

**THE CITY OF CISCO  
CITY COUNCIL, REGULAR CALLED MEETING  
August 12, 2019**

**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:**

<b>MAYOR</b> _____	<b>TAMMY DOUGLAS</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER PLACE III</b> _____	<b>WILLARD JOHNSON</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER PLACE IV</b> _____	<b>ANDY ESCOBEDO</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER PLACE V</b> _____	<b>STEPHEN FORESTER</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER PLACE VI</b> _____	<b>CHRIS JOHNSON</b>

**PERSONNEL PRESENT:**

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

**PERSONNEL ABSENT:**

<b>COUNCILMEMBER PLACE I</b> _____	<b>JASON WEGER</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER PLACE II</b> _____	<b>RYAN JOHNSON</b>

Guests: Walter Fairbanks, Jay Marburger, Dalas Vaughn, Sam Guthrie, Nathaniel Bitterman, Ann Williams

**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:**

Ann Williams addressed the Council, asking them to consider removing the ‘No Wake’ designation from Lake Cisco for the benefit of residents and tourists. She suggested making only those areas prone to flooding a ‘No Wake’ zone and opening the rest of the lake.

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

- **July 22, 2019**

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

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

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

**A. Consider and Discuss Ordinance No. 0-2019-01**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 16 “PARKS AND RECREATION” OF THE CITY’S CODE OF ORDINANCES, SPECIFICALLY ARTICLE II “CITY LAKES AND RESERVOIRS”; ESTABLISHING AMENDED BOAT DOCK REGULATIONS AND REPEALING RECREATION PERMIT REGULATIONS; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (First Reading)**

Mr. Archer stated that the proposed ordinance reflected the changes requested by the Council at the last meeting setting the maximum dock length at 80 feet.

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

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

**B. Consider and Discuss Boat Dock Permit.—Jim & Sheila Greene**

Mr. Jay Marburger spoke on behalf of the Greenes saying that the proposed boat dock met all regulations represented in amended boat dock ordinance.

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

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

**C. Consider and Discuss Resolution No. 2019-08-12**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS, FINDING THAT AEP TEXAS INC.’S REQUESTED INCREASE TO ITS ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION RATES AND CHARGES WITHIN THE CITY SHOULD BE DENIED; FINDING THAT THE CITY’S REASONABLE RATE CASE EXPENSES SHALL BE REIMBURSED BY THE COMPANY; FINDING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS RESOLUTION IS PASSED IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS REQUIRED BY LAW; REQUIRING REIMBURSEMENT OF CITIES’ RATE CASE EXPENSES; FINDING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS RESOLUTION IS PASSED IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS REQUIRED BY LAW; REQUIRING NOTICE OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE COMPANY AND LEGAL COUNSEL.**

Mr. Archer explained that the Council had passed a previous resolution suspending any rate increases pending research by legal counsel. He further commented that the cooperative recommended a denial of the rate increase for renegotiation with the Public Utilities Commission.

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

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

**D. Consider and Discuss Ordinance No. 0-2019-06**

**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” ADDING AN ADDITIONAL PARKING CONTROL ZONE; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF ENFORCEMENT. (First Reading)**

Mr. Archer said that with increase in traffic downtown, Ave. E has seen congestion. The current ordinance allows the City Manager to suggest additional parking control zones and Mr. Archer recommends designating Ave. E on both sides of the street as a parking control zone from W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street through W. 13<sup>th</sup> Street. Parking along Ave. E would be all parallel. Councilmember Forester inquired as to how that would affect the Baptist church and Mr. Archer answered that the parking control zone hours are two hour parking only from 8:00 a.m. through 6:00 p.m., on each day of the week except Sunday so the church should not be affected. Councilmember C. Johnson went on the record saying he didn’t feel the parking control zone should extend beyond 8<sup>th</sup> Street.

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

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

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

Mr. Archer commented that Labor Day would be September 2, 2019 and city offices would be closed.

Councilmember C. Johnson inquired about the current lake levels and requested that the ‘No Wake’ designation be revisited at the next meeting.

**F. Announcements from City Council.**

None.

**VII. BUDGET WORKSHOP:**

**A. Consider and Discuss 2019-2020 Budget.**

Mr. Archer presented two budget options. One would require a tax levy over the effective tax rate of 3.64% and includes more funds in the street maintenance and improvements budget. The second budget proposes use of the effective tax rate and lowers the street maintenance and improvements by \$40,000.00. Councilmembers discussed specific items and Mr. Archer explained each line item. Mayor Douglas stated that she had been approached asking if the city would be willing to fund the public library again and the city had received a request for funding from Eastland County Crimestoppers.

Motion was made by Councilmember Forester to adopt the budget that uses the effective tax rate, second was made by Councilmember C. Johnson. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

**B. Consider and Discuss 2019-2020 Tax Levy.**

Motion was made by Councilmember Forester to adopt the effective tax rate of .636027, second was made by Councilmember C. Johnson. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Councilmember Forester to adjourn, second made by Councilmember Escobedo. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

**ATTEST:**



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**Tammy Osborne, City Secretary**



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**Tammy Douglas, Mayor**

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