

THE CITY OF CISCO
CITY COUNCIL, REGULAR CALLED MEETING
April 23, 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 I	JASON WEGER
COUNCILMEMBER PLACE II	DENNIS CAMPBELL
COUNCILMEMBER PLACE III	WILLARD JOHNSON
COUNCILMEMBER PLACE IV	RANDY BOLES
COUNCILMEMBER PLACE V	STEPHEN FORESTER
COUNCILMEMBER PLACE VI	CHRIS JOHNSON

PERSONNEL PRESENT:

CITY MANAGER	DARWIN ARCHER
CITY SECRETARY	TAMMY OSBORNE

PERSONNEL ABSENT:

Guests: Scott McCauley, Walter Fairbanks, Mary Rains, Butch Petree, Teresa Slaughter, Jay Slaughter, Kolton Preston, Paul Flores, John Diers, Peggy Ledbetter, Shun Chriesman, Connie Vick

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:

Mr. Shun Chriesman requested that the Council consider granting a variance to the Sex Offender Ordinance and allow him to live in his family home which falls within a prohibited area.

V. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING CONDUCTED:

April 9, 2018

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

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

VI. QUARTERLY REPORTS:

- Quarterly Fire Department Report-Chief Fairbanks presented the Quarterly Fire Department Report.
- Quarterly Financial Report-Peggy. Ledbetter presented the Quarterly Financial Report
- Quarterly Court Report-Tammy Osborne presented the Quarterly Court Report.
- Quarterly Police Report-Chief McAuley presented the Quarterly Police Report.
- Quarterly Public Works Report-Butch Petree presented the Quarterly Public Works Report.
- Quarterly Street Department Report-Paul Flores presented the Quarterly Street Department Report.
- Quarterly Water Treatment Plant Report-Darwin Archer presented the Water Treatment Plant Report.

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

Due to a scheduling conflict, Councilmember Forester requested that the Council consider Item H first on the agenda since he had requested the item and would need to leave the meeting early. The Council agreed and discussed Item H: Consider and Discuss Opening the City Swimming Pool first.

A. Consider and Discuss Approving Expenditure by Cisco Development Corporation for Purchase of 306 Conrad Hilton Blvd.—John Diers

Mr. John Diers explained that in an effort to continue the downtown revitalization, the CDC had reached out to all the remaining downtown building owners that have not been restored. The owner of this property did express an interest in selling the property and the CDC Board approved an offer of \$25,000.00. Mr. Diers would need Council approval for the expenditure.

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

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

B. Consider and Discuss Approving Expenditure by Cisco Development Corporation for the Purchase of 106 W. 11th St.—John Diers

Mr. Diers again addressed the Council regarding purchasing this property and the CDC Board had additionally approved an offer of \$25,000.00 as well. He went on to state that the intention is not to refurbish this property, but to clear the lot for potential future development.

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

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

C. Consider and Discuss Ordinance No. 0-2018-04

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS AMENDING CERTAIN SUBSECTIONS OF CHAPTER 5 “ANIMALS AND FOWL” OF THE CITY’S CODE OF ORDINANCES; SPECIFICALLY SECTION 5-16 “DEFINITIONS” ADDING A DEFINITION FOR SHELTER; SECTION 5-62 ADDING ADDITIONAL SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS; AND ADDING SECTION 5-65 “COMPLIANCE STANDARDS”; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (*Second Reading*)

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

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

D. Consider and Discuss Ordinance No. 0-2018-05

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS AMENDING CHAPTER 13 “MOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC” OF THE CITY’S CODE OF ORDINANCES, ADDING ARTICLE VI “PARKING, STORAGE, AND OCCUPANCY OF RECREATIONAL VEHICLES”; PROVIDING A PENALTY CLAUSE; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (First Reading)

Mr. Archer commented on the changes that had been made since the last presentation of the ordinance. Councilmember Weger expressed displeasure at the over-regulatory nature of the ordinance. He stated that he felt after passing the comprehensive planning and zoning ordinance and the currently standing code enforcement ordinances that this would be overly burdensome to citizens. He went on record as not in favor of the ordinance.

Councilmember Forester left at 6:46 p.m.

Motion was made by Councilmember Campbell to accept ordinance as presented, second was made by Councilmember Boles. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Campbell, Boles, Douglas
Nays: Weger, W. Johnson, C. Johnson/Motion Does Not Carry
Voted: 3 to 3
Absent: Forester

E. Consider and Discuss Ordinance No. 0-2018-06

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS, AMENDING SECTION 10-19 “RATES” OF THE CITY’S CODE OF ORDINANCES ESTABLISHING SANITATION RATES; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Second Reading)

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

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

F. Consider and Discuss Resolution No. 2018-04-23

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS, FINDING THAT AEP TEXAS INC.’S APPLICATION TO AMEND ITS DISTRIBUTION COST RECOVERY FACTORS TO INCREASE DISTRIBUTION RATES 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 NOTICE OF THIS RESOLUTION TO THE COMPANY AND LEGAL COUNSEL.

Mr. Archer explained that the purpose of the resolution was to deny a rate increase by AEP.

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

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

G. Consider and Discuss Convenience Station Ordinance.

Mr. Archer stated that the topic of concern is an issue of individuals using their residential dumping privilege for commercial endeavors. The Council discussed the merits and disadvantages of allowing the practice, namely, that any cleanup in town is beneficial, but the cost of letting people dump refuse from outside the city limits can be extreme and the city reaps no benefit. Councilmember Campbell explained that another city has a software program that allows the city to assign each property an amount of refuse allowed to be dumped for a monthly fee. The Council asked the City Manager to look into a tracking system for the Convenience Station.

No action was taken on this item.

H. Consider and Discuss Opening City Swimming Pool.

Councilmember Forester had asked for this item to be on the agenda to discuss opening the pool this summer even if for an abbreviated period of time. Mr. Archer countered with three points of concern: first being that the pumping capacity of the temporary water treatment plant has not changed since last summer and with construction ongoing, there are likely to be scenarios that will lead to limited supply; second that the upstart cost to open the pool will be significant because it has not been operational for the last two years and those costs were not budgeted for this year; and lastly, that the public perception would be poor since citizens could not water their lawns or fill their own personal pools. Mr. Archer continued by saying that he felt opening the pool this summer for any period was very ill advised. The Council grudgingly agreed and discussed tying to budget for opening the pool next summer since the water treatment plant would be online by then.

No action was taken on this item.

I. Consider and Discuss Long Range Planning.

Mr. Archer ran through a list of upcoming events and asked the Council about scheduling Budget Workshops on April 30, 2018 and May 10, 2018. He went on to say that a retirement party for Sergeant Investigator Doyle Seabourne would be Thursday at 9:00 a.m. Lastly, he reminded the Council and guests that City Hall would be closed for Memorial Day and invited the Council to attend his graduation from the Certified Public Management program.

J. Announcements from City Council.

Councilmember C. Johnson thanked all the city employees that volunteered to work the city clean up event.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Councilmember Boles to adjourn, second made by Councilmember C. Johnson. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

ATTEST:

Tammy Osborne, City Secretary

Tammy Douglas, Mayor
