

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 12, 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; Hung Mai, IT Specialist; Jonathan Soresbee, Community Development Specialist; Michael Mize, Lieutenant; Jason Katkoski, Fire Chief/EMC