

**THE CITY OF CISCO
CITY COUNCIL, REGULAR CALLED MEETING
May 26, 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:

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

PERSONNEL PRESENT:

CITY MANAGER _____ **DARWIN ARCHER**

PERSONNEL ABSENT:

COUNCILMEMBER PLACE IV _____	ANDY ESCOBEDO
CITY SECRETARY _____	TAMMY OSBORNE

Guests: Lloyd Fagan, Bob Hickox, John Diers, Justin Jaworski, Roxanne Yielding

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:

Mayor Douglas gave the invocation.

IV. CITIZEN-VISITOR COMMENTS:

Mr. John Diers gave a brief rundown of current Economic Development projects, including the project at the airport, moving the County barn to Convenience Way, and the interstate strip mall. He went on to introduce Mr. Justin Jaworski who was hired by both corporations to be the new Executive Director of Economic Development.

V. APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MEETING CONDUCTED ON:

- **May 11, 2020**

Motion was made by Councilmember Forester to accept the minutes with amended date, second was made by Councilmember R. Johnson. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers: Weger, R. Johnson, W. Johnson, Forester, Boles, 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 Ordinance No. 0-2020-01

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CISCO, TEXAS AMENDING CERTAIN SUBSECTIONS OF CHAPTER 5 “ANIMALS AND FOWL” OF THE CITY’S CODE OF ORDINANCES; SPECIFICALLY SECTION 5-34 “CONFINEMENT FOR OBSERVATION”, ADDING ITEM € TO INCLUDE A HOUSING FEE FOR OTHER ENTITIES THAT REQUEST HOUSING OF AN IMPOUNDED DOG IN THE CISCO ANIMAL CONTROL FACILITY. (First Reading)

Mr. Archer stated that the request was brought forth by the Police Department because another entity requested that the city house an animal for them. The fee would be \$75.00 and would be used to recoup any expenses for housing, feeding, and caring for the animal.

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

Ayes: Councilmembers: R. Johnson, Forester, Boles, Douglas
Nays: None/Motion Carries
Voted: 4 to 0
Absent: Weger, W. Johnson, Escobedo

B. Consider and Discuss Boat Dock Permit.—Cristen Wilks

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

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

C. Consider and Discuss John Diers Day Proclamation.

Mayor Douglas read the proclamation aloud for the record and made presentation to Mr. Diers thanking him for his service.

D. Consider and Discuss Extending Local State of Disaster Due to Public Health Emergency.

Mr. Archer summarized the item saying it was set to expire at midnight and the current document would extend it to June 22, 2020.

Motion was made by Councilmember W. Johnson to extend the State of Disaster until June 22, 2020, second was made by Councilmember R. Johnson. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

E. Consider and Discuss Abandonment of Right of Way on E. 15th Street Between Humble and Walnut.

Mr. Archer requested the item be tabled since the requestor was not present.

Motion was made by Councilmember Forester to table the item until the next meeting, second was made by Councilmember Boles. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

F. Consider and Discuss Opening Swimming Pool.

Mr. Archer commented that none of the area swimming pools are opening this year due to the restrictions that are being imposed by the State for social distancing guidelines. Councilmember Weger dissented saying that many water parks are opening and he feels the restrictions are too strict. He would like to see it opened. Councilmember R. Johnson suggested calculating occupancy prior to making a decision. Mr. Archer said that the capacity could be figured based on what percentage the Council wanted to see it open, to which Chief Fairbanks answered that the Council could set the capacity at any number they thought appropriate.

Motion was made by Councilmember Weger to open the pool based on the Governor's guidelines for capacity, second was made by Councilmember Forester. Motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

G. Consider and Discuss Repealing Open Container Ordinance for Lake Cisco and Downtown Corridor.

Councilmember Weger commented that he asked for this item to be placed on the agenda. He does not want to see the open container prohibitions at the lake be a deterrent to tourism and there are state laws that can be enforced to prevent public intoxication and boating while intoxicated. Councilmember R. Johnson expressed concerns about enforcement and the city needs to have a presence at the lake to enforce any regulations. Councilmember Weger went on to discuss the downtown corridor saying that with two wineries and a brewery downtown, the Council is granting many variances for events downtown, he would like to see that restriction lifted permanently. Councilmember R. Johnson said that he preferred voting on a variance based on each individual event. Eventually, the Council agreed to look at ordinances repealing and amending the open container prohibitions at both Lake Cisco and the downtown corridor with a request for information from other area lakes and downtowns on procedures they are using and problems they might be having to factor into the Council's final decision.

No action was taken on this item.

H. Consider and Discuss Memorandum of Understanding with Cisco Independent School district for School Resource Officers.

Mr. Archer explained that he was notified by the ISD that they intend to cancel their contract with the city because they intend to form their own police department.

No action was taken on this item.

I. Consider and Discuss Long Range Planning.

Mr. Archer presented the Council with a summary of the Governor's last press conference. He further stated that street repair and improvement continued and mentioned the Fourth of July holiday.

Councilmember Weger inquired about the annexation of Hidden Shores to which Mr. Archer replied, that due to COVID-19 regulation that people work from home, he hasn't seen much progress on the annexation.

Mayor Douglas reminded the Council that the city would be providing a Tire Amnesty trailer on June 1, 2020 for citizens to dispose of passenger vehicle tires only.

J. Announcements from City Council.

Mayor Douglas announced that Saturday, May 30, 2020 there would be a swap meet at the pavilion with food trucks and Cruise Night would begin at 6:00.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Councilmember R. Johnson to adjourn, second made by Councilmember Forester. Motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

ATTEST:



Tammy Osborne, City Secretary



Tammy Douglas, Mayor
