

**THE CITY OF CISCO
CITY COUNCIL, CALLED MEETING
October 15, 2019**

**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:

MAYOR _____	TAMMY DOUGLAS
COUNCILMEMBER PLACE I _____	JASON WEGER
COUNCILMEMBER PLACE II _____	RYAN JOHNSON
COUNCILMEMBER PLACE III _____	WILLARD JOHNSON
COUNCILMEMBER PLACE V _____	STEPHEN FORESTER
COUNCILMEMBER PLACE VI _____	CHRIS JOHNSON

PERSONNEL PRESENT:

CITY MANAGER _____	DARWIN ARCHER
CITY SECRETARY _____	TAMMY OSBORNE

PERSONNEL ABSENT:

COUNCILMEMBER PLACE IV _____	ANDY ESCOBEDO
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Guests: Sampson Guthrie III, Victor Duran, Scott Jordon, Rochel Ditmore, Gregory Scott McAuley, Butch Petree, Vicky Johnston

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 23, 2019**

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

Ayes: Councilmembers: Weger, R. Johnson, 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 Presentation by Atmos Energy Regarding Replacement of Lines.—Wes Modawell & Debbie Hudson

Ms. Ditmore introduced the upcoming project saying that Atmos is concerned with being the safest provider of natural gas and the line replacement would be an effort to increase safety measures. Mr. Jordan further explained that 15,000 feet of main lines and approximately 275 service lines would be replaced. The project would take about one year and would encompass the area from W. 2nd Street through W. 8th Street; from Avenue F through Avenue M. Mr. Archer stated that he requested that the representatives from Atmos address the Council because their plan includes relocating the gas meters from the alleyways to the front of residences. He felt it would be important for the Council to be aware of that potential change because it would directly affect citizens. Most Councilmembers agreed that meters being moved from the alley to the front of the house was not preferable, to which Mr. Jordan countered that some alleys in the city are impassable and therefore, Atmos is not able to access their equipment. Atmos had already made the change in several other cities with success. The Council and representatives continued to discuss the pros and cons of relocating the meter; the potential to reduce customer’s responsibility for the “yard line” which would reduce future repair costs, the financial ramifications to customers to move the meter, the potential destruction of personal property, and the encroachment of Atmos on personal property as opposed to leaving utilities in the utility easements. Both Councilmembers C. Johnson and R. Johnson added that they were in favor of the project on a whole, but none were in favor of the relocation of the meters. Mr. Archer did point out that the city’s Charter does give the City Council the right to “regulate and control the location, relocation, and removal of franchise utilities”, but he went on to say that he would not like to see the entire project scrapped due to a disagreement on the placement of the meters. Mayor Douglas stated that she felt Atmos was a reputable company that would do their utmost to accommodate the citizens who are their customers.

Motion was made by Councilmember Forester to approve the project as presented, second was made by Councilmember C. Johnson. The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Forester, C. Johnson, Douglas
Nays: Councilmembers: Weger, R. Johnson, W. Johnson
Voted: 3 to 3
Absent: Escobedo

Motion does not carry.

B. Consider and Discuss and Potentially Award Bid for Oil Changes on City Vehicles.

Mayor Douglas indicated that two bids had been received. One from White’s Auto Repair and one from Grumpy’s. The bids were read aloud.

Motion was made by Councilmember C. Johnson to award the bid to White’s Auto Repair, second was made by Councilmember W. Johnson. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

C. Consider and Discuss Ordinance No. 0-2019-11

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS, PROVIDING THAT ELM AVENUE BETWEEN E. 17TH STREET AND E. 18TH STREET BE CLOSED AND THAT THE DEDICATION OF THE RIGHT-OF-WAY BE VACATED AND ABANDONED, EXCEPT FOR EXISTING UTILITY AND/OR DRAINAGE EASEMENTS; PROVIDING FOR REVERSION OF THE FEE IN SAID LAND; AND PROVIDING THAT THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY UPON FINAL PASSAGE. (First Reading)

Ms. Osborne explained that this item was in regard to a citizen who assumed this Right of Way was part of their property applying for a building permit to build on it. Upon submission of that permit, it was discovered that this was an unimproved city street and Ms. Osborne explained to that citizen that the only way to assume that property was for the city to abandon that street. The Ordinance is presented to the Council to consider that abandonment.

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

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

D. Consider and Discuss Interlocal Agreement with Eastland County Cooperative Dispatch.

Motion was made by Councilmember Weger to accept the Interlocal Agreement as presented, second was made by Councilmember R. Johnson. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

E. Consider and Discuss High Hazard Potential Dam Rehabilitation Grant for Williamson Dam.

Mr. Archer stated that the city had hastily applied for this grant through TCEQ to complete a risk assessment of Williamson Dam which would pay \$294,000.00 and a match from the city of \$167,000.00. He recommends moving forward with the project because the dam is in need of rehabilitation. He also stated that there could potentially be additional funding sources that could be used to alleviate the city's match portion, but if no other funding proves available, he suggests using contingency funds to match the grant.

Motion was made by Councilmember Forester to approve acceptance of the TCEQ grant, second was made by Councilmember R. Johnson. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

F. Consider and Discuss Approving the Continued receipt of the Share of Bingo Prize Fee Funds.

Mr. Archer explained that this item was in regard to new legislation and further that there is no entity in town that has a charitable bingo game. However, moving forward, the city has to take action for any future bingo prizes that may be held in the city and either accept a portion of the prize, or refuse it and it reverts back to the charitable organization. If the city wishes to refuse the prize and have it go back to the charity, the Council must vote today to continue receiving the fee and then vote again after November 1 to refuse the fees. The Council all agreed that the prize money should remain with the charity.

Motion was made by Councilmember Forester to continue receipt of the share of bingo prize fee funds, second was made by Councilmember C. Johnson. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

G. Consider and Discuss Long Range Planning.

Mr. Archer listed upcoming events including the Chamber of Commerce Banquet, City offices closed on November 11 for Veteran’s Day, and that the regularly scheduled meeting for that day will be held on November 12. City offices will also be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday from November 27-29.

Mayor Douglas reminded all that Trick or Treat Night will be October 26 and Early Voting starts October 21-November 1.

Councilmember C. Johnson commented about another recent legislative change that allowed citizens the opportunity to comment on any agenda item and asked if the Council needed to set a policy for time limit for those comments. Mr. Archer directed the City Secretary to place this item on the next agenda.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Councilmember Forester to adjourn, second was made by Councilmember R. Johnson. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

ATTEST:



Tammy Osborne, City Secretary



Tammy Douglas, Mayor
