

**THE CITY OF CISCO  
CITY COUNCIL, REGULAR CALLED MEETING  
June 25, 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:**

<b>MAYOR</b>	<b>TAMMY DOUGLAS</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER PLACE I</b>	<b>JASON WEGER</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER PLACE II</b>	<b>DENNIS CAMPBELL</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER PLACE III</b>	<b>WILLARD JOHNSON</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER PLACE V</b>	<b>STEPHEN FORESTER</b>
<b>COUNCILMEMBER PLACE VI</b>	<b>CHRIS JOHNSON</b>

**PERSONNEL PRESENT:**

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

**PERSONNEL ABSENT:**

<b>COUNCILMEMBER PLACE IV</b>	<b>ANDY ESCOBEDO</b>
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Guests: Cheryl Howerton, Randy Johnson, Peggy Ledbetter, Teresa Slaughter, Jay Slaughter, Theresa Higgins, Julie Elrod, Lori Dodd, John Diers, Walter Fairbanks, Scott McAuley, Diana Brown

**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 THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING CONDUCTED:**

**June 11, 2018**

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

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

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

**A. Consider and Discuss Leon Bosque RC&D Council.—Lori Dodd**

Ms. Dodd explained that the purpose of the Leon Bosque RC&D was to explore resource conservation. Previously, the Council was funded by the Farm Bill, but over the last several years had become a non-profit organization reliant on membership fees. She asked the Council if the City of Cisco would like to become members for \$100.00 per year.

Motion was made by Councilmember W. Johnson to approve membership with the Leon Bosque RC&D, second was made by Councilmember Forester. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Weger, Campbell, W. Johnson, Forester, C. Johnson, Douglas

Nays: None/Motion Carries

Voted: 6 to 0

Absent: Escobedo

**B. Consider and Discuss Possible Lease of Undeveloped Property at Cisco Municipal Airport.—John Diers**

Mr. Diers explained that there was not currently a proposal to present, but rather, he was gauging interest in future development at the airport as he had been approached by a possible lessee looking for hangar space. Councilmembers Campbell and Forester expressed interest in possible expansion while Councilmembers Weger and C. Johnson stated that they were not in favor since the venture would bring no new business or revenue and the airport historically cost the city more money than it generated. Mr. Diers closed saying that if anything came to fruition he would bring details back to the Council for final approval.

**C. Consider and Discuss Receiving Real Property Located at 1304 Bullard Ave.—Theresa Higgins (Executive Session)**

The Council retired into Executive Session under Section 551.072-Real Property at 6:19 p.m.

The Council reconvened into Regular Session at 6:37 p.m. and took no action.

**D. Consider and Discuss Purchasing Radio Relays for the Cisco Police Department and the Cisco Fire Department.**

Mr. Archer began discussion saying that both the Police and Fire Departments are unable to effectively communicate with Dispatch and moving to radio relay would alleviate the issue. The Fire Department would pay \$11,160.00 out of their contingency funds and the Police Department would pay \$4,500.00 from their seizure fund leaving the city to pay the balance of \$4,625.00 up front with the Police Department reimbursing \$4,000.00 from future seizures. Councilmembers W. Johnson and C. Johnson questioned Chief McAuley regarding the balance of \$7,700.00 currently in the seizure fund and inquired why the full balance wouldn't be applied to the amount owed. Chief McAuley stated that the Police Department did not want to completely deplete that account to a zero balance. Mr. Archer interjected that the current budget could be amended to purchase the relays and the city did currently have the capital to make the payment. He further explained that the problem has been persistent for a while and the city had attempted to put it off until the next budget year, but recent events had revealed that officer safety could be compromised due to the lack of communication and he would hate to quibble over such a small amount when the safety of officers was at stake. Councilmember C. Johnson stated that he would not vote for the measure if the PD was not willing to pay the full \$7,000.00 toward the purchase.

