

**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 10, 2018**

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, Councilmember, Place # 1  
Geoff Horn, Councilmember, Place # 2  
Josh M. Fultz, Councilmember, Place # 3  
Bert Miller, Mayor, Place # 4  
Grant E. Holt, Mayor Pro-Tem, Place # 5**

Thus constituting a quorum.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Brad Stafford, City Manager; Susie M. Homeyer, City Secretary; Lance Hall, Finance Director; Kathrine Thogersen, Administrative Assistant; Michael Mize, Lieutenant; Jeff Greer, Director of Utilities; Danielle Dobyanski, Communication Operator; Hung Mai, IT Specialist; Hattie Wells, Receptionist and Kimberly Arrington, Receptionist.

**VISITORS:** Connie Clements, Ronnie Podraza, Andre Perrard, Deborah Richardson, Max Brand, Sarah Korpita, Amy Hennard, Janet Cavanaugh, Beau Cavanaugh, Yvone Burrell, John Winkler and Alan Munger.

**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 Mayor Pro-Tem Grant E. Holt. 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. Staff report:
  - (a) Lieutenant Michael Mize and Finance Director Lance Hall introduced the new employees to the City Council;
  - (b) Amy Hennard, with Jones and Carter, gave an update on the construction of the ground storage tank # 1;

(c) Councilmember Bernie Gessner gave an update on the latest Planning and Zoning Commission meeting; and

(d) City Councilmembers and staff informed the audience about upcoming events.


5. A public hearing was held to change the current zoning of the following properties to B-1: General Business District from A/O: Agricultural/Open Space District. The properties affected are legally described as, A0002, D. Arnold, Tract 25-1, acres 20.77, A0002, D. Arnold, Tract 16, Par 10, Acres 1.23, A0002, D. Arnold, Tract 16, Par 13, Acres 0.25, A0002, D. Arnold, Tract 16, Par 14, Acres 1.5, A0002, D. Arnold, Tract 16, Par 18, Acres 2.83 located in Navasota, Grimes County, Texas. Mayor Bert Miller opened the public hearing at 6:20 p.m. Citizen Yvonne Burrell addressed the City Council and ask them if her family would have to move or can they continue their use on the property. She was informed that nothing will change on their property. Mayor Bert Miller closed the public hearing at 6:25 p.m.
6. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 856-18, regarding a zoning change initiated by the Planning and Zoning Commission to change the current zoning of the following properties to B-1: General Business District from A/O: Agricultural Open Space District. The properties affected are legally described as A0002, D. Arnold, Tract 25-1, acres 20.77, A0002, D. Arnold, Tract 16, Par 10, Acres 1.23, A0002, D. Arnold, Tract 16, Par 13, Acres 0.25, A0002, D. Arnold, Tract 16, Par 14, Acres 1.5, A0002, D. Arnold, Tract 16, Par 18, Acres 2.83 located in Navasota, Grimes County, Texas, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.
7. A public hearing was held regarding a zoning change application by Ronald Podraza requesting the rezoning of the property legally described as A0055-5, D. Tyler, Tract 5, Part 32-2, Acres 6.43, from PU: Public Use District to R1B: Medium Density, Single Dwelling Unit, Quarter Acre, Residential District, for the purpose of constructing a single family dwelling unit, in Navasota, Grimes County, Texas. Mayor Bert Miller opened the public hearing at 6:27 p.m. Citizen Max Brand addressed the City Council and explained the request for the zoning change. With no other comments from the public, Mayor Bert Miller closed the public hearing at 6:34 p.m.
8. Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 857-18, rezoning of the property legally described as A0055-5, D. Tyler, Tract 5, Part 32-2, Acres 6.43, from PU: Public Use District to R1C: Low Density, Single Dwelling Unit, 2 Acre Lot or Larger Residential District, legally described as A0055-5, D. Tyler, Tract 5, Par 32-2 Acres in Navasota, Grimes County, Texas seconded by Councilmember Geoff Horn and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

9. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to ratify the tax increase reflected in the budget for FY 2018-2019, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz. The City Council all voted AYE with a show of hands.
10. Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 858-18, adopting the budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2018 and ending September 30, 2019, seconded by Councilmember Geoff Horn. The City Council all voted AYE with a show of hands.
11. Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt moved that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$.5542 which is effectively a 8.42 percent increase in the tax rate and approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 859-18, levying taxes for the City of Navasota and establishing the rate of taxation and the percentage of actual value of the property to be used for and during the 2018 tax year, seconded by Councilmember Geoff Horn. The City Council all voted AYE with a show of hands.
12. Councilmember Geoff Horn moved to approve the SCADA System engineering design services to be provided by Walker Partners in the amount of \$36,000.00, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.
13. Mayor Bert Miller moved to cast votes for Randy Criswell for Place 11, Bert Lumbreras for Place 12, Byron Black for Place 13 and David Harris for Place 14 of the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool Board of Trustees, seconded by Councilmember Geoff Horn and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.
14. Councilmember Geoff Horn moved to approve the TxDOT Ramp Grant for airport maintenance with a \$50,000.00 match, seconded by Councilmember Bernie Gessner and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.
15. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 860-18, budget amendments for expense and revenue accounts, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.
16. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to approve the consent agenda items which include the minutes and expenditures for the month of August 2018 and the second reading of Ordinance No. 855-18, denying the rate increase request by Entergy, Texas Inc. filed on May 15, 2018, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

17. Mayor Bert Miller adjourned the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

  
**BERT MILLER, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

  
**SUSIE M. HOMEYER, CITY SECRETARY**

