

**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 11, 2019**

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  
Bert Miller, Mayor, Place # 4  
Grant E. Holt, Mayor Pro-Tem, Place # 5**

**(Josh M. Fultz, Councilmember, Place # 3 was absent)**

Thus constituting a quorum.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Brad Stafford, City Manager; Susie M. Homeyer, City Secretary; Lance Hall, Finance Director; Lupe Diosdado, Community Development Director; Jeff Greer, Utility Superintendent; Jason Katkoski, Fire Chief/EMC Coordinator; Mai Hung, IT Specialist; Kathrine Thogersen, Administrative Assistant; Norberto Valadez, Street Crew Leader/Foreman; Emily Gainey, Marketing and Communication Coordinator; David Cooper, Firefighter; Jeff Paul, Part-time Firefighter; Rachel Crivelli, Firefighter; Michael Mize, Lieutenant and Cary Bovey, Legal Counsel.

**VISITORS:** Connie Clements, Andre Perrard, Deborah Richardson, Dia Copeland, Amy Kennard, John Henry, Nathan Voot, Kathryn Sweeney, Seth Kehlenbeck and Ryan West.

**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 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: Dia Copeland addressed the City Council about the property located at 201 Ketchum Street.

4. Staff report:

- (a) Fire Chief Jason Katkoski introduced two new employees within the fire department;
- (b) Crew Leader/Foreman Norberto Valadez gave an update on the results of the City wide clean up event;
- (c) Marketing and Communication Coordinator Emily Gainey gave an update on the results for the Texas Birthday Bash;
- (d) City Manager Brad Stafford gave an update on the 2019 City projects;
- (e) Mayor Bert Miller proclaimed (1) March 2019 as "Youth Art Month; and (2) April 14<sup>th</sup> through April 20<sup>th</sup> as "Telecommunicators Week";
- (f) There was not an update on Boards and Commissions; and
- (g) City Councilmembers and staff informed the audience about upcoming events.

5. A public hearing was held regarding a zoning change initiated by the Planning and Zoning Commission changing the current zoning from A/O: Agriculture Open Space district to B-1: General Business District for the properties legally described as A0002, D. Arnold, Tract 11, Par 1, Acres 4.489; A0002, D. Arnold, Tract 11, Par 6, Acres 1; A0002, D. Arnold, Acres 0.5, Tract 11, Par 6-1, located in Navasota, Grimes County, Texas. Mayor Bert Miller opened the public hearing at 6:35 p.m. With no comments from the public, Mayor Bert Miller closed the public hearing at 6:38 p.m.

6. Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 880-19, changing the current zoning from A/O: Agriculture Open Space district to B-1: General Business District for the properties legally described as A0002, D. Arnold, Tract 11, Par 1, Acres 4.489; A0002, D. Arnold, Tract 11, Par 6, Acres 1; A0002, D. Arnold, Acres 0.5, Tract 11, Par 6-1, located in Navasota, Grimes County, Texas, seconded by Councilmember Geoff Horn and with each Councilmember present voting AYE, the motion carried.

7. A public hearing was held regarding a zoning change initiated by the Planning and Zoning Commission changing the current zoning from A/O: Agriculture Open Space District to PU: Public Use District for the properties legally described as, A0002, D. Arnold, Tract 11, Par 2-5, Acres 2.00; A0002, D. Arnold, Tract 11, Par 13, Acres 20.05, located in Navasota, Grimes County, Texas. Mayor Bert Miller opened the public hearing at 6:40 p.m. With no comments from the public, Mayor Bert Miller closed the public hearing at 6:41 p.m.
8. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 881-19, changing the current zoning from A/O: Agriculture Open Space District to PU: Public Use District for the properties legally described as, A0002, D. Arnold, Tract 11, Par 2-5, Acres 2.00; A0002, D. Arnold, Tract 11, Par 13, Acres 20.05, located in Navasota, Grimes County, Texas, seconded by Councilmember Geoff Horn and with each Councilmember present, the motion carried.
9. A public hearing was held regarding a zoning change initiated by the Planning and Zoning Commission changing the current zoning from A/O: Agriculture Open Space District to R-3: high density, multi-dwelling unit, residential district, for the property legally described as A0002, D. Arnold, Tract 11, Par 3, Acres 7.541, located in Navasota, Grimes County, Texas. Mayor Bert Miller opened the public hearing at 6:42 p.m. With no comments from the public, Mayor Bert Miller closed the public hearing at 6:44 p.m.
10. Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 882-19, changing the current zoning from A/O: Agriculture Open Space District to R-3: high density, multi-dwelling unit, residential district, for the property legally described as A0002, D. Arnold, Tract 11, Par 3, Acres 7.541, located in Navasota, Grimes County, Texas, seconded by Councilmember Geoff Horn and with each Councilmember present voting AYE, the motion carried.
11. Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt moved to approve Change Order No. 1 and Change Order No. 2 for the 2018 Alleyway Reconstruction Project in the amount of \$31,887.50 to D & S Contracting, seconded by Councilmember Geoff Horn and with each Councilmember present voting AYE, the motion carried.
12. Councilmember Geoff Horn moved to approve additional observation fees in the amount not to exceed \$6,000.00 to Bleyl Engineering to complete the construction observation and redesigns for the 2018 Alleyway Reconstruction

Project, seconded by Councilmember Bernie Gessner and with each Councilmember present voting AYE, the motion carried.

13. Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt moved to approve Change Order No. 1 for the 2017 Downtown Revitalization Project in the amount of \$3,820.00 to Palomares Construction, Inc., seconded by Councilmember Geoff Horn and with each Councilmember present voting AYE, the motion carried.
14. Councilmember Geoff Horn moved to approve Resolution No. 653-19, transferring the duties imposed by law relating to the maintenance of birth and death records of a municipality from the City of Navasota to Grimes County with corrections to the dates listed in the documents, seconded by Councilmember Bernie Gessner and with each Councilmember present voting AYE, the motion carried.
15. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 883-19, cancelling the May 4, 2019 General City Election, seconded by Councilmember Geoff Horn and with each Councilmember present 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 February 2019, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt and with each Councilmember present voting AYE, the motion carried.
17. The City Council met in Executive Session as permitted by Section 551.071, Texas Government Code, for the purpose of consultation with legal counsel regarding legal matters related to the construction of the 1.0 Mg (One Million Gallon) Concrete Ground Storage Tank (GST) by DN Tanks, Inc. including but not limited to compliance with contract documents, construction performance issues and possible options for resolutions, available remedies, and associated matters. The time is 7:07 p.m.
18. The City Council reconvened in open session at 7:35 p.m.
19. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to approve the proposal submitted by DN Tanks on March 7, 2019 providing a monolithic floor slab and related improvements at no additional cost to the City and authorize the Mayor to approve the final form of the agreement and execute any necessary documents,

seconded by Councilmember Geoff Horn and with each Councilmember present voting AYE, the motion carried.

Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt made a motion to revisit Agenda Item No. 13 and amend his original motion and that the City go back through and submit Change Order No. 1 back through the proper channels and go ahead and approve it once it has gone through the engineers and authorize the City Manager to approve any documents, seconded by Councilmember Geoff Horn and with each Councilmember present voting AYE, the motion carried.

20. Mayor Bert Miller adjourned the meeting at 7:41 p.m.

  
**BERT MILLER, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

  
**SUSIE M. HOMEYER, CITY SECRETARY**