Motion was made by Councilmember Forester to amend the budget and purchase the radio relays, second was made by Councilmember W. Johnson. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Weger, Campbell, W. Johnson, Forester, Douglas

Nays: C. Johnson/Motion Carries

Voted: 5 to 1

Absent: Escobedo

**E. Consider and Discuss Switching to VOIP Telephone Service.**

Mr. Archer relayed a potential cost savings to the city of approximately \$50,000.00 if a switch was made from traditional phone service to the VOIP. He presented two proposals and said he was still expecting a third to come in, but wanted to go ahead and bring it before Council to see if there would be any objections to the switch. He further said that he would bring a contract before Council with final numbers before signing.

Motion was made by Councilmember Forester to switch to VOIP, second was made by Councilmember W. Johnson. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

**F. Consider and Discuss Resolution No. 2018-06-25**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS, APPROVING COOPERATION WITH THE CITIES SERVED BY AEP TO REVIEW AEP TEXAS INC.'S REQUESTED APPROVAL OF AN ADJUSTMENT TO IT'S ENERGY EFFICIENCY COST RECOVERY FACTOR; HIRING LEGAL AND CONSULTING SERVICES TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE COMPANY AND DIRECT ANY NECESSARY LITIGATION AND APPEALS; 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 LEGAL COUNSEL.**

Mr. Archer explained that the proposed 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 C. Johnson. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

**G. Consider and Discuss Water Treatment Plant Update.**

Mr. Randy Johnson spoke from the audience updating the Council and guests on progress on construction at the Water Treatment Plant saying that the foundation for the office and membrane building has been poured and the buildings will likely go up next week. The chemical building is up and the pumps and housings are arriving daily. Mayor Douglas asked if he felt the project was on schedule and he estimated they were around 2 weeks behind.

No action was taken on this item.

**H. Consider and Discuss Granting a Variance to Stage 3 Water Restrictions for Maintenance and Repair of Property.**

This item was requested by Council and Councilmember W. Johnson started discussion asserting that there were citizens that made a living from maintenance and repair of houses which often included power washing and he felt that the city should not hinder those citizens from being able to earn. He further said that he often sees others violating the water restrictions and feels that it is unfair to keep those people who need to use water to earn money from working when so many are violating anyway. Mr. Archer fervently claimed that he would gladly address any instances of water use in violation of the restrictions if those instances were reported. Mayor Douglas said that she felt granting any further variances would be counterproductive to the city's needs and was not in favor. Councilmember C. Johnson agreed and maintained that there would never be an end to the people that needed a variance and couldn't see granting any more while still remaining in Stage 3 Water Restrictions.

No action was taken on this item.

**I. Consider and Discuss Setting Dates for Budget Workshops.**

Mr. Archer proposed July 16<sup>th</sup> and July 30<sup>th</sup> and the Council consulted calendars. Finally, the Council agreed on Budget Workshop dates of July 17<sup>th</sup> and July 19<sup>th</sup> with a final budget presented at the regularly scheduled meeting on August 13<sup>th</sup> for any final revisions. First reading on the budget and tax levy would be August 27<sup>th</sup> and second reading on September 10<sup>th</sup>.

**J. Consider and Discuss Review of Municipal Court Judge. (Executive Session)**

The Council retired into Executive Session under Section 551.074-Personnel Matters at 7:21 p.m.

**K. Consider and Discuss Review of City Secretary. (Executive Session)**

The Council continued in Executive Session under Section 551.074-Personnel Matters at 7:57 p.m.

**L. Consider and Discuss Review of City Manager. (Executive Session)**

The Council continued in Executive Session under Section 551.074-Personnel Matters at 8:09 p.m.

The Council reconvened into Regular Session at 8:30 p.m. and took no action.

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

Mr. Archer announced upcoming events for July 4<sup>th</sup>, Thanksgiving employee lunch, and Christmas Dinner.

**N. Announcements from City Council.**

Councilmember C. Johnson informed Mr. Archer and the Council that B & Z had a vehicle sitting on main street that had been unmoved for three weeks. He would like to see it addressed.

Councilmember Forester thanked Mayor Douglas for her participation in the Cisco TX PieFest.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Councilmember Forester to adjourn, second made by Councilmember W. Johnson. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

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**Tammy Osborne, City Secretary**

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**Tammy Douglas, Mayor**

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