

**THE CITY OF CISCO
CITY COUNCIL, REGULAR CALLED MEETING
March 27, 2017**

**CISCO, TEXAS §
EASTLAND, COUNTY §**

The City Council of the City of Cisco met in a regular called *session* at the Cisco City Hall in Cisco as scheduled, and notice was posted 72 hours in advance and prior to the meeting.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

MAYOR	JAMES KING
COUNCILMEMBER PLACE II	DENNIS CAMPBELL
COUNCILMEMBER PLACE III	WILLARD JOHNSON
COUNCILMEMBER PLACE V	TAMMY DOUGLAS
COUNCILMEMBER PLACE VI	PHILIP GREEN

PERSONNEL PRESENT:

CITY MANAGER	DARWIN ARCHER
CITY SECRETARY	TAMMY OSBORNE

PERSONNEL ABSENT:

COUNCILMEMBER PLACE I	JASON WEGER
COUNCILMEMBER PLACE IV	RANDY BOLES

Guests: Gina Hopwood, Ronald Bessette, Butch Petree, Brittney Smith, Chris Johnson, Raymond Threet, Jeanie Pruitt, John Diers, Peggy Ledbetter, Larry Weikel, Carolyn Elmore

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Mayor King called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

II. PLEDGES

- A. Pledge of Allegiance
- B. Pledge to the Texas Flag

III. INVOCATION:

Councilmember Green gave the invocation.

IV. CITIZEN-VISITOR COMMENTS:

Mrs. Jeanie Pruitt of the Ranger Historical Preservation Society addressed the Council regarding the centennial celebration of the Ranger Oil Boom. Mrs. Pruitt is asking local communities to be involved in the event. There will be a parade and other activities to commemorate the anniversary.

V. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING CONDUCTED:

March 13, 2017

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

Ayes: Councilmembers: Campbell, Johnson, Douglas, Green, King
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 5 to 0
Absent: Weger, Boles

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

A. Consider and Discuss Ordinance No. 0-2017-4

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS, AMENDING SECTION 13-3.1 “SPEED LIMITS-ON SPECIFIC STREETS: OF THE CITY’S CODE OF ORDINANCES; DESIGNATING THAT THE SPEED LIMIT ON US 183 FROM MILE POINT 12.295 TO MILE POINT 12.495 (.200 MILES) BE DESIGNATED AS 35 MILES PER HOUR; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (*Second Reading*)

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

Ayes: Councilmembers: Campbell, Johnson, Douglas, Green, King
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 5 to 0
Absent: Weger, Boles

B. Consider and Discuss Ordinance No. 0-2017-05

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS, ADDING APPENDIX B “FRANCHISES” TO THE CITY’S CODE OF DRDINANCES AND GRANTING RAYMOND THREET, DBA, TNT RIDES, A FRANCHISE TO PROVIDE TAXI SERVICES WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS; PROVIDING AN AGREEMENT PRESCRIBING CONDITIONS, TERMS, AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE OPERATION OF THE TAXI SERVICES; PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE WITH FRANCHISE; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR PUBLIC NOTICE PURSUANT TO THE OPEN MEETINS ACT; ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND MAKING SUCH OTHER FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED HERETO (*First Reading*)

Mr. Threet appeared before the Council and presented documents and answered questions regarding his criminal background check, insurance coverage, and rate information.

Motion was made by Councilmember Johnson to strike application fee from the proposed permit, second was made by Councilmember Campbell. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Campbell, Johnson, Douglas, Green, King
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 5 to 0
Absent: Weger, Boles

Motion was made by Councilmember Green to show permit fees on Exhibit A of the proposed ordinance, second was made by Councilmember Campbell. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Campbell, Johnson, Douglas, Green, King
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 5 to 0
Absent: Weger, Boles

Motion was made by Councilmember Campbell to set maximum rate at \$5.00 per mile, second was made by Councilmember Green. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Campbell, Johnson, Douglas, Green, King
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 5 to 0
Absent: Weger, Boles

Motion was made by Councilmember Green to accept the ordinance with the agreed amendments, second was made by Councilmember Johnson. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Campbell, Johnson, Douglas, Green, King
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 5 to 0
Absent: Weger, Boles

C. Consider and Discuss Membership with the Cisco Chamber of Commerce.—Brittney Smith

Ms. Smith presented the Council with packets highlighting the benefits of Chamber membership. She explained that she felt the Chamber could assist the city with increased exposure and communication with the public. She further commented that dues would be \$500.00 annually. Mr. Archer encouraged membership, but he did add that the dues were not a budgeted expense for this fiscal year and membership would require a budget amendment.

