

**THE CITY OF CISCO
CITY COUNCIL, REGULAR CALLED MEETING
December 10, 2018**

**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	DENNIS CAMPBELL
COUNCILMEMBER PLACE III	WILLARD JOHNSON
COUNCILMEMBER PLACE IV	ANDY ESCOBEDO
COUNCILMEMBER PLACE V	STEPHEN FORESTER
COUNCILMEMBER PLACE VI	CHRIS JOHNSON

PERSONNEL PRESENT:

CITY MANAGER	DARWIN ARCHER
CITY SECRETARY	TAMMY OSBORNE

PERSONNEL ABSENT:

COUNCILMEMBER PLACE I	JASON WEGER
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Guests: Butch Petree, Kyle Wilks, Dion Wilcox, John Diers, John Francis, Del Brandt, Jane Nichols, Misty Bussell, Ken McCulloch, James Ramsey, Ronnie Ledbetter, Shannon Thompson, Diana Brown, Marcia Hale, Jay Slaughter, Teresa Slaughter, Roger Holm, Chris Williams, Shawne Hodge, Julie Wilks, Erick Macha, Blake McDowell, Lucas Wilson, Matthew Holm, Sampson Guthrie III, Sean Grose, Jody Bussey, Janie Strickland, John Cahill, Lynette Cahill, Ruth York, Joy Hedges, Kerry Hedges, Scott McAuley

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:

Several citizens, including John Francis, Dion Wilcox, and Kyle Wilks, discussed the Cisco Economic Development Corporations and the Village at Cisco Strip Mall project voicing concerns over its legality, the expenditure of funds, and its "speculative" nature.

Blake McDowell commented that he would like to see all street improvement options exhausted before the city proposes a bond election for the funds.

Councilmember Escobedo arrived at 6:09 p.m.

Shawna Hodge introduced herself as a new resident of the city and stated that she had come from Colorado where she was active in Economic Development and intends to get involved here as she makes Cisco her home.

Sam Guthrie discussed his own project at the Stripes Convenience Store and said that he did not feel that the city or the CDC has been supportive of that project indicating that he continues to have water and wastewater issues and he seeks relief for an easement error that has been ongoing for several years.

V. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING CONDUCTED ON:

- **November 19, 2018**
- **November 26, 2018**

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

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

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

A. Consider and Discuss Bond Election for Street Improvements.—Erick Macha

Mr. Macha with Hilltop Securities made presentation to the Council regarding having a bond election for street improvements including the timeline for calling the election, sample debt schedules and potential impact schedules.

No action was taken on this item.

B. Consider and Discuss Street Improvements Plan, Costs, and Funding.

Mr. Archer informed the Council and guests that the city was currently spending around \$37,000.00 per mile for street improvements with city employees completing the work utilizing the county's machinery. Further research provided by the city's engineers estimate that to contract the labor and do complete pave, curb, and gutter of streets would cost in the neighborhood of \$679,000.00 per mile. Two course chip seal, which is the current method of paving would be \$95,000.00 without base, and \$402,000.00 with base stabilization per mile. He further commented that these costs reflect only the street repair, and legitimate cost estimates would need to include upgrading water and/or wastewater lines as well. The Council continued to discuss the different options and costs of improving city streets and what would work best with the city's budget, tax base, debt service, and workforce.

No action was taken on this item.

C. Consider, Discuss, and Potentially Award Bid for Oil Changes on City Vehicles.

Mayor Douglas stated that only one bid was received on time and one bid was received unsealed and after the procurement time limit had expired. Mayor Douglas recommended that the improper bid be disqualified, leaving the remaining bid from Precision Tire at a cost of \$21.95-\$34.84 depending on the vehicle.

Motion was made by Councilmember Forester to accept bid from Precision Tire for oil changes on city vehicles, second was made by Councilmember W. Johnson. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

D. Consider, Discuss and Approve the Award of Grant Preparation and with Funding Administration to Langford Community Management Services for the 2019-2020 Texas Department of Agriculture Community Development Block Grant Program.

Mr. Archer explained that the city is currently preparing to apply for the TxCDBG grant for 2019-2020 for wastewater improvements. He further informed the Council that Langford Community Management Services was the only firm to respond to the city's Request for Proposal.

Motion was made by Councilmember Forester to award the contract for grant preparation with funding administration for the 2019-2020 Texas Department of Agriculture Community Development Block Grant to Langford Community Management Services, second was made by Councilmember C. Johnson. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

E. Consider and Discuss Ordinance No. 0-2018-19

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 6 “BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS” OF THE CITY’S CODE OF ORDINANCES, SPECIFICALLY ARTICLE VII “FENCING/SCREENING REQUIREMENTS”; CHANGING THE PROCEDURE FOR REQUESTING A VARIANCE; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Second Reading)

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

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

F. Consider and Discuss Ordinance No. 0-2018-20

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS, AMENDING CERTAIN SUBSECTIONS OF SECTION 20-18 “UTILITIES” OF THE CITY’S CODE OF ORDINANCES AMENDING WATER TAPPING FEES; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (First Reading)

Mr. Archer presented the amended ordinance explaining that the charges for meters and required equipment has risen and the proposed fees represent the city’s “break even” costs for tapping.

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

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

G. Consider and Discuss Resolution No. 2018-12-10

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS, APPROVING A PROJECT OF THE CISCO DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, TO-WIT: AN EXPENDITURE OF \$557,000.00 TO DONNIE SECHREST CONSTRUCTION INC. FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE VILLAGE AT CISCO STRIP MALL; COMPLYING WITH SECTIONS 501.103 AND 505.158 OF THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE; PROVIDING FOR TWO SEPARATE READINGS CONDUCTED AT AN OPEN MEETING HELD IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 551 TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Motion was made by Councilmember C. Johnson to table the item, second was made by Councilmember Escobedo. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

H. Consider and Discuss Cooperative Mental Health Officer.

Mr. Archer explained that there was a county-wide need for a Mental Health Officer who would assume specific duties related to handling mental health cases, thus relieving on-duty officers from incurring overtime and being taken away from their regular duties. The City of Eastland has applied for a grant to cover the costs of the position and Mr. Archer would like the Council to allow the Cisco Police Department to carry that officer’s commission.

Motion was made by Councilmember Forester to accept carrying the commission of the Eastland County Mental Health Officer, second was made by Councilmember Escobedo. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

I. Consider and Discuss Water Treatment Plant Update.

Mr. Archer said that inclement weather had delayed the project about 20 days, but he still expected significant completion by the first of the year and full completion sometime probably in February. Councilmember Forester inquired about the Utility Surcharge Fee and Mr. Archer reiterated that the fee would be charged for 90 days beyond the completion date. Councilmember Forester also asked about relief from the water restrictions and Mr. Archer answered that the water restrictions would remain in place until such time that the plant was fully functional and strict conservation was no longer necessary.

J. Consider and Discuss Long Range Planning.

Mr. Archer reminded the Council that there will be a Called Meeting next Monday, December 17, 2018 and that City offices will be closed December 24-26 for the Christmas holiday and again on January 1, 2019 for New Year’s Day.

K. Announcements from City Council.

Councilmember Campbell thanked the guests for their attendance and engagement at the meeting.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Councilmember C. Johnson to adjourn, second made by Councilmember W. Johnson. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

ATTEST:

Tammy Osborne, City Secretary

Tammy Douglas, Mayor
