

**THE CITY OF CISCO  
CITY COUNCIL, REGULAR CALLED MEETING  
July 9, 2018**

**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:**

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| <b>MAYOR</b>                   | <b>TAMMY DOUGLAS</b>    |
| <b>COUNCILMEMBER PLACE II</b>  | <b>DENNIS CAMPBELL</b>  |
| <b>COUNCILMEMBER PLACE III</b> | <b>WILLARD JOHNSON</b>  |
| <b>COUNCILMEMBER PLACE V</b>   | <b>STEPHEN FORESTER</b> |
| <b>COUNCILMEMBER PLACE VI</b>  | <b>CHRIS JOHNSON</b>    |

**PERSONNEL PRESENT:**

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| <b>CITY MANAGER</b>   | <b>DARWIN ARCHER</b> |
| <b>CITY SECRETARY</b> | <b>TAMMY OSBORNE</b> |

**PERSONNEL ABSENT:**

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| <b>COUNCILMEMBER PLACE I</b>  | <b>JASON WEGER</b>   |
| <b>COUNCILMEMBER PLACE IV</b> | <b>ANDY ESCOBEDO</b> |

Guests: Callie Ervin, Lorrie Pritchard, Blake McDowell, Walter Fairbanks, Scott McAuley, Butch Petree, Jay Slaughter, Teresa Slaughter

**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:**

Ms. Lorrie Pritchard of 205 Avenue F, addressed the Council regarding a recent letter she has received from the Code Enforcement Officer about her fence being non-compliant. She stated the fence had been in existence in its current form since 1996 and wondered why she was now being asked to comply.

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

**June 25, 2018**

Mayor Douglas pointed out one edit which the City Secretary stated had already been corrected for the official copy.

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

Ayes: Councilmembers: Campbell, W. Johnson, Forester, C. Johnson, Douglas  
Nays: None/Motion Carries  
Voted: 5 to 0  
Absent: Weger, Escobedo

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

**A. Consider and Discuss Granting a Variance to the Open Container Ordinance for Events Associated with the Chamber of Commerce.—Callie Ervin**

Ms. Ervin introduced herself to the Council as the new Chamber of Commerce Director. She then proceeded to request a variance to the Open Container Ordinance similar to the one granted to Pie Fest for two upcoming events: A Sip and Shop on August 23, 2018 from 4:00 p.m.-12:00 a.m. and the Brisket Cook-Off on September 14-15, 2018 from 5:00 p.m.-12:00 a.m. The Council inquired of Chief McAuley if the previous variance had created any issues for the Police Department and he answered that it had not. The Council continued to discuss details of dates, times and locations of the two events.

Motion was made by Councilmember W. Johnson to grant a variance to the Open Container Ordinance for the agreed dates and times for the Sip and Shop and the Brisket Cook-off from 8<sup>th</sup> Street to the railroad tracks and from Railroad Ave. to Ave. E., second was made by Councilmember C. Johnson. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Campbell, W. Johnson, C. Johnson, Douglas  
Nays: Forester/Motion Carries  
Voted: 4 to 1  
Absent: Weger, Escobedo

**B. Consider and Discuss Ordinance no. 0-2018-12**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS, AMENDING APPENDIX A “ZONING” OF THE CITY’S CODE OF ORDINANCES; SPECIFICALLY SECTIONS 32 “PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION” AND SECTION 33 “ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT” AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.—*First Reading***

Ms. Osborne, the Secretary for the Planning and Zoning Commission, explained that the ordinance was an effort to correct a mistake made during the amendment of the original Planning & Zoning Ordinance where the descriptions of the Planning & Zoning Commission and the Board of Adjustment were swapped.

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

Ayes: Councilmembers: Campbell, W. Johnson, Forester, C. Johnson, Douglas  
Nays: None/Motion Carries  
Voted: 5 to 0  
Absent: Weger, Escobedo

**C. Consider and Discuss Appointing Planning & Zoning Board of Adjustment.**

Again, Ms. Osborne addressed the Council explaining that the Planning & Zoning Board of Adjustment would need to be appointed and suggested that the general consensus was that the Planning & Zoning Commissioners would serve in both capacities if the Council was agreeable.

