

**THE CITY OF CISCO
CITY COUNCIL, REGULAR CALLED MEETING
November 27, 2017**

**CISCO, TEXAS §
EASTLAND, COUNTY §**

The City Council of the City of Cisco met in a regular called *session* at the Cisco City Hall in Cisco as scheduled, and notice was posted 72 hours in advance and prior to the meeting.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

MAYOR PRO TEM _____ **TAMMY DOUGLAS**
COUNCILMEMBER PLACE I _____ **JASON WEGER**
COUNCILMEMBER PLACE II _____ **DENNIS CAMPBELL**
COUNCILMEMBER PLACE III _____ **WILLARD JOHNSON**
COUNCILMEMBER PLACE VI _____ **CHRIS JOHNSON**

PERSONNEL PRESENT:

CITY MANAGER _____ **DARWIN ARCHER**
CITY SECRETARY _____ **TAMMY OSBORNE**

PERSONNEL ABSENT:

COUNCILMEMBER PLACE IV _____ **RANDY BOLES**

Guests: Gregory Scott McAuley, Butch Petree, Stephen Forester, John Diers, Mary Rains, Cheryl Howerton, Julie Elrod

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Mayor Pro Tem 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:

Mr. Stephen Forester gave the invocation.

IV. CITIZEN-VISITOR COMMENTS:

None

V. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING CONDUCTED:

November 13, 2017

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

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

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

A. Consider and Discuss Ordinance No. 0-2017-14

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS, ADOPTING A COMPREHENSIVE ZONING PLAN AND ZONING MAP AND DIVIDING THE CITY INTO SEVERAL DISTRICTS; ESTABLISHING AND PROVIDING FOR ZONING REGULATIONS AND CREATING ZONING DISTRICTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH A COMPREHENSIVE PLAN; WITHIN SUCH DISTRICTS REGULATING THE USE OF LAND, BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES; REGULATING THE HEIGHT, SIZE, AND LOCATIONS OF BUILDINGS; ESTABLISHING DENSITY, OPEN SPACE, SCREENING, AND MINIMUM OFF-STREET PARKING REQUIREMENTS; REGULATING THE ERECTION, REPAIR, AND ALTERATION OF ALL BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES; PROVIDING FOR SPECIFIC USE PERMITS FOR CERTAIN USES; RECOGNIZING NONCONFORMING USES AND STRUCTURES AND PROVIDING RULES FOR THE REGULATION THEREOF; PROVIDING FOR CERTIFICATES OF OCCUPANCY AND COMPLIANCE; DEFINING CERTAIN TERMS; PROVIDING A METHOD OF AMENDMENT; PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR VIOLATION OF SUCH ORDINANCE AND FOR INJUNCTIVE RELIEF TO PERSONS AFFECTED BY THE VIOLATION OF SAID ORDINANCE; PROVIDING A SAVING CLAUSE. (*First Reading*)

Mr. Archer presented the ordinance along with a new Master Fee Schedule to reflect all fees charged by the city including any new building permit and inspection fees that the new zoning ordinance would require. Councilmember Weger indicated that he would like to see the ordinance scaled back to only cover commercial zoning along the main thoroughfares of the city. Councilmember C. Johnson further commented that he felt that the over-restrictive nature of the ordinance in its current state would be prohibitive to future development. Mr. Archer suggested sending the ordinance back to the Planning & Zoning Commission to consider those changes.

Motion was made by Councilmember C. Johnson to amend the ordinance to reflect only that zoning for Commercial 1, Commercial 2, and Manufacturing Zones, second was made by Councilmember Weger. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

B. Consider and Discuss Ordinance No. 0-2017-16

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS AMENDING CHAPTER 6 “BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS”, ARTICLE I, ADDING SECTION 6-4 “INTERNATIONAL MECHANICAL CODE”; REPEALING ALL OTHER ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (*First Reading*)

Mr. Archer informed the Council that the mechanical code covered mainly HVAC systems and adopting it would be an attempt to be in line with what the zoning ordinance would require.

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

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

C. Consider and Discuss Ordinance No. 0-2017-17

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 6 “BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS”, ARTICLE II “PLUMBING AND GAS CODES”, AMENDING SECTION 6-16; REPEALING ALL OTHER ORDINANCES AN PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (First Reading)

Again, Mr. Archer explained that this ordinance would update the current plumbing and fuel gas codes from the 2006 versions to the 2015 versions.

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

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

D. Consider and Discuss Ordinance No. 0-2017-18

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS, AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 25 “ANIMALS AND FOWL” OF THE CITY’S CODE OF ORDINANCES; SPECIFICALLY SECTIONS 5-19 “REDEMPTION OF IMPOUNDED DOGS”, SECTION 5-34 “CONFINEMENT FOR OBSERVATION”, AND ADDING SECTION 5-23 “DOG SURRENDER FEE”. (First Reading)

Councilmember Weger began discussion by saying that he had several issues with the presented ordinance. He feels the surrender fee of \$20.00 is excessive and may cause citizens to abandon the animal as opposed to surrendering it. He further commented that the section regarding quarantine should specify the newer definition of dangerous dog which added “attack on another animal” as well as a person. Mr. Archer asked if any of the Council had another suggestion for the fee. Both Councilmembers Weger and W. Johnson stated that they think there should be no fee for surrendering an animal. The Council further discussed costs of housing and euthanizing animals, but since the Animal Control Officer was unable to attend the meeting and they had questions that only she could answer, they decided to table the item pending her attendance.

Motion was made by Councilmember C. Johnson to table the ordinance, second was made by Councilmember W. Johnson. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

E. Consider and Discuss 2017 National Electric Code.

Mr. Archer stated that this code was adopted by the State of Texas and would merely be recognized by the city as the standard for electrical work in the city.

No action was taken on this item.

F. Consider and Discuss Water Revenue Loss Surcharge.

Mayor Pro Tem Douglas said that the surcharge had expired on September 30, 2017 and needs to be reassessed as to its necessity. Mr. Archer suggested continuing to assess the charge until the Water Treatment Plant rebuild was complete. Councilmember C. Johnson inquired as to the purpose of the fee and Mr. Archer explained that it was to supplement lost income from the city’s inability to sell as much water as was budgeted.

Motion was made by Councilmember Weger to continue charging the Water Revenue Loss Surcharge until 60 days after the Water Treatment Plant completion, second was made by Councilmember W. Johnson. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

G. Consider and Discuss Municipal Court Judge Taking on Additional Court.

Judge Cheryl Howerton notified the Council that she has been approached to run for Justice of the Peace and wanted to discuss the possibility of maintaining both courts with the City Council before she filed for the office. Councilmember Weger pointed out that former Judge James King had held both offices so he did not see any conflict. The Council had no objections.

No action was taken on this item.

H. Consider and Discuss Accepting Resignation of Mayor.

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

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

I. Consider and Discuss Cancelling Regularly Scheduled Meeting on December 25, 2017.

Motion was made by Councilmember Weger to cancel the meeting scheduled for December 25, 2017, second was made by Councilmember C. Johnson. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

J. Consider and Discuss Long Range Planning.

Mr. Archer announced that the City Hall would be closed December 22, 25, & 26 for the Christmas Holiday.

The City Christmas Party will be December 14, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at JC's Steakhouse.

K. Announcements from City Council.

None.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Councilmember C. Johnson to adjourn, second made by Councilmember W. Johnson. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

ATTEST:

Tammy Osborne, City Secretary

Tammy Douglas, Mayor Pro Tem
