

**THE CITY OF CISCO  
CITY COUNCIL, REGULAR CALLED MEETING  
September 28, 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 II</b> _____	<b>RYAN 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>

**MEMBERS/PERSONNEL ABSENT:**

<b>COUNCILMEMBER PLACE III</b> _____	<b>WILLARD JOHNSON</b>
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Guests: Dixie Courtney, Rick Bhakta, Walter Fairbanks, Jake Lawrence, Rudy Segura

**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:**

None

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

- September 14, 2020

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

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

**A. Consider Approval of Audit for the City of Cisco's Fiscal Year 2018-2019—Cameron Gulley**

Mr. Archer explained that the audit was not yet complete and presentation would have to be rescheduled until October 13, 2020.

No action was taken on this item.

**B. Consider and Discuss Ordinance No. 0-2020-12**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS, ADJUSTING AND AMENDING THE CITY'S FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020 BUDGET; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (Second Reading)**

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

**C. Consider and Discuss Ordinance No. 0-2020-13**

**ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS, GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2020; APPOINTING A PRICING OFFICER AND DELEGATING TO THE PRICING OFFICER THE AUTHORITY TO APPROVE THE SALE OF THE BONDS; LEVYING AN ANNUAL AD VALOREM TAX AND PROVIDING FOR THE SECURITY FOR AND PAYMENT OF SAID BONDS; AND ENACTING OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING TO THE SUBJECT. (First Reading)**

Mr. Lawrence of Government Capital made presentation to the Council regarding the refinance of bonds at a lower interest rate. He indicated that if all provisions were met, the city could save approximately \$500,000.00 in interest payments.

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

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

**D. Consider and Discuss Cooperative Ambulance Contract.**

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

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

**E. Consider and Discuss Cooperative Dispatch Interlocal Agreement.**

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

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

**F. Consider and Discuss Fire Fighting Contract.—Chief Walter Fairbanks**

Chief Fairbanks presented the contract and reviewed his perceived disparity between the city's call volume in the county compared to the funding from the county.

Motion was made by Councilmember Forester to approve contract as provided, second was made by Councilmember R. Johnson. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

**G. Consider and Discuss Applying for Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) Through Texas Department of Emergency Management.**

Mr. Archer explained that Texas Department of Emergency Management was offering the CRF for cities to be compensated for expenses above normal budgeted amounts due to coronavirus expenses from March 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020. The city could be eligible for up to \$212,000.00.

Motion was made by Councilmember R. Johnson to apply for the Coronavirus Relief Fund, second was made by Councilmember Forester. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

**H. Consider and Discuss Engaging Tri-Stem for Cost Recovery and Savings Audit of Utilities, Franchise Fees, & Sales Tax.**

Mr. Archer further commented that Tri-Stem will audit the city's utility bills, sales tax, and franchise fees to see if the city is being over charged or under paid. There will be no upfront cost to the city, but Tri-Stem will take 35% of any monies recovered.

Motion was made by Councilmember Weger to participate in the cost recovery audit with Tri-Stem, second was made by Councilmember Boles. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

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

None.

**J. 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 6:59 p.m.

**ATTEST:**



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**Tammy Osborne, City Secretary**



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**Tammy Douglas, Mayor**

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