# THE CITY OF CISCO CITY COUNCIL, REGULAR CALLED MEETING February 26, 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 IV	NATHAN BRUNER
COUNCILMEMBER PLACE VI	TRAVIS TOOF
PERSONNEL PRESENT:	
CITY MANAGER	DARWIN ARCHER
CITY SECRETARY	TAMMY OSBORNE
PERSONNEL ABSENT:	
COUNCILMEMBER PLACE III	WILLARD JOHNSON
COUNCILMEMBER PLACE V	CHRIS JOHNSON

Guests: Ervin Light, Lloyd Fagan, Quenton Wells, Richard Harnett, Barbara Light

#### 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 Toof gave the invocation.

#### IV. CITIZEN-VISITOR COMMENTS:

Mr. Light took time to thank city employees via the Council and City Manager for street repairs and emergency services.

Mr. Harnett spoke to the Council regarding placing a stop sign at W. 16<sup>th</sup> Street and Avenue J.

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

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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, Toof, Forester

Nays: None/Motion Carries

Voted: 5 to 0

Absent: W. Johnson, C. Johnson

### 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 TWO-WAY STOP INTERSECTION A W. 16<sup>TH</sup> STREET AND AVENUE J; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (First Reading)

Mr. Archer stated that the proposed ordinance was in response to the request that Mr. Harnett referenced during citizen/visitor comments. He further stated that there were currently only yield signs at the intersection and the Police Department had no objections to placing the stop signs. Councilmember Whetstone asked if a four way stop would be more beneficial than a two-way stop to which Mr. Archer replied that it could be a speed deterrent.

Motion was made by Councilmember Bruner to bring the ordinance back to Council to reflect a four-way stop intersection, second was made by Councilmember Toof. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Whetstone, Johnston, Bruner, Toof, Forester

Nays: None/Motion Carries

Voted: 5 to 0

Absent: W. Johnson, C. Johnson

#### B. Consider and Discuss Resolution No. 2024-02-26

## A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE CISCO GUN CLUB.

Mr. Archer said that the current lease expires on March 1, 2024.

Motion was made by Councilmember Whetstone to approve the new lease as presented, second was made by Councilmember Toof. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Whetstone, Johnston, Bruner, Toof, Forester

Nays: None/Motion Carries

Voted: 5 to 0

Absent: W. Johnson, C. Johnson

#### C. Consider and Discuss Resolution No. 2024-026-26-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS, APPROVING THE AGREEMENT DATED FEBRUARY 26, 2024, BETWEEN THE STATE OF TEXAS AND THE CITY OF CISCO, FOR THE MAINTENANCE, CONTROL, SUPERVISION, AND REGULATION OF CERTAIN STATE HIGHWAYS AND/OR PORTIONS OF STATE HIGHWAYS IN THE CITY OF CISCO, AND PROVIDING FOR THE EXECUTION OF SAID AGREEMENT.

Mr. Archer again commented that the proposed agreement allows Texas Department of Transportation (TxDot) to maintain state highways within the city limits and enumerates state and city responsibilities.

Motion was made by Councilmember Toof to approve the agreement as presented, second was made by Councilmember Johnston. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Whetstone, Johnston, Bruner, Toof, Forester

Nays: None/Motion Carries

Voted: 5 to 0

Absent: W. Johnson, C. Johnson

#### D. Consider and Discuss Filling Approval of Cisco Chamber of Commerce Budget for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

Mr. Archer explained that by presenting the Chamber of Commerce budget to the Council for approval, the Chamber has expanded options for spending certain funds. He then went on to present the budget. The Council questioned a couple of the line items and Mr. Archer answered.

Motion was made by Councilmember Toof to approve the Chamber of Commerce budget as presented, second was made by Councilmember Johnston. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Aves: Councilmembers: Whetstone, Johnston, Bruner, Toof, Forester

Nays: None/Motion Carries

Voted: 5 to 0

Absent: W. Johnson, C. Johnson

## E. Consider and Discuss Revoking Previous Request to be Excluded From the 3M Class Action Lawsuit (Case No. 2:23-cv-03147-RMG) and Authorize City Attorney to File Revocation of the Exclusion.

Mr. Archer commented that based on City Attorney recommendation, the previously approved exclusion should be revoked because the city will not have protection against bankruptcy by the company. The legal advice is to opt back into the lawsuit and authorize Mr. Chesser to file any necessary documentation to assure the city receives its part of the settlement.

Motion was made by Councilmember Toof to revoke previous exclusion from the 3M Class Action Lawsuit, second was made by Councilmember Whetstone. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Whetstone, Johnston, Bruner, Toof, Forester

Nays: None/Motion Carries

Voted: 5 to 0

Absent: W. Johnson, C. Johnson

#### F. Consider and Discuss Long Range Planning

Mr. Archer informed the Council that he and the City Secretary would be absent from the March 25, 2024 meeting for training; citywide cleanup would be April 27 with roll off containers located in the 200 block of E. 5<sup>th</sup> Street; city offices will be closed March 29, 2024 in observance of Good Friday; and that the new meter swap out should begin the first week of March. The City Secretary gave important Election dates.

#### 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 6:24 p.m.

ATTEST:

Tammy Osborne, City Secretary

Stephen Forester, Mayor