

**THE CITY OF CISCO  
CITY COUNCIL, REGULAR CALLED MEETING  
June 8, 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:**

<b>MAYOR</b> _____	<b>TAMMY DOUGLAS</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER PLACE I</b> _____	<b>JASON WEGER</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER PLACE III</b> _____	<b>WILLARD JOHNSON</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER PLACE IV</b> _____	<b>ANDY ESCOBEDO</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER PLACE V</b> _____	<b>STEPHEN FORESTER</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER PLACE VI</b> _____	<b>HEATHER BOLES</b>

**PERSONNEL PRESENT:**

<b>CITY MANAGER</b> _____	<b>DARWIN ARCHER</b>
<b>CITY SECRETARY</b> _____	<b>TAMMY OSBORNE</b>

**PERSONNEL ABSENT:**

<b>COUNCILMEMBER PLACE II</b> _____	<b>RYAN JOHNSON</b>
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Guests: John Diers, Justin Jaworski, Butch Petree, Misty Bussell, Jeff Datray, Kenny Miller, Debbie Miller, Bill Starr, Michelle Starr, Val Loftin, Lucas Wilson, Diana Brown, Colby Meyer, James Meyer

**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. John Diers made a brief statement in favor of removing open container restrictions in downtown and Lake Cisco, saying he felt it would improve tourism and the general economy of the city.

Diana Brown also spoke in favor of lifting the open container restrictions.

Colby Meyer addressed the Council regarding problems he is seeing as a Lake Cisco resident with boats and jet skis causing damage to personal property, and visitors not adhering to rules and regulations at the public boat dock and the lake in general.

James Meyer echoed his son's previous comments saying that boaters are not exercising proper caution which he feels will likely result in injury and personal property damage.

Robert Johnston additionally spoke in favor of repealing the open container ordinances downtown and at Lake Cisco. He further added that he also thought the lake needed more patrol.

Lastly, Jason Miller spoke in favor of lifting open container restrictions at the lake and downtown.

**V. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING CONDUCTED ON:**

- **May 26, 2020**

Motion was made by Councilmember Forester to accept the minutes with amended date, second was made by Councilmember Weger. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

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

**A. Consider and Discuss Ordinance No. 0-2020-01**

**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 5-34 “CONFINEMENT FOR OBSERVATION”, ADDING ITEM € TO INCLUDE A HOUSING FEE FOR OTHER ENTITIES THAT REQUEST HOUSING OF AN IMPOUNDED DOG IN THE CISCO ANIMAL CONTROL FACILITY. (*Second Reading*)**

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

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

**B. Consider and Discuss Ordinance No. 0-2020-02**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 16 “PARKS AND RECREATION” OF THE CITY’S CODE OF ORDINANCES, SPECIFICALLY REPEALING ARTICLE 1 “CITY LAKES AND RESERVOIRS”, SECTION 16-19 “OPEN CONTAINERS AND CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES PROHIBITED AT LAKE CISCO AND WILLIAMSON DAM”; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (*First Reading*)**

Councilmember Weger stated that he was in favor of this action because citizens will be responsible for themselves and if they don’t behave responsibly, there are other laws to enforce to curb dangerous behavior.

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

Ayes: Councilmembers: Weger, Escobedo, Boles, Douglas  
Nays: W. Johnson, Forester/Motion Carries  
Voted: 4 to 2  
Absent: R. Johnson

**C. Consider and Discuss Ordinance No. 0-2020-03**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 4 “ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES” OF THE CITY’S CODE OF ORDINANCES, SPECIFICALLY AMENDING ARTICLE 1 “IN GENERAL”, SECTION 4-2 “POSSESSION AND CONSUMPTION PROHIBITIONS”; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (*First Reading*)**

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding many aspects of repealing the open container ordinance for the downtown corridor. Questions were about whether or not business would allow the open containers inside their stores and if the Council should consider time limits for the measure. Chief Preston, Councilmember Boles, and Councilmember Escobedo all agreed time limits would be appropriate, but Councilmembers Weger and W. Johnson countered that enforcement of certain times would become too arduous and thought the restrictions should just be completely lifted in the area defined as the downtown corridor.

Mayor Douglas read aloud for the record several emails she had received in favor of removing the restriction.

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

Ayes: Councilmembers: Weger, W. Johnson, Escobedo, Boles, Douglas  
Nays: Forester/Motion Carries  
Voted: 5 to 1  
Absent: R. Johnson

**D. Consider and Discuss Resolution No. 2020-06-08**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS, DECLARING THE CITY OF CISCO A SANCTUARY CITY FOR ALL BUSINESSES.**

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, W. Johnson, Escobedo, Forester, Boles, Douglas  
Nays: None/Motion Carries  
Voted: 6 to 0  
Absent: R. Johnson

**E. Consider and Discuss Abandonment of Right of Way on E. 15<sup>th</sup> Street Between Humble and Walnut.—Jeff Dattray**

Mr. Dattray explained that a portion of his home sits in the right of way and he would like to expand his living quarters, but is unable to do so unless the city abandons the right-of-way. Mr. Archer added that the street was unimproved, but the city would maintain any utility easements in the street.

Motion was made by Councilmember Weger to abandon the right of way on E. 15<sup>th</sup> St. between Humble and Walnut, second was made by Councilmember Forester. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

**F. Consider and Discuss Purchase of Rescue Boat Using Fire Department Contingency Funds.—Chief Fairbanks**

Chief Fairbanks presented to the Council a proposal to purchase a rescue boat for use at Lake Cisco for \$15,542.00. He explained that the current boat was 37 years old and inoperable. The Fire Department contingency fund has more than enough revenue to cover the purchase.

Motion was made by Councilmember W. Johnson to approve purchase of rescue boat, second was made by Councilmember Escobedo. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

**G. Consider and Discuss Long Range Planning.**

Councilmembers Weger and W. Johnson both stated that the city needs a boat to patrol the lake. The rest of the Council agreed and Councilmember Forester asked that the item be placed on the next agenda for discussion.

**H. Announcements from City Council.**

None.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Councilmember Forester to adjourn, second made by Councilmember Boles. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

**ATTEST:**



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**Tammy Osborne, City Secretary**



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**Tammy Douglas, Mayor**

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