

**THE CITY OF CISCO
CITY COUNCIL, REGULAR CALLED MEETING
March 13, 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 _____	JAMES KING
COUNCILMEMBER PLACE II _____	DENNIS CAMPBELL
COUNCILMEMBER PLACE III _____	WILLARD JOHNSON
COUNCILMEMBER PLACE V _____	TAMMY DOUGLAS
COUNCILMEMBER PLACE VI _____	PHILIP GREEN

PERSONNEL PRESENT:

CITY MANAGER _____	DARWIN ARCHER
CITY SECRETARY _____	TAMMY OSBORNE

PERSONNEL ABSENT:

COUNCILMEMBER PLACE I _____	JASON WEGER
COUNCILMEMBER PLACE IV _____	RANDY BOLES

Guests: Scott Williamson, Jordan Hibbs, Judy Langford, John Diers, Stephen Forester, Larry Weikel, Chris Johnson

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Mayor King called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

II. PLEDGES

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Pledge to the Texas Flag

III. INVOCATION:

Mayor King gave the invocation.

IV. CITIZEN-VISITOR COMMENTS:

None.

V. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING CONDUCTED:

February 27, 2017

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

Ayes: Councilmembers: Campbell, Johnson, Douglas, Green, King
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 5 to 0
Absent: Weger, Boles

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

A. Consider and Discuss Approval of Façade Renovation at 612 Conrad Hilton Blvd.—John Diers

Mr. Diers explained that the Board of the Development Corporation had agreed to spend \$20,000.00 on an 80-20 matching grant to renovate the façade of the Waverly's expansion. Mayor King asked if there would be a requirement for the owner to create jobs as was usual with CDC grants, to which Mr. Diers explained that it was slightly out of the norm, but the owner has been successful and integral in the growth of downtown so the board made the decision.

Motion was made by Councilmember Campbell to approve the expenditure, second was made by Councilmember Johnson. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Campbell, Johnson, Douglas, Green, King
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 5 to 0
Absent: Weger, Boles

B. Consider and Discuss the Purchase of 209 E. 8th St. by the Cisco Development Corporation—John Diers

Mr. Diers again addressed the Council regarding the purchase by the CDC of the property located at 209 E. 8th St. The CDC has no immediate plans for the property, but feels the purchase would be prudent in the interest of maintaining the current momentum of downtown growth. The proposed offer will be for \$30,000.00.

Motion was made by Councilmember Green to approve the expenditure, second was made by Councilmember Campbell. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Campbell, Johnson, Douglas, Green, King
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 5 to 0
Absent: Weger, Boles

C. Consider and Discuss Capstone Meter Project Update.—Scott Williamson

Mr. Williamson updated the Council on the progress of the water meter project.

No action was taken on this item.

J. Consider and Discuss Resolution 2017-03-13-02

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION TO THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE DISASTER RELIEF FUND; AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR CITY MANAGER TO ACT AS THE CITY'S EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE IN ALL MATTERS PERTAINING TO THE CITY'S PARTICIPATION IN THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM.

Mayor King explained that he was jumping ahead in the agenda to accommodate Ms. Langford so that she could return to Austin in a timely manner.

Ms. Langford then explained that the city would be applying for a second time for disaster relief funds. The first application was rejected due to the temporary nature of the project worksheets. The new application will be made using permanent project worksheets for a greater likelihood of funding by the Texas Department of Agriculture.

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

Ayes: Councilmembers: Campbell, Johnson, Douglas, Green, King
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 5 to 0
Absent: Weger, Boles

D. Consider and Discuss Water Treatment Plant Update.—Jordan Hibbs

Mr. Hibbs addressed the Council with new information on the Water Treatment Plant Project. A categorical exclusion has been requested from Fish and Wildlife, Texas Historical Society, and the Army Corps of Engineers to expedite the process of environmental review. Additionally, CMAR documents will go out in April and he feels confident the city will be able to break ground on the new water treatment plant in early May.

No action was taken on this item.

E. Consider and Discuss Ordinance No. 0-2017-02

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 8 “FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION” ARTICLE 1; SECTION 8-2 “ADOPTION OF FIRE PREVENTION CODE” ADOPTING THE 2015 INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE; REPEALING ALL OTHER ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH; PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (*Second Reading*)

Motion was made by Councilmember Green to accept the ordinance as presented, second was made by Councilmember Campbell. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Campbell, Johnson, Douglas, Green, King
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 5 to 0
Absent: Weger, Boles

F. Consider and Discuss Ordinance No. 0-2017-4

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS, AMENDING SECTION 13-3.1 “SPEED LIMITS-ON SPECIFIC STREETS: OF THE CITY’S CODE OF ORDINANCES; DESIGNATING THAT THE SPEED LIMIT ON US 183 FROM MILE POINT 12.295 TO MILE POINT 12.495 (.200 MILES) BE DESIGNATED AS 35 MILES PER HOUR; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (*First Reading*)

Mayor King said this ordinance was a result of an upcoming construction project being done by TxDoT and will only change the speed limit for the duration of the project.

