

**THE CITY OF CISCO
CITY COUNCIL, REGULAR CALLED MEETING
August 14, 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 I	JASON WEGER
COUNCILMEMBER PLACE II	DENNIS CAMPBELL
COUNCILMEMBER PLACE III	WILLARD JOHNSON
COUNCILMEMBER PLACE IV	RANDY BOLES
COUNCILMEMBER PLACE V	TAMMY DOUGLAS
COUNCILMEMBER PLACE VI	CHRIS JOHNSON

PERSONNEL PRESENT:

CITY MANAGER	DARWIN ARCHER
CITY SECRETARY	TAMMY OSBORNE

PERSONNEL ABSENT:

Guests: Doyle Seabourn, Les Trammel, Peggy Ledbetter, Keith Kindle, Gregory McAuley, Terry Hastings, Cindy Myers, Bill Hallmark, Stephen Forester, Butch Petree

I. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:

Mayor King called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. PLEDGES

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

III. INVOCATION:

Mayor King gave the invocation.

IV. CITIZEN-VISITOR COMMENTS:

None.

V. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING CONDUCTED:

July 24, 2017
August 1, 2017

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

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

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

A. Consider and Discuss Police Chief Interviews. (Executive Session)

The Council retired into Executive Session under Section 551.074 Personnel Matters at 6:03 p.m.

The Council reconvened into Regular Session at 6:47 p.m. and took no action.

B. Consider and Discuss Resolution No. 2017-08-24

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD FOR WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS; REQUESTING CONSENT FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE; AND MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

Mr. Archer explained that the purpose of the resolution was to secure long term funding for the rebuilding of the Water Treatment Plant. The financing will be at zero percent interest which will result in significant savings to the city. Mr. Keith Kindle expounded by saying the application will be submitted next week with selection happening in September. He went on to comment that the funding would be based on several scoring criteria and while the city wasn't in the top scoring slot, we were likely to get funded at some level.

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

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

C. Consider and Discuss Resolution No. 2017-08-24-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD FOR SEWER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS; REQUESTING CONSENT FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE; AND MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

Mr. Archer said that the Wastewater Treatment Plant had been postponed after the Water Treatment Plant flooded, and now it would be time to start that project moving forward again. Mr. Kindle again commented that the city was currently ranked first for funding on this project at a 70% loan forgiveness leaving the city's portion at around \$1,000,065.00.

Motion was made by Councilmember Campbell 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, Douglas, C. Johnson, King
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 7 to 0
Absent:

D. Consider and Discuss Ordinance No. 0-2017-9

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS, AUTHORIZING AND ALLOWING, UNDER THE ACT GOVERNING THE TEXAS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM, “UPDATED SERVICE CREDITS IN SAID SYSTEM ON AN ANNUAL BASIS FOR SERVICE PERFORMED BY QUALIFYING MEMBERS OF SUCH SYSTEM WHO AT THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE ALLOWANCE ARE MEMBERS OF THE CITY OF CISCO; PROVIDING FOR INCREASED PRIOR AND CURRENT SERVICE ANNUITIES FOR RETIREES AND BENEFICIARIES OF DECEASED RETIREES OF THE CITY; PROVIDING FOR A CHANGE IN THE MUNICIPAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CURRENT SERVICE ANNUITY RESERVE AT RETIREMENT OF THE EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (First Reading)

Mr. Archer explained that this ordinance would allow the city to move to a 2:1 match with the Texas Municipal Retirement System.

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, Campbell, W. Johnson, Boles, Douglas, C. Johnson, King
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 7 to 0
Absent:

E. Consider and Discuss Cooperative Ambulance Service Contract.

Mr. Archer began discussion by saying that he had recently attended a meeting with the entity providing ambulance service where he pointed out that several municipalities did not participate in the cooperative, yet still received service. He further pointed out that in addition to our payment into the cooperative, the city provides a building and services to the EMS service that other entities do not provide. Both Councilmembers Weger and W. Johnson were not in favor of the contract because they felt that the citizens were essentially being charged twice if they use ambulance service; both personally and through taxes to the city to pay into the cooperative. Councilmember Weger said that the ambulance service operated as a for profit business and no other business in town required the city to pay them to provide services to the citizens. Councilmember W. Johnson said that he felt the Council should not sign the contract. Mayor King suggested having an alternative in place before refusing the current contract.