Motion was made by Councilmember Douglas to become members of the Chamber of Commerce and pay dues quarterly, second was made by Councilmember Green. Motion prevailed by the following vote;

Ayes: Councilmembers: Campbell, Johnson, Douglas, Green, King
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 5 to 0
Absent: Weger, Boles

D. Consider and Discuss “Clean Sweep” by Code Enforcement.

Mr. Archer informed the Council that pursuant to recent survey results, he had enacted a program to try to give citizens incentives to clean up their properties. A media campaign would begin on April 1st and then the public would have ample time and opportunity to clear properties prior to citations being issued. He further explained that the city wide clean up would be open to all citizens with free roll off containers on April 22, 2017 and use of the convenience station is unlimited with payment of the convenience station fee on all utility bills. Citations will start being issued on April 24, 2017 for all non-compliance on high grass, weeds, debris, and junk vehicles.

No action was taken on this item.

E. Consider and Discuss Grant Update.

Mr. Archer again addressed the Council regarding all active grants the city is pursuing. At present the city has 18 active grants and Mr. Archer presented the Council with a handout outlining the projects, amounts, and progress of all of the grants.

No action was taken on this item.

F. Consider and Discuss Street Improvements.

Again, Mr. Archer gave an update of current street projects and indicated that FEMA funds are being used for the majority of street work happening currently. He proposed a 3 year timeline to complete the roadwork, saying a shorter time frame would overtax the street department’s ability to effectively perform the work. He further indicated that doing the work in 3 years would help align the funding with normally budgeted amounts for street improvements.

No action was taken on this item.

G. Consider and Discuss Water Treatment Plant Update.

Mr. Archer stated that initial design is being finalized and that two of the three required environmental clearances had been received and word of the third clearance had been verbally communicated earlier in the day. Four of the five remaining cabins in the proposed area will be removed with the fifth being preserved for potential historical restoration. An official ground breaking ceremony will be scheduled soon.

No action was taken on this item.

H. Consider and Discuss 208 Tourist St. (Executive Session)

The Council retired into Executive Session Under Section 551.072 Real Property at 7:03 p.m.

The Council reconvened into Regular Session at 7:22 p.m.

Motion was made by Councilmember Green to accept ownership of 208 Tourist St, second was made by Councilmember Johnson. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Campbell, Johnson, Douglas, Green, King
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 5 to 0
Absent: Weger, Boles

I. Consider and Discuss Long Range Planning.

Councilmember Green inquired about safe parking for city owned vehicles following the recent vandalism they sustained. Mr. Archer countered that all vehicles are now stored in a secure location and the suspects in that crime had been arrested and charged.

Councilmember Green also asked about the Early Voting period to which the City Secretary replied: April 24, 2017-May 2, 2017 and late days will be the 25th and the 2nd.

Councilmember Green went on to inform Mr. Archer that there is a section of brick buckling around the 1000 block of W. 9th St. that could potentially damage vehicles. The Council discussed possible solutions including both patching and restoring the brick or simply pulling the brick up and making repairs.

Councilmember Green further asked as to whether or not the city could get a grant to purchase a culvert cleaning vehicle that had been discussed earlier in the year. Mr. Archer said he wasn't aware of any such grant, but one could be purchased for around \$30,000.00. Councilmember Green would like to discuss officially.

Councilmember Douglas asked about the abundance of animals on W. 13th St. and wondered if that property was in compliance with city ordinance. Mr. Archer commented that the Animal Control Officer was already aware and addressing the issue.

Councilmember Douglas also asked about rules regarding hunting on property outside the city limits, yet still in the extra-territorial jurisdiction. Mr. Archer said he would have to verify regulations with the City Attorney.

Mr. Archer concluded the meeting with a list of upcoming events:

- City Offices will be closed on April 14, 2017 in observance of Good Friday.
- April 22, 2017 will be the City wide cleanup event.
- April 29, 2017 will be the Folklife Festival.
- And the second weekend in June will bring the Pie Fest to town.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Councilmember Campbell to adjourn, second made by Councilmember Johnson. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

ATTEST:

Tammy Osborne, City Secretary

James King, Mayor
