

**THE CITY OF CISCO
CITY COUNCIL, REGULAR CALLED MEETING
May 11, 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 II _____ **RYAN JOHNSON (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:

COUNCILMEMBER PLACE I _____ **JASON WEGER**
COUNCILMEMBER PLACE III _____ **WILLARD JOHNSON**
COUNCILMEMBER PLACE IV _____ **ANDY ESCOBEDO**

Guests: Walter Fairbanks

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Mayor Douglas called the meeting to order at 6:02 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

V. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING CONDUCTED ON:

- April 27, 2020

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

Ayes: Councilmembers: R. Johnson, Forester, Boles, Douglas
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 4 to 0
Absent: Weger, W. Johnson, Escobedo

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

A. Consider and Discuss SAFER Grant Program.—Chief Walter Fairbanks

Chief Fairbanks explained that the SAFER Grant was a staffing grant to hire fire fighters to help with recruitment and retention of volunteers. He enumerated the details of the grant including cost to the city of approximately \$162,000.00 over three years. He further commented that applying for the grant did not obligate the city to expend any funds at this time. Mr. Archer asked Chief Fairbanks to expand on the necessity of the grant. Chief Fairbanks stated that with Cisco's booming development, there is a need for additional fire fighters that are not strictly volunteers because volunteers are not always able to respond or leave the department.

Motion was made by Councilmember R. Johnson to apply for the SAFER grant, second was made by Councilmember Boles. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: R. Johnson, Forester, Boles, Douglas
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 4 to 0
Absent: Weger, W. Johnson, Escobedo

B. Consider and Discuss Approval of Contract with TCEQ for Williamson Dam Evaluation.

Mr. Archer explained that the contract with TCEQ would be for an evaluation of Williamson Dam. Councilmember R. Johnson asked about the expiration date on the contract to which Mr. Archer answered that that was the projected date for the project to be complete, but also noted that if for some reason it wasn't complete by that time, a change order could be made.

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

Ayes: Councilmembers: R. Johnson, Forester, Boles, Douglas
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 4 to 0
Absent: Weger, W. Johnson, Escobedo

C. Consider and Discuss Municipal Judge Applications. (Executive Session)

The Council retired into Executive Session under Section 551.074 Personnel Matters at 6:22 p.m.

The Council reconvened into Regular Session at 6:29 p.m. and took no action.

D. Consider and Discuss Long Range Planning.

Mr. Archer stated that he had received initial estimates for the city's taxable values for the upcoming fiscal year at \$172,057,773.00 which is down from last year's initial estimate by approximately 1,900,000.00. He further explained that certified values would come at the end of July.

Mr. Archer also commented that the tire amnesty trailer would be in town for tire disposal on June 1, 2020 at the city shop and that City Hall would reopen on Monday, May 18, 2020, unless there were additional health advisories came out against it.

E. Announcements from City Council.

Councilmember Forester reminded everyone that the next meeting had been rescheduled to Tuesday, May 26, 2020, due to the Memorial Day holiday.

Mayor Douglas expressed pride in the businesses around town during the health disaster saying that sales tax revenues are up this month by around 40% from this point last year. Mr. Archer added that many other cities were struggling with sales tax revenues and that ours was up was a testament to the citizens shopping locally during the pandemic.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Councilmember Forester to adjourn, second made by Councilmember R. Johnson. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

ATTEST:



Tammy Osborne, City Secretary



Tammy Douglas, Mayor
