

**THE CITY OF CISCO  
CITY COUNCIL, REGULAR CALLED MEETING  
April 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 (videoconference)**  
**COUNCILMEMBER PLACE II** \_\_\_\_\_ **RYAN JOHNSON (videoconference)**  
**COUNCILMEMBER PLACE III** \_\_\_\_\_ **WILLARD JOHNSON (videoconference)**  
**COUNCILMEMBER PLACE IV** \_\_\_\_\_ **ANDY ESCOBEDO (videoconference)**  
**COUNCILMEMBER PLACE V** \_\_\_\_\_ **STEPHEN FORESTER (videoconference)**  
**COUNCILMEMBER PLACE VI** \_\_\_\_\_ **HEATHER BOLES (videoconference)**

**PERSONNEL PRESENT:**

**CITY MANAGER** \_\_\_\_\_ **DARWIN ARCHER**  
**CITY SECRETARY** \_\_\_\_\_ **TAMMY OSBORNE**

**PERSONNEL ABSENT:**

Guests:

**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:**

None

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

**A. Consider and Discuss Utility Bill Late Fees, Disconnections, and Associated Fees.**

Mr. Archer began by disclosing how neighboring cities are handling disconnections and late fees, saying most are looking at accounts on a case by case basis to determine assessment of late fees, and all but one city was not doing any disconnections. Councilmember Weger stated that he thought the best course of action would be to look at requests for waiver of late fees on a case by case basis based on hardships directly attributed to COVID-19, but to waive all disconnections during the emergency declaration. Councilmember Escobedo asked about the fees charged by the third party for process of credit cards, to which Mr. Archer stated that the Council could make decisions on that. Councilmember R. Johnson asked how determinations of hardship would be made and Mr. Archer explained that any documentation presented to the Texas Workforce Commission or from the employer would be sufficient to establish hardship related to the public health disaster. Both Councilmembers Escobedo and Forester clarified that the city would be waiving only late fees and disconnections and would still expect payment of utility bills as usual.

Motion was made by Councilmember Forester to waive late fees for customers affected by the COVID-19 pandemic with proper documents on a case by case basis, second was made by Councilmember R. 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:

Motion was made by Councilmember W. Johnson to not disconnect any customer affected by the COVID-19 pandemic with proper documentation until the expiration of the disaster declaration, second was made by Councilmember Weger. 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 Municipal Court Judge Applications.**

Mr. Archer explained that court was closed indefinitely right now and obviously the interview process will be hindered by the disaster declaration. Councilmember Weger expressed the opinion that we should accept applications again even though the disaster declaration has court closed currently.

Motion was made by Councilmember Forester to accept applications through May 8, 2020 and review at the regularly scheduled meeting on May 11, 2020, second was made by Councilmember R. 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:

**C. Announcements from City Council.**

None.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Councilmember Forester to adjourn, second made by Councilmember Boles. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

**ATTEST:**



**Tammy Osborne, City Secretary**



**Tammy Douglas, Mayor**

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