

**THE CITY OF CISCO
CITY COUNCIL, REGULAR CALLED MEETING
March 11, 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:

MAYOR _____	TAMMY DOUGLAS
COUNCILMEMBER PLACE I _____	JASON WEGER
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:

Guests: John Diers, Jay Slaughter, Teresa Slaughter, Blake McDowell, Jane Nichols, Matt Holm, Randy Johnson, Walter Fairbanks, Nathaniel Bitterman, Ian Leker, Lucas Wilson, Ryan Haggard, Jon Francis, Dale Carney, Dan Brook, Chance York, Sean Grose,

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:

Randy Johnson gave a brief update of progress on the Water Treatment Plant.

Jon Francis addressed the Council regarding the Village at Cisco saying that the projected cost is misleading because it represents only the shell of the building. He encouraged the Council to find out more information on final costs before taking a vote. He further stated he felt the citizens had spoken resoundingly in favor of petitioning the city to reduce funds to the CDC and C4ADC in favor of creating a Street Maintenance Tax and implored the Council to place the proposition on the ballot.

V. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING CONDUCTED ON:

- **February 25, 2019**

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

Ayes: Councilmembers: Weger, Campbell, W. Johnson, Escobedo, Forester, C. Johnson, Douglas
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 7 to 0
Absent: None

VI. CITY LAKES AND RESERVOIRS ORDINANCE WORKSHOP.

Councilmember Campbell began discussion saying that he felt the only change necessary would be to limit the length of boat dock by non-leaseholders to 60 feet from the water's edge including the walkway for those docks on the South Shore only.

Councilmember Weger suggested repealing the sections pertaining to the Recreation Permits, saying that the city hadn't enforced the regulation in years and when it was enforced, it was a money losing venture.

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

A. Consider and Discuss Taking Bids on City Owned Property Located at 218 W. 8th Street.

Mayor Douglas explained that this item was brought to the last meeting, but the address was incorrectly stated as 210 W. 8th Street.

Motion was made by Councilmember Forester to accept bids on 218 W. 8th Street, second was made by Councilmember W. Johnson. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Weger, Campbell, W. Johnson, Escobedo, Forester, C. Johnson, Douglas
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 7 to 0
Absent: None

B. Consider and Discuss Acquiring Property Located at Ash & E. 20th Streets.

Mr. Archer informed the Council that the current owner has cleaned the property and now wishes to deed the property to the city. His recommendation is that the city has no need for the property and should not accept it.

Motion was made by Councilmember W. Johnson not to acquire the property, second was made by Councilmember C. Johnson. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Weger, Campbell, W. Johnson, Escobedo, Forester, C. Johnson, Douglas
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 7 to 0
Absent: None

C. Consider and Discuss Resolution No. 03-11-19

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CONTINUED PARTICIPATION WITH THE ATMOS CITIES STEERING COMMITTEE; AND AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF FIVE CENTS PER CAPITA TO THE ATMOS CITIES STEERING COMMITTEE TO FUND REGULATORY AND RELATED ACTIVITIES RELATED TO ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION.

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

Ayes: Councilmembers: Weger, Campbell, W. Johnson, Escobedo, Forester, C. Johnson, Douglas
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 7 to 0
Absent: None

D. Consider and Discuss Resolution No. 03-11-19-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS, APPROVING A TYPE B ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT AND AGREEMENT, FOR THE CISCO DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO PROVIDE AND EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$557,000.00 FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PURPOSES, AUTHORIZED PURSUANT TO SECTION 505.158 OF THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

Councilmember C. Johnson requested moving the discussion of this item to after Items G & H.

E. Consider and Discuss Presentation, Public Comments, and Submission of the Eastland County Multi-Jurisdictional FEMA Hazard Mitigation Action Plan to TDEM and FEMA.

The City Secretary indicated that no public comments had been received.

Motion was made by Councilmember C. Johnson to accept the submission of the hazard mitigation action plan to TDEM and FEMA, second was made by Councilmember Weger. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Weger, Campbell, W. Johnson, Escobedo, Forester, C. Johnson, Douglas
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 7 to 0
Absent: None

F. Consider and Discuss Applying for a Parks & Recreation Grant.

Mr. Archer presented the Council with an opportunity to apply for a grant through the Texas Department of Parks and Wildlife to improve a city park. The grant would require matching funds of 50%. Mayor Douglas reiterated that this item would be only to allow the city to move forward with the application process and would not commit the city to expending any funds at this time.

Motion was made by Councilmember Forester to approve application for the grant, second was made by Councilmember C. Johnson. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Weger, Campbell, W. Johnson, Escobedo, Forester, C. Johnson, Douglas
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 7 to 0
Absent: None

G. Consider and Discuss City Secretary's Certification of Petition Filed February 12, 2019.

Mayor Douglas explained that the City Secretary received the petition on February 12, 2019 and she had conducted signature verification concluding that the petition contained the specified number of signatures and the proper affidavit attached.

Motion was made by Councilmember C. Johnson to accept City Secretary's certification of petition, second was made by Councilmember Forester. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Weger, Campbell, W. Johnson, Escobedo, Forester, C. Johnson, Douglas
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 7 to 0
Absent: None

H. Consider and Discuss Petition Filed February 12, 2019.

Mayor Douglas read the petition requesting a reduction of sales tax funds to the CDC and C4ADC and creating a Street Maintenance Tax and explained the options for accepting or rejecting the petition. The Council discussed the timing of the petition submission and why the petition could not be placed on the May General Election ballot. The City Secretary explained that the Election Code states that an election must be called during a specific period prior to Election Day and the deadline to call that election was February 15, 2019.

Motion was made by Councilmember C. Johnson to direct the City Secretary to establish proper ballot language and place the petition proposition on the next uniform election date of November 5, 2019, second was made by Councilmember W. Johnson. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Weger, Campbell, W. Johnson, Escobedo, Forester, C. Johnson, Douglas
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 7 to 0
Absent: None

At this time, the Council returned to Item D. Consider and Discuss Resolution No. 03-11-19-01:

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS, APPROVING A TYPE B ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT AND AGREEMENT, FOR THE CISCO DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO PROVIDE AND EXPEND FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$557,000.00 FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PURPOSES, AUTHORIZED PURSUANT TO SECTION 505.158 OF THE TEXAS LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.

Councilmember Forester asked if the pending election would potentially affect the proposed project. Mr. Diers explained that if the measure on the ballot was passed and the CDC and C4ADC was defunded, the city would maintain control of all assets owned by the two corporations so he feels that it would not affect the project. Councilmember C. Johnson expressed concern over voting to move the project forward until the outcome of the election is known.

Motion was made by Councilmember C. Johnson to table the resolution until election results are certified. Motion died for lack of a second.

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

Ayes: Councilmembers: Weger, Campbell, W. Johnson, Forester, Douglas
Nays: Escobedo, C. Johnson/Motion Carries
Voted: 5 to 2
Absent: None

I. Consider and Discuss Long Range Planning.

Mr. Archer presented upcoming events including the Grand Opening of the Laguna Hotel Lofts on March 21, 2019; City wide clean up and the World Record attempt by Bryan Jackson will take place on April 13, 2019 and city offices will be closed in observance of Good Friday on April 19, 2019. The following weekend will be Folklife Festival.

J. Announcements from City Council.

Mayor Douglas acknowledged members of the Fire Department for attendance at the meeting and appreciation for their efforts.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Councilmember Forester to adjourn, second made by Councilmember Weger. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

ATTEST:

Tammy Osborne, City Secretary

Tammy Douglas, Mayor