Motion was made by Councilmember Campbell to accept the ordinance as presented, second was made by Councilmember Douglas. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Campbell, Johnson, Douglas, Green, King
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 5 to 0
Absent: Weger, Boles

G. Consider and Discuss Ordinance No. 0-2017-05

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS, ADDING APPENDIX B “FRANCHISES” TO THE CITY’S CODE OF ORDINANCES AND GRANTING RAYMOND THREET, DBA, TNT RIDES, A FRANCHISE TO PROVIDE TAXI SERVICES WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS; PROVIDING AN AGREEMENT PRESCRIBING CONDITIONS, TERMS, AND REGULATIONS

GOVERNING THE OPERATION OF THE TAXI SERVICES; PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE WITH FRANCHISE; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLIC NOTICE PURSUANT TO THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT; ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND MAKING SUCH OTHER FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED HERETO (*First Reading*)

The Council had several questions about the franchise agreement, but Mr. Threet had been unable to attend the meeting. The Council decided to table this item until Mr. Threet could be available.

No action was taken on this item.

H. Consider and Discuss Resolution No. 2017-03-13

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS, APPROVING THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN TEXAS REVENUE RECOVERY ASSOCIATION AND THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS, PROVIDING FOR MEMBERSHIP IN A CONSORTIUM OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS WORKING TOGETHER TO COLLECT DELINQUENT UTILITY AND SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL SERVICES FEES AND DESIGNATION THE CITY MANAGER AS THE OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CITY OF CISCO RELATING TO THE PROGRAM.

Mr. Archer explained the purpose of the Association was to allow other cities to collect our outstanding utility bills for a small fee to help resolve some of the old unpaid bills. The Council felt that the participating cities were not close enough to Cisco to effectively collect from citizens that leave here to move to another city. Their concern was that we would not even recoup our membership fees. The suggestion was made to reach out to more local cities and see if they would like to join the association as well or discuss forming an association comprised of local cities in contiguous counties. The item was tabled pending those conversations.

No action was taken on this item.

I. Consider and Discuss Resolution No. 2017-03-13-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS, APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR GRANT ASSISTANCE FOR THE PURCHASE OF TWO PUBLIC WORKS VEHICLES.

Mr. Archer disclosed that upon finalization of the previous award from USDA for Police vehicles, the city was encouraged to re-apply as there were funds still available for disbursement. This resolution would allow the city to apply to receive those funds to be used to purchase two Public Works vehicles. He continued saying that this expenditure was not budgeted for this fiscal year so if approved, a budget amendment would need to be done. The Council had concerns regarding expending funds that were un-budgeted. They Mayor pointed out that the resolution only allowed for the application and did not commit the city to accepting the grant.

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

Ayes: Councilmembers: Campbell, Johnson, Douglas, Green, King
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 5 to 0
Absent: Weger, Boles

J. Consider and Discuss Resolution No. 2017-03-13-02

This item was taken care of earlier in the meeting.

K. Consider and Discuss Folklife Festival Proclamation

Mayor King read the Proclamation declaring April 29, 2017 as Folklife Festival Day.

Motion was made by Councilmember Green to accept the proclamation as presented, second was made by Councilmember Campbell. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Campbell, Johnson, Douglas, Green, King
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 5 to 0
Absent: Weger, Boles

L. Consider and Discuss Long Range Planning.

Councilmember Green asked for an update on the property located on W. 17th that was slated for demolition. Mr. Archer commented that the project had not yet begun and would likely not begin for several more weeks due to ongoing projects.

Councilmember Johnson asked about vehicles being stored at the city yard saying they are unsightly. Mr. Archer again said that he was working on getting enough to start an online auction of surplus items.

Councilmember Green inquired if there was a contingency for the upcoming rain season and the potential flooding that could result. Mayor King stated that he had plans to sit down with Mr. Archer and review the Emergency Action Plan prior to the start of the spring. Mayor King further questioned if TxDOT was going to put concrete on the new bridge berms to which Councilmember Johnson answered affirmatively.

Councilmember Douglas requested clarification on the city’s policy for livestock in the city limits. She has recently noticed a property in town with an abundance of animals and feel that the owners might be in violation. Mr. Archer said he would have the Animal Control Officer look into it.

Mr. Archer discussed roadwork that will be done on Front St, Bliss Ave., Sammy Dean St., and Golden Kinglet Ln.

In regard to a previous question from a Councilmember, Mr. Archer went on to inform the Council and guests that all the City Ordinances were online for review.

Lastly, Mr. Archer proudly apprised the Council that the City was officially in compliance on trihalomethanes and notice would be made to the public on the next utility billing cycle.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Councilmember Campbell to adjourn, second made by Councilmember Johnson. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

ATTEST:

Tammy Osborne, City Secretary

James King, Mayor
