

**MINUTES  
SPECIAL MEETING  
AUGUST 7, 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; Bobbie Lehrmann, Marketing and Communication Director; Jose Coronilla, Director of Streets and Sanitation; Jason Katkoski, Fire Chief/EMC; Lupe Diosdado, Director of Development Services; Michael Mize, Police Chief; Maribel Frank, Chief Financial Officer and Peggy Johnson, HR Director.

**VISITORS:** Connie Clements and Julian Fontana.

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

1. Mayor Bert Miller called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. Invocation was given by Councilmember James Harris. The City Council, staff members and visitors then recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and the Texas Flag.
3. Remarks of visitors: None.
4. Councilmember Josh Fultz moved to accept the bids submitted for employee healthcare benefits as well as the recommendations of HUB International and authorize the City Manager to sign and execute all necessary contracts and agreements for the FY 2023-2024 City of Navasota employee healthcare benefits, but not limited to medical, dental, vision, life insurance, AD & D and long/short term disability benefits, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Bernie Gessner and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.
5. Councilmember Josh Fultz moved to approve Resolution No. 747-23, authorizing the creation of an employee benefits trust; designation the City Manager, Chief

Financial Officer and Human Resources Director to be trustees of said trust; and authorizing the trust to purchase various forms of insurance for the benefit of city officers, employees, qualified retirees and their dependents, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Bernie Gessner and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

6. Mayor Bert Miller moved to authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with Hawes Hill & Associates LLP to perform certain professional services with respect to amending the (TIRZ1) Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone 1 boundary, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

7. Mayor Pro-Tem Bernie Gessner moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 1027-23, authorizing the settlement of the proposed fuel reconciliation of Entergy Texas, Inc., seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.


8. Mayor Pro-Tem Bernie Gessner moved to approve authorizing the City of Navasota staff to issue request for proposals (RFP's) for grant administrative services and request for qualifications (RFQ's) for Hazard Mitigation Grant Program administered through the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM), seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

9. Councilmember Josh Fultz moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 1028-23, amending Chapter 1, General Provisions, Article 1.04 Boards, Committees, and Commissions of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Navasota, Texas by adding Division 5 creating the Navasota Music Friendly Committee, with the change to Sub Section 1.04.132 changing the term from one (1) year to two (2) years, seconded by Councilmember James Harris and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

10. Mayor Bert Miller adjourned the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

  
**BERT MILLER, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

  
**SUSIE M. HOMEYER, CITY SECRETARY**

