

**THE CITY OF CISCO
CITY COUNCIL, REGULAR CALLED MEETING
January 27, 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:

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| 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 |
| COUNCILMEMBER PLACE VI _____ | HEATHER BOLES |

PERSONNEL PRESENT:

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

PERSONNEL ABSENT:

Guests: Chad Roberts, Walter Fairbanks, Lloyd Fagan, Heather Boles, Randy Boles, Tammy Archer, Dalas Vaughn, Paul Flores, Butch Petree, Sampson Guthrie, Kenneth Preston, Chris Garner, Nathaniel Bitterman, Lucas Wilson

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. Chad Roberts introduced himself and his background and accomplishments, informing the Council that he was running for the position of Eastland County Sheriff.

V. SWEAR IN APPOINTED MEMBER TO COUNCIL PLACE VI.

The City Secretary swore in Ms. Heather Boles as the appointee to Council Place VI.

VI. QUARTERLY DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

- Quarterly Fire Department Report-Chief Fairbanks presented the Quarterly Fire Department Report.
- Quarterly Financial Report-Dalas Vaughn presented the Quarterly Financial Report
- Quarterly Court Report-Associate Judge Osborne presented the Quarterly Court Report.
- Quarterly Police Report-Lieutenant Fagan presented the Quarterly Police Report and Mr. Archer introduced the Council to the new incoming Chief of Police, Kenneth Preston.
- Quarterly Public Works Report-Butch Petree presented the Quarterly Public Works Report.
- Quarterly Street Department Report-Paul Flores presented the Quarterly Street Department Report.
- Quarterly Water Treatment Plant Report-Darwin Archer presented the Water Treatment Plant Report.

VII. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING CONDUCTED ON:

- **January 13, 2020**

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

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

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

A. Consider and Discuss Boat Dock Permit.—Drew & Melissa Long

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

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

B. Consider and Discuss Grant of License for 711 W. 9th Street.—JoAnn Kinder

Mr. Archer explained that the street in question is narrow, but that no houses face that street and he does not foresee an instance where the city would wish to widen the right of way. He recommends approving the grant of license.

Motion was made by Councilmember Weger to accept the grant of license as presented for 711 W. 9th St., second was made by Councilmember Forester. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

C. Consider and Discuss Accepting Bids for Lake Lot, South Shore Lots 3 & 4 Block BB.

Mr. Archer presented the Council with photographs of the property in question and stated that the structures were, in his opinion, uninhabitable. His suggestion was that either the city tear down the structures prior to taking bids or that the Council impose a deed restriction stating that the structures must be removed by the winning bidder. He further recommended getting a survey of the property before accepting bids.

Motion was made by Councilmember Forester to have the property surveyed and the structures removed by the city prior to accepting bids and to set the minimum bid for the property as equal to the cost to the city to abate the property, second was made by Councilmember W. Johnson. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

D. Consider and Discuss Resolution No. 2020-01-27

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS, EASTLAND COUNTY, AUTHORIZING AND ORDERING A GENERAL (REGULAR) MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON MAY 2, 2020, FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING TWO (2) CITY COUNCILMEMBERS, PLACE V AND PLACE VI, BY THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS; APPOINTING ELECTION OFFICIALS; DESIGNATING THE POLLING PLACES; ESTABLISHING PAY RATES FOR ELECTION WORKERS; PROVIDING FOR NOTICE OF SAID ELECTION; PROVIDING FOR THE USE OF DIRECT RECORDING ELECTRONIC VOTING MACHINES; PROVIDING FOR EARLY VOTING; ESTABLISHING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS OF THE CITY SECRETARY'S OFFICE ON THE FINAL TWO DAYS OF EARLY VOTING BY PERSONAL APPEARANCE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

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

E. Consider and Discuss Resolution No. 2020-01-27-01

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTINUED PARTICIPATION WITH THE ATMOS CITIES STEERING COMMITTEE; AND AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF FIVE CENTS PER CAPITA TO THE ATMOS CITIES STEERING COMMITTEE TO FUND REGULATORY AND RELATED ACTIVITIES RELATED TO ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION.

Mr. Archer commented that the ACSC negotiates with Atmos Energy to keep rates as low as possible for customers. He recommends continuing with the participation with the ACSC, as the cost to the city is minimal at a cost of approximately \$195.00.

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

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

F. Consider and Discuss Interlocal Cooperation Contract with Texas Department of Public Safety for the Failure to Appear Program.

Mr. Archer explained the program and enumerated the cases collected through the use of the program.

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

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

G. Consider and Discuss Acceptance of Resignation of Municipal Court Judge, Cheryl Howerton.

Mr. Archer read Judge Howerton's resignation letter for the record.

Motion was made by Councilmember Forester to accept Judge Howerton's resignation, second was made by Councilmember Escobedo. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

H. Consider and Discuss Municipal Court Judge Position. (Executive Session)

The Council retired into Executive Session under Section 551.074 Personnel Matters at 6:48 p.m.

The Council reconvened into Regular Session at 7:34 p.m. and took the following action:

Motion was made by Councilmember Forester to advertise employment for a full time judge with salary and benefits to be determined depending on experience, second was made by Councilmember Escobedo. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

I. Consider and Discuss Long Range Planning.

The City Secretary reminded the Council and guests that the last day to file an application for a place on the ballot is February 14, 2020.

J. Announcements from City Council.

None.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Councilmember Forester to adjourn, second made by Councilmember Escobedo. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

ATTEST:



Tammy Osborne, City Secretary



Tammy Douglas, Mayor
