 0
Absent: C. Johnson, Toof

C. Consider and Discuss Regularly Scheduled Five Year Increase in Lake Lot Leases.

The City Secretary explained that each lease included a provision to increase the annual rent every five years at an amount not to exceed \$50.00. She indicated that lease rates had not been raised since 2015.

Motion was made by Councilmember Bruner to increase Lake Lot Leases by the allowed \$50.00 annually, second was made by Councilmember Johnston. Motion failed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Johnston, Bruner, Forester
Nays: Whetstone/Motion does not carry
Voted: 3 to 1
Absent: C. Johnson, Toof

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 ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *(First Reading)*

Mayor explained that the proposed ordinance would recoup the \$30.00 polycart delivery and removal fees charged to the city by Republic Services.

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

Ayes: Councilmembers: Whetstone, Johnston, Bruner, Forester
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 4 to 0
Absent: C. Johnson, Toof

E. Consider and Discuss Ordinance No. 0-2025-02

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", AMENDING SEWER RATES; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *(First Reading)*

The City Secretary commented that the proposed ordinance changed the age for receiving a discount on sewer service from 65 to 70.

Motion was made by Councilmember Bruner to not pass the proposed ordinance and leave the current ordinance in place as is, second was made by Councilmember Whetstone. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Whetstone, Johnston, Bruner, Forester
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 4 to 0
Absent: C. Johnson, Toof

F. Consider and Discuss Ordinance No. 0-2025-03

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 12 "LICENSES AND BUSINESS REGULATIONS", SPECIFICALLY SECTION 12-21 "LICENSE FEE", AMENDING FEES FOR ITGINERANT VENDOR/SOLICITORS LICENSE FEES; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. *(First Reading)*

The City Secretary explained that the proposed ordinance would remove the provision exempting vendors participating in a multi-day event from paying the vendor permit fees.

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

Ayes: Councilmembers: Whetstone, Johnston, Bruner, Forester
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 4 to 0
Absent: C. Johnson, Toof

G. Consider and Discuss Approval of Personnel Rules and Procedures.

Mayor Forester informed the Council that the substantive change to the procedure manual was in holiday pay. The Council suggested that the item be tabled pending attendance by the City Manager to better explain changes, but Ms. Ledbetter, the Finance Director, spoke saying that Ms. Adams was hoping for approval before the upcoming Good Friday holiday. She further stated that the change would save the city thousands of dollars in overtime fees being paid to employees working on designated holidays under the current holiday pay policy. Both Police Chief Preston and Fire Chief Fairbanks addressed the Council

saying the current policy is overburdensome to the City and each indicated that they had worked with Ms. Adams to craft the new policy and were both in favor of the change. Mayor Forester also reminded the Council that approval of the personnel manual was behind schedule this year as it is usually discussed in January so the Council would have an opportunity to review the manual again in just a few short months.

Motion was made by Councilmember Bruner to approve the Personnel Rules and Procedures as presented, second was made by Councilmember Johnston. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Whetstone, Johnston, Bruner, Forester
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 4 to 0
Absent: C. Johnson, Toof

H. Announcements for City Council.

Councilmember Johnston requested street repairs on W. 13th Street.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Councilmember Bruner to adjourn, second made by Councilmember Johnston. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

ATTEST:



Tammy Osborne, City Secretary



Stephen Forester, Mayor

