

**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
JULY 22, 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  
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; 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; Jeff Greer, Director of Utilities; Kris Gruver, Community Outreach Specialist; Jennifer Reyna, Administrative Assistant; Matt Julian, Utility Supervisor; Kat Thogersen, Administrative Assistant/Deputy City Secretary; and Pat Gruner, Municipal Judge.

**VISITORS:** Connie Clements, Deborah Richardson, Lara Meece, Phyllis Allen, Barbara Walker, Grayson Cox, Steve Duncan, Allison Neal, Karen Neal-Brown, Velma Smith, Katie Compian, Nancy Hock, John Hock, Janis Frenzel, Bettye Tompkins, and Pastor Henry H. Sanders.

**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 Henry Sanders. 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) City Manager Brad Stafford introduced Pat Gruner as the new Municipal Judge;

- (b) Intern William Moore gave an update on the storm drain overlay;
  - (c) City Manager Brad Stafford gave an update on the report from the Railroad Commission on the Executive Order and congratulated the utility department for having zero violations on the gas department audit;
  - (d) Councilmember Josh Fultz gave an update on the latest Planning and Zoning Meeting; and
  - (e) City Councilmembers and staff informed the audience about upcoming events.
5. Mayor Bert Miller moved to approve \$5,500.00 to support the Grimes Health Resource Center in Fiscal Year 2019-2020, seconded by Councilmember Geoff Horn and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.
6. A discussion was held on a proposal for the design, bidding and construction administration of Washington Avenue pedestrian crossing. Citizen Deborah Richardson addressed the City Council about the possibility of a four-way stop sign being placed at the McAlpine/Railroad Street Intersection. Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt moved to approve the proposal from KSA for the design, in the amount of \$32,235 and bid and construction administration if needed in the amount of \$26,905 for the pedestrian crossing on SH 105 (Washington Avenue) at Farquhar Street. The following votes were recorded:

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

**NAYS: None**

**ABSTAIN: Councilmember Geoff Horn**

Mayor Bert Miller announced that the motion carried.

7. A public hearing was held on an order to repair or demolish the property located at 1519 S. LaSalle, Navasota Texas 77868. Mayor Bert Miller opened the public hearing at 6:49 p.m. Karen Neal-Brown, Allison Neal and Barbara Walker all spoke in favor of the City Council allowing more time for the family to make the necessary repairs to this property and bring it up to code. With no further comments, Mayor Bert Miller closed the public hearing at 7:07 p.m.

8. Councilmember Geoff Horn moved to approve the order to repair the structure located at 1519 S. LaSalle, within ninety (90) days from today, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.
9. Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt moved to accept the School Resource Officer contract with Navasota Independent School District, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.
10. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to approve Option # 3 to replace the aerator with an estimated cost of \$117,000 of which the City will be responsible for \$97,000, seconded by Councilmember Geoff Horn and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.
11. The City Council reviewed the City of Navasota Quarterly Report for the quarter ending June 30, 2019.
12. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to approve the amended June 24, 2019 City Council minutes, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.
13. The City Council did not take any action on the first reading of Ordinance No. 894-19, amending Chapter 3 Building Regulations, Article 3.06 Signs, Section 3.06.008 Appeals and Variances of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Navasota, Texas regarding notice and public hearing requirements for variance requests.
14. Mayor Bert Miller adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.



**BERT MILLER, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

  
**SUSIE M. HOMEYER, CITY SECRETARY**