

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 8, 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
Josh M. Fultz, Councilmember, Place # 3
Bert Miller, Mayor, Place # 4
Grant E. Holt, Mayor Pro-Tem, Place # 5**

(Geoff Horn, Councilmember, Place # 2 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; Shawn Myatt, Chief of Police/Assistant City Manager; William Moore, Intern; Emily Gainey, Marketing and Communication Coordinator; Hung Mai, IT Specialist; Jonathan Soresbee, Community Development Specialist; Michael Mize, Lieutenant; Jason Katkoski, Fire Chief/EMC; Dominique Lowery, Facilities Manager; Jeff Greer, Director of Utilities; Kris Gruver, Community Outreach Specialist; Sara Kemp, Administrative Assistant; Rita Pullin, Financial Assistant; Anita Walker, Custodian; David Cooper, Firefighter; David Kearney, Firefighter and Cary Bovey, Legal Counsel.

VISITORS: Connie Clements, Deborah Richardson, Arlo Roberson, Jim Kolkhorst, Andrea Perrard, Rhonda Stringfellow, Earl LaFontaine, Sarah Korpita, Sammy Jefferson, Ricardo Rios, Karen K. Hughes, DeElla Williams, Anna Rios, Carolyn Katkoski, 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 Pastor Arlo Roberson. 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) Marketing and Communications Coordinator Emily Gainey gave an update on the results for the Sounds of Summer event;

(b) Marketing and Communications Coordinator Emily Gainey gave an update on the results for the Independence Daze event;

(c) Marketing and Communications Coordinator Emily Gainey introduced Sara Kemp as the new Administrative Assistant for the Navasota Center. Facilities Manager Dominique Lowery introduced Anita Walker as the new custodian;

(d) City Manager Brad Stafford gave an update on the rate increase from Suddenlink;

(e) Mayor Bert Miller read a proclamation for "Small Cities Month - July 2019";

(f) Councilmember Bernie Gessner gave an update on the latest Planning and Zoning meeting.

(g) There were not any updates from City Staff or City Officials.

5. Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt moved to approve the variance request submitted by Jim Kolkhorst for the construction of a 25 feet monument sign for the proposed Burger King restaurant, seconded by Councilmember Bernie Gessner. The following votes were recorded:

AYES: Mayor Bert Miller, Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt, Councilmember Bernie Gessner and Councilmember Josh Fultz

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Geoff Horn

Mayor Bert miller announced that the motion carried.

6. A public hearing was held on an order to repair or demolish the property located at 508 Universal, Navasota, Texas 77868. Mayor Bert Miller opened the public hearing at 6:25 p.m. DeElla Williams and Rhoda Stringfellow each spoke about this property. With no further comments, Mayor Bert Miller closed the public hearing at 6:43 p.m.

Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to demolish the structure located at 508 Universal, Navasota, Texas within thirty (30) days, along with the stipulations mentioned, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz. The following votes were recorded:

AYES: Mayor Bert Miller, Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt, Councilmember Bernie Gessner and Councilmember Josh Fultz

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Geoff Horn

7. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to approve Resolution No. 655-19, authorizing signatories for the Railroad Street parking lot and drainage project, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz. (Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt stepped away from the dais for a moment.) The following votes were recorded:

AYES: Mayor Bert Miller, Councilmember Bernie Gessner and Councilmember Josh Fultz

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Geoff Horn and Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt.

Mayor Miller announced that the motion carried.

8. There was not any action taken on the agenda item creating a Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone. (Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt came back into the meeting at this time.)

9. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to approve the minutes for the month of June 2019 with changes to the June 24, 2019 minutes as noted, the expenditures for the month of June 2019 and the second reading of Ordinance No. 892-19, changing the zoning from A/O: Agriculture/Open Space District to B-1: General Business District for the property legally described as A0044 Jesse B. McNealy, Tract 31-1, 2, Par 1, Acres 2.35, 31-1, 2, Par 1, changing the current zoning from split A/O: Agriculture/Open Space District/B-1: General Business District to B-1: General Business District for the properties legally described as A0044 Jesse B. McNealy, Tract 50, Acres 3.209, Thane 90 Subdivision, Lot A, Acres 2.057, changing the current zoning from A/O: Agriculture/Open Space District to R-3: High density, multi-dwelling unit, residential district, for the properties legally described as A0044 Jesse B. McNealy, Tract 51-4, Acres 25.6104, A0044 Jesse B. McNealy, Tract 48-7, Acres 18, A0044 Jesse B. McNealy, Tract 41-2, Acres 5.4156, located in Navasota, Grimes County, Texas, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz. The following votes were recorded:

AYES: Mayor Bert Miller, Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt, Councilmember Bernie Gessner and Councilmember Josh Fultz

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Geoff Horn

Mayor Bert Miller announced that the motion carried.

10. A workshop was held on the proposed budget for the Fiscal Year 2019-2020.

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


BERT MILLER, MAYOR

ATTEST:


SUSIE M. HOMEYER, CITY SECRETARY

