

**THE CITY OF CISCO
CITY COUNCIL, CALLED MEETING
November 19, 2018**

CISCO, TEXAS §
EASTLAND, COUNTY §

The City Council of the City of Cisco met in a *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 _____	TAMMY DOUGLAS
COUNCILMEMBER PLACE I _____	JASON WEGER
COUNCILMEMBER PLACE II _____	DENNIS CAMPBELL
COUNCILMEMBER PLACE III _____	WILLARD JOHNSON
COUNCILMEMBER PLACE IV _____	ANDY ESCOBEDO
COUNCILMEMBER PLACE V _____	STEPHEN FORESTER
COUNCILMEMBER PLACE VI _____	CHRIS JOHNSON

PERSONNEL PRESENT:

CITY MANAGER _____ DARWIN ARCHER

ABSENT:

CITY SECRETARY _____ TAMMY OSBORNE

Guests: John Diers, Erik Pederson, Butch Petree, Walter Fairbanks, Scott McAuley, Stephanie

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. Erik Pederson complained about equipment being used by Bird Electric with permission from the city at early morning hours in a residential area. He asked the Council to request that they start at a later hour especially on weekends.

Chief Fairbanks gave a brief summary on the Ladder Truck Inspection. There are only 8 repairs left that need to be done and most of them are part of routine maintenance. He concluded by saying that the ladder truck was solid and a good investment for the city.

Mr. Diers presented statistical information to the Council and guests about the return on investment the city and community are getting from the Economic Development Corporation. The information was compiled in response to a petition being circulated attempting to reallocate funds from the CEDC. The Council thanked Mr. Diers for the information.

V. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING CONDUCTED ON:

- **October 15, 2018**
- **October 22, 2018**

Motion was made by Councilmember Forester to approve the minutes as presented, second was made by Councilmember Weger. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Weger, Campbell, W. Johnson, Escobedo, Forester, C. Johnson, Douglas
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 7 to 0
Absent:

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

A. Consider and Discuss Ordinance No. 0-2018-18

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 13 “MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC” OF THE CITY’S CODE OF ORDINANCES, SPECIFICALLY SECTION 13-52 “SPECIFIC ZONES ESTABLISHED” TO INCLUDE ADDITIONAL PARKING CONTROL ZONE FOR THE COMMERCIAL BUSINESS DISTRICT; ADDING SECTION 13.53 “PARKING TIME LIMITS ESTABLISHED”; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF ENFORCEMENT. (*First Reading*)

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

Ayes: Councilmembers: Weger, Campbell, W. Johnson, Escobedo, Forester, C. Johnson, Douglas
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 7 to 0
Absent:

B. Consider and Discuss Ordinance No. 0-2018-19

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 6 “BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS” OF THE CITY’S CODE OF ORDINANCES, SPECIFICALLY ARTICLE VII “FENCING/SCREENING REQUIREMENTS”; CHANGING THE PROCEDURE FOR REQUESTING A VARIANCE AND ADDING AN EXEMPTION FOR FENCES PRE-EXISTING ORIGINAL PASSAGE OF THE ORDINANCE; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (*First Reading*)

Mr. Archer explained that the ordinance was presented in conjunction with the multitude of fencing variances that had been brought before the Council. He went on to comment that the second provision of a “grandfather” clause stating that Code Enforcement would not be able to verify construction date of any fence in town. He stated that he thought this provision should be removed and just let the Board of Adjustment handle all variance requests.

The Council agreed that the “grandfather” clause would be cumbersome to the process and agreed to table the item pending amendment.

Motion was made by Councilmember Weger to take no action on the ordinance as presented and amend the ordinance to remove provision (h) and represent at the next meeting, second was made by Councilmember Forester. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Weger, Campbell, W. Johnson, Escobedo, Forester, C. Johnson, Douglas
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 7 to 0
Absent:

C. Consider and Discuss Lease of Property at Lake Cisco for an Internet Tower.

Mr. Archer explained that New Source Broadband had approached him about leasing a 25x25 foot property for erection of a 100 foot internet tower. Councilmember Weger inquired about a previous vote granting New Source access to the water tower, but Mr. Archer explained that the water tower proved to be too crowded and they were looking for another location. Stephanie from New Source Broadband explained the process for the internet. Mr. Archer further commented that the city attorney had stated that the city could enter into a short term lease without having to go into a bidding process and asked that the Council grant Mr. Archer authority to negotiate terms with New Source Broadband.

Motion was made by Councilmember Weger to grant the City Manager authority to negotiate terms of a lease agreement with New Source Broadband to erect an internet tower at Lake Cisco, second was made by Councilmember W. Johnson. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Weger, Campbell, W. Johnson, Escobedo, Forester, C. Johnson, Douglas
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 7 to 0
Absent:

D. Consider and Discuss RAMP Grant.

Mr. Archer stated that the city would qualify for the RAMP Grant and all eligible expenses are reimbursable to the city at a rate of fifty percent.

Motion was made by Councilmember C. Johnson to accept the RAMP Grant, second was made by Councilmember W. Johnson. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Weger, Campbell, W. Johnson, Escobedo, Forester, C. Johnson, Douglas
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 7 to 0
Absent:

E. Consider and Discuss Declaring Surplus Item.

Mr. Archer commented that all the items on the presented list had met retention requirements from the various sources and he would like to declare them surplus and put them up for sale. The sale of the items attained through the 10-33 program would be allocated to purchase new computer systems for the Police Department to remain in compliance with the State.

Motion was made by Councilmember Forester to declare the items surplus and sell them, second was made by Councilmember Weger. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Weger, Campbell, W. Johnson, Escobedo, Forester, C. Johnson, Douglas
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 7 to 0
Absent:

F. Consider and Discuss Long Range Planning.

Mr. Archer mentioned that city offices would be closed Thursday and Friday in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. He added that the next Council meeting would be the following Monday.

G. Announcements from City Council.

Councilmember Forester remarked that several community churches were providing a Thanksgiving meal to those who cannot afford one free of charge at the Conrad Hilton Center on Thanksgiving Day. Anyone is welcome and they will also be making deliveries to those that are homebound.

Councilmember Escobedo suggested some sort of meeting to discuss the circulating petition for some clarification of the different propositions and sharing of information. Mr. Archer suggested calling a Town Hall Meeting as opposed to a Called Council Meeting because no action would need to be taken by the Council.

VI. ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Forester made the motion to adjourn, second was made by Councilmember Weger. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

ATTEST:

Tammy Osborne, City Secretary

Tammy Douglas, Mayor
