

**THE CITY OF CISCO
CITY COUNCIL, REGULAR CALLED MEETING
January 13, 2020**

**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 _____	TAMMY DOUGLAS
COUNCILMEMBER PLACE I _____	JASON WEGER
COUNCILMEMBER PLACE II _____	RYAN JOHNSON
COUNCILMEMBER PLACE III _____	WILLARD JOHNSON
COUNCILMEMBER PLACE IV _____	ANDY ESCOBEDO
COUNCILMEMBER PLACE V _____	STEPHEN FORESTER

PERSONNEL PRESENT:

CITY MANAGER _____	DARWIN ARCHER
CITY SECRETARY _____	TAMMY OSBORNE

PERSONNEL ABSENT:

COUNCILMEMBER PLACE VI _____	CHRIS JOHNSON
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Guests: Sampson Guthrie, Matthew Holm, Creed Newman, Randy Clark, Rich Bhakta, Butch Petree, Arpan Bhakta, Kenneth Preston, Heather Boles, Julie Elrod, John Diers, Don Wallace, Lloyd Fagan

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Mayor Douglas 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 Forester gave the invocation.

IV. CITIZEN-VISITOR COMMENTS:

Mr. Sampson Guthrie addressed the Council regarding an item on the agenda to appoint a member to fill a vacated seat. He urged the Council to leave the seat vacant until the May election. He further commended the work done by outgoing Chief of Police, Scott McAuley and stated that he would have like to have seen more public debate regarding his work performance.

Mr. Chance York also addressed the Council stating that he would like to be considered for appointment to the vacant Council seat. He has intentions to run for Council in the upcoming election and feels his work experience would benefit his service to the city.

V. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING CONDUCTED ON:

- November 25, 2019
- December 9, 2019
- December 23, 2019

The City Secretary pointed out that on one set of the minutes, the guest list was not properly presented and would be amended to reflect the guests present at that meeting.

Motion was made by Councilmember Weger to accept the minutes with the amendment, second was made by Councilmember R. Johnson. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Weger, R. Johnson, W. Johnson, Escobedo, Forester, Douglas
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 6 to 0
Absent: C. Johnson

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

A. Consider and Discuss Boat Dock Permit.—Randy Clark

Councilmember Forester verified the dock length.

Motion was made by Councilmember R. Johnson to accept the permit as presented, second was made by Councilmember Forester. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Weger, R. Johnson, W. Johnson, Escobedo, Forester, Douglas
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 6 to 0
Absent: C. Johnson

B. Consider and Discuss Boat Dock Permit.—Jeremy Baxter

Motion was made by Councilmember Weger to accept the permit as presented, second was made by Councilmember R. Johnson. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Weger, R. Johnson, W. Johnson, Escobedo, Forester, Douglas
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 6 to 0
Absent: C. Johnson

C. Consider and Discuss Boat Dock Permit.—Richard & Creed Newman

Councilmember Weger inquired as to the length of the dock as the permit shows it will be 90 feet. Mr. Archer explained that the Council had set regulations of no boat dock extending more than 80 feet into the water.

Motion was made by Councilmember Weger to accept the permit at 80 feet, second was made by Councilmember W. Johnson. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Weger, R. Johnson, W. Johnson, Escobedo, Forester, Douglas
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 6 to 0
Absent: C. Johnson

D. Consider and Discuss Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) by Housing Authority.

Mr. Don Wallace explained to the Council the purpose for the PILOT was for the Housing Authority to use funds for improvement projects as opposed to paying taxes. He enumerated several projects the Housing Authority had undertaken in that regard and requested a permanent waiver of the PILOT. Mr. Archer further explained that the last waiver by the Council was done in 2004 and expired in 2009. After that, the measure was not reviewed again. He suggested that any back payments not waived since 2009 should be forgiven.

Motion was made by Councilmember Forester to forgive any back payments owed by the Housing Authority since 2009, second was made by Councilmember Escobedo. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Weger, R. Johnson, W. Johnson, Escobedo, Forester, Douglas
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 6 to 0
Absent: C. Johnson

Councilmember Forester asked if the waiver could be made permanent and both Mr. Archer and Councilmember R. Johnson expressed concern over one Council making final decisions for future Councils. Mr. Wallace said that permanent waivers were common in small cities with low volume Housing Authorities.

Motion was made by Councilmember Forester to permanently waive the PILOT for the Housing Authority, second was made by Councilmember Weger. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Weger, W. Johnson, Escobedo, Forester
Nays: R. Johnson, Douglas/Motion Carries
Voted: 4 to 2
Absent: C. Johnson

E. Consider and Discuss Acceptance of Resignation of Council Place VI, Chris Johnson.

Councilmember C. Johnson addressed the Council saying that he wanted to go on record as resigning only due to demands from his employer requiring a relocation to Abilene. He further commented that he would like to see the Council leave his seat vacant until the May election.

The Council thanked Councilmember C. Johnson for his service to the city.

Motion was made by Councilmember R. Johnson to accept the resignation, second was made by Councilmember Escobedo. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Weger, R. Johnson, W. Johnson, Escobedo, Forester, Douglas
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 6 to 0
Absent:

F. Consider and Discuss Appointing Member to Council Place VI.

Councilmember Weger stated that Heather Boles had expressed an interest in being appointed. Councilmember R. Johnson said that he felt the Council should fill the seat by appointment.

Motion was made by Councilmember R. Johnson to appoint Chance York to Council Seat VI.

Motion died for lack of a second.

Motion was made by Councilmember Weger to appoint Heather Boles to Council Seat VI, second was made by Councilmember Forester. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Weger, W. Johnson, Forester, Douglas
Nays: R. Johnson, Escobedo/Motion Carries
Voted: 4 to 2
Absent:

G. Consider and Discuss Appointing Member to Cisco Economic Development Board.—John Diers

Mr. Diers explained that there was one vacant spot on the board and he had two nominees, both willing and able to serve, one being Michelle Binger and the other Phil Green.

Motion was made by Councilmember Weger to appoint Michelle Binger to the Cisco Economic Development Board, second was made by Councilmember Escobedo. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Weger, W. Johnson, Escobedo, Forester, Douglas
Nays: R. Johnson/Motion Carries
Voted: 5 to 1
Absent:

H. Consider and Discuss Cisco Development Corporation and Cisco 4A Development Corporation Significant Action Report.—John Diers

Mr. Diers presented the Significant Action Report and read into the record the financial status of each corporation. Councilmember Forester asked about sales tax revenues and Mr. Diers replied that revenues from sales tax were slightly lower than the previous year. Mr. Archer clarified that revenues were down 7%. Mr. Diers went on to say, in light of his recent retirement announcement, that his work as the Director of Economic Development Corporation was the most rewarding of his long career. The Council thanked Mr. Diers for his service.

Motion was made by Councilmember Forester to approve the Significant Action Report, second was made by Councilmember Weger. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Weger, R. Johnson, W. Johnson, Escobedo, Forester, Douglas
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 6 to 0
Absent: C. Johnson

I. Consider and Discuss Resolution No. 2019-12-09

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS, APPROVING A TYPE A ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT AND AGREEMENT, BY AND BETWEEN THE CISCO DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, AND ADRIAN ALLEN, TO PROVIDE FOR THE PURCHASE AND REMODEL OF A WINE TASTING ROOM AT 507 CONRAD HILTON BLVD., CISCO, TEXAS; AND AN EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$116,000.00 FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PURPOSES, AUTHORIZED PURSUANT TO SECTION 504.102 OF THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE. (*Second Reading*)

Motion was made by Councilmember Weger to approve the resolution as presented, second was made by Councilmember R. Johnson. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Weger, R. Johnson, W. Johnson, Escobedo, Douglas
Nays: Forester/Motion Carries
Voted: 5 to 1
Absent:

J. Consider and Discuss Resolution No. 2020-01-13

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS, APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR GRANT ASSISTANCE FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO POLICE DEPARTMENT VEHICLES.

Mr. Archer explained to the Council that the city has an additional grant application in progress, but this resolution would be for a second grant with Council approving the use of police seizure funds to be used as grant matching funds.

Motion was made by Councilmember Forester to approve application for the grant, second was made by Councilmember Escobedo. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Weger, R. Johnson, W. Johnson, Escobedo, Forester, Douglas
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 6 to 0
Absent:

K. Consider and Discuss Adoption of 2020 Personnel Rules and Procedures.

Mr. Archer commented that the only significant change was the institution of a cell phone use policy.

Motion was made by Councilmember R. Johnson to accept adoption of the 2020 Personnel Rules and Procedures, second was made by Councilmember Escobedo. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Weger, R. Johnson, W. Johnson, Escobedo, Forester, Douglas
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 6 to 0
Absent: C. Johnson

L. Consider and Discuss Police Chief Position. (Executive Session)

The Council retired into Executive Session under Section 552.074 Personnel Matters at 6:33 p.m.

The Council reconvened into Regular Session at 7:16 p.m. and took no action.

Mr. Archer explained that the current Chief of Police, Scott McAuley had resigned his position on January 10, 2020, and read his letter of resignation aloud.

M. Consider and Discuss Long Range Planning.

Mr. Archer reminded the Council and guests that city offices will be closed on January 20, 2020 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and again on February 17, 2020 for President’s Day. He went on to inform that the city is close to closing a contract on the Williamson Dam project, and that budget wish lists are due March 31, 2020 from Department Heads.

The City Secretary discussed the upcoming May election saying that Election Day is May 2, 2020, the filing period for a place on the ballot is January 15, 2020-February 14, 2020.

Councilmember W. Johnson asked where the city was on the annexation of the new lake development to which Mr. Archer replied that he only needed one document from TxDOT to have the process complete.

N. Announcements from City Council.

Councilmember Forester thanked the Cisco Police Department for help with deliver of the Thanksgiving and Christmas meals. He also thanked the Lion’s Club, Cisco Senior Nutrition Program, the Hilton Center, and all those involved as volunteers in the charitable event.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Councilmember Escobedo to adjourn, second made by Councilmember Forester. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

ATTEST:

Tammy Osborne, City Secretary

Tammy Douglas, Mayor

