

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 28, 2023**

The City Council of the City of Navasota, Grimes County, Texas met at the City Council Chambers, Room No. 161, located at 200 E. McAlpine Street at 6:00 p.m., Navasota, Texas on the above date with the following being present:

**Bernie Gessner, Mayor Pro-Tem, Place # 1
Pattie Pederson, Councilmember, Place # 2
Josh M. Fultz, Councilmember, Place # 3
Bert Miller, Mayor, Place # 4
James Harris, Councilmember, Place # 5**

Thus constituting a quorum.

STAFF PRESENT: Jason Weeks, City Manager; Susie M. Homeyer, City Secretary; Jose Coronilla, Director of Streets and Sanitation; Jason Katkoski, Fire Chief/EMC; Michael Mize, Peggy Johnson, HR Director; Jennifer Reyna, Public Works Director; Hung Mai, IT Specialist; Ryan Hendricks, Parks and Recreation Manager; Pat Gruner, Navasota Municipal Judge; Jon MacKay, Graduate Engineer; Cary Bovey, Legal Counsel; Officer Krozel, Officer Tyler, Officer Byrd and Officer Watson.

VISITORS: Connie Clements, Deborah Richardson, John Sanders, Dia Copeland, Michele Steinhauser and others.

THE ITEMS ON THE AGENDA WERE TAKEN UP IN DUE ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

1. Mayor Bert Miller called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.
2. Invocation was given by Councilmember James Harris. The City Council, staff and members then recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and the Texas Flag.
3. Remarks of visitors: Citizen Deborah Richardson addressed the City Council about the proposed Catastrophic Sick Leave Pool Policy. She said it was a good idea. She also addressed the Tuition Reimbursement Policy and felt that there needed to be some clarifications concerning if an employee lets their license lapse, will the City pay for it again.
4. Staff Report:
 - a) City Manager Jason Weeks introduced Laura Capehart as the new Manager of Municipal Services for Republic Services;

- b) Jon MacKay, Graduate Engineer, gave an update on the CIP Projects;
- c) There were not any updates on Boards and Commissions;
- d) Councilmember and staff informed the audience about upcoming events.

5. Councilmember Josh Fultz moved to approve the agreement with R. W. Harden and Associates to provide designs services for Water Well No. 8 in the amount of \$165,300.00, seconded by Councilmember Pattie Pederson and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

6. A workshop was held on the proposed budget for FY 2023-2024. Citizen Deborah Richardson addressed the City Council and said that staff did an excellent job on the budget but asked that the City Council delay the vote on the budget to the second day when the meeting runs late in the evening. She also suggested cutting a couple of positions and projects that is listed in the budget while at the same time add more money to the library budget for help and becoming accredited. Citizen Dia Copeland addressed the City Council about reducing the budget and wanted clarification on certain line items such as professional fees, miscellaneous categories and way finding signs. City Manager Jason Weeks addressed most of these questions before moving on to the presentation of the proposed budget for FY 20223-2024. After a lengthy discussion, it was a unanimous consensus of the City Council to proceed with the proposed budget for FY 2023-2024.

7. Mayor Bert Miller adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.



BERT MILLER, MAYOR

ATTEST:



SUSIE M. HOMEYER, CITY SECRETARY