Motion was made by Councilmember Forester to appoint the members of the Planning & Zoning Commission to the Board of Adjustment, second was made by Councilmember C. Johnson. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Campbell, W. Johnson, Forester, C. Johnson, Douglas  
Nays: None/Motion Carries  
Voted: 5 to 0  
Absent: Weger, Escobedo

**D. Consider and Discuss Master Fee Schedule.**

Mr. Archer began discussion saying that this item was a bit of “housekeeping” and would potentially add a fee for an Electrical Inspection and for a Variance Application and would indicate “each” on those items which could be a more than one time fee, most generally inspections that occur several times over the course of construction.

Motion was made by Councilmember Forester to change the Master Fee Schedule to include an Electrical Inspection Fee of \$50.00, a Variance Application Fee of \$25.00 and add “each” to those items that would happen more than once, second was made by Councilmember W. Johnson. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Campbell, W. Johnson, Forester, C. Johnson, Douglas  
Nays: None/Motion Carries  
Voted: 5 to 0  
Absent: Weger, Escobedo

**E. Consider and Discuss VOIP Telephone Service Contract.**

Mr. Archer indicated that he had 3 quotes and went over the merits and drawbacks of each. He recommended going with Kennedy Computer Solutions to provide the service and the city would still see a savings of around \$50,000.00 annually.

Motion was made by Councilmember Forester to accept bid by Kennedy Computer Solutions, second was made by Councilmember W. Johnson. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Campbell, W. Johnson, Forester, C. Johnson, Douglas  
Nays: None/Motion Carries  
Voted: 5 to 0  
Absent: Weger, Escobedo

**F. Consider and Discuss Purchase of Ladder Truck.**

Chief Fairbanks presented the Council with a proposal to buy a used ladder truck that had recently been reduced in price to \$50,000.00. He explained that the Fire Department would need a ladder truck to effectively service the new Laguna Lofts and that it could also be useful for several other multi-story buildings around town. He went on to say that there would be some minor repairs that need to be made, but all in all, the truck was an extremely good value and he recommended purchase. The Council questioned Chief Fairbanks about the repairs that were listed in the proposal and if he could estimate necessity and costs. He explained that the provided list was both for very minor repairs and some repairs that would be more costly, but part of routine maintenance. Councilmember C. Johnson dissented from the rest of the Council by saying that he felt the ladder truck was not a necessity since there was only really one building that would require the truck and that building would be equipped with an adequate fire suppression system and we also have an agreement with the Eastland Fire Department for use of their ladder truck if necessary. Chief Fairbanks disagreed and stated that the truck could be useful on more buildings than just the Laguna Lofts. Mr. Archer stated that even though the truck was an older model, it only had 21,000 miles and 2000 engine hours and was a good value and Chief Fairbanks reiterated that most of the repairs are minor and can be completed by Fire Department staff for nominal costs.

Motion was made by Councilmember Campbell to purchase the ladder truck with the four year financing option, second was made by Councilmember W. Johnson. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Campbell, W. Johnson, Forester, Douglas  
Nays: C. Johnson/Motion Carries  
Voted: 4 to 1  
Absent: Weger, Escobedo

**G. Consider and Discuss Resolution No. 2018-07-09**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS, APPROVING A FINANCE CONTRACT WITH GOVERNMENT CAPITAL CORPORATION FOR THE PURCHASE OF A “LADDER TRUCK”.**

Mr. Archer explained that this resolution was to approve a financing contract with Government Capital to purchase the ladder truck.

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

Ayes: Councilmembers: Campbell, W. Johnson, Forester, Douglas  
Nays: C. Johnson/Motion Carries  
Voted: 4 to 1  
Absent: Weger, Escobedo

**H. Consider and Discuss Long Range Planning.**

Mr. Archer presented the Council with the Financial Report from EMS for information. A bid request for a wastewater line improvement by the elementary school will be opened soon. The TML Conference will be held October 10-12 and registration will open on July 17 so anyone interested in attending should contact the City Secretary for registration. Lastly, the Elected Officials Seminar at WCTCOG will be Thursday, July 12.

**I. Announcements from City Council.**

Mayor Douglas informed the Council that Thursday evening, July 12, the Council is invited to attend the Christian Values Summit at the Myrtle Wilks Community Center.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Councilmember Forester to adjourn, second made by Councilmember W. Johnson. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

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**Tammy Osborne, City Secretary**

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**Tammy Douglas, Mayor**

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