Motion was made by Councilmember Campbell to sign the contract for one more year, second was made by C. Johnson. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Campbell, C. Johnson
Nays: Weger, W. Johnson, Boles, Douglas, King
Voted: 2 to 5
Absent:

Mayor King suggested renegotiating for a lower price. Mr. Archer asked the Council to suggest a price point they would be willing to pay for the service. Councilmember Weger advised that we should compare price and service levels with other cities in our area and see if they are comparable to what we are being asked to contribute. Again, Mayor King spoke saying that he suggested negotiating a lower price with consideration for the building and the services we provide, and look at alternatives for next year. Councilmember Boles warned that he was not in favor of terminating the service contract without an alternative in place because it would increase call times for those in need of service.

Motion was made by Councilmember Weger to table this item pending more information, second was made by Councilmember Boles. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

F. Consider and Discuss Loan Tank Agreement with KBR.

Mr. Bill Hallmark addressed the Council saying that they would provide two (2) 1000 gallon tanks and pumps to the city if we would enter into a contract with KBR Fuels for bulk fuel. He went on to discuss specifics of the bulk fuel contract including price, delivery options, and additional services KBR Fuels would provide to the city with the contract.

Motion was made by Councilmember Boles to award the contract to KBR if they are a member of a purchasing cooperative in which the city is a member, or if they are not, for the city to go out for bids for bulk fuel, second was made by Councilmember W. Johnson. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

G. Consider and Discuss State of Texas Co-Op Program.

Mr. Archer communicated that the program was another purchasing cooperative the city could join in order to expedite procurement for certain services that the city might need without having to go through a bidding process. He further commented that membership came with credit cards that pay 2% cash back with use.

Motion was made by Councilmember Campbell to accept membership in the State of Texas Co-Op Program, second was made by Councilmember Douglas. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

H. Consider and Discuss Filling Vacancy for Planning & Zoning Commission Place I.

Councilmember Douglas nominated Mr. Stephen Forester to serve on the board, but he politely declined from the audience. No other nominations or suggestions were forthcoming and no action was taken on this item.

I. Consider and Discuss Requesting Proposals for Oil Change Contract for City Vehicles.

Mr. Archer informed the Council that the current contract expires in September. He further stated that the current contractor has provided very satisfactory service during the last year.

Motion was made by Councilmember Weger to go out for bids for oil change contract on city vehicles, second was made by Councilmember W. Johnson. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

J. Consider and Discuss Long Range Planning.

Mr. Archer stated that a pre-construction meeting would be held on the upcoming Thursday at 10:00 am with the bid opening taking place on August 24th and selection on August 28th. He went on to say that some ground breaking would take place on August 29th.

Councilmember Boles explained that he had been told a car was parking on the sidewalk at 8th and Conrad. Mr. Archer said that he would look into the claim.

VII. BUDGET WORKSHOP

Mayor King requested one last budget workshop for the purpose of considering a budget using a tax rate below the current effective rate to try to ease the burden on citizens as the tax rate is going to increase significantly.

Councilmember C. Johnson went on record saying that he would abstain from voting on this item since the proposed budget included a raise for his father.

The Council considered the newly proposed budget and the budget set at the last workshop. They looked at individual items and discussed further cuts, including eliminating some positions, to keep taxes low. The general consensus of the Council was to stay with the original proposed budget using the effective tax rate.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Councilmember Boles to adjourn, second made by Councilmember Campbell. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

ATTEST:

Tammy Osborne, City Secretary

James King, Mayor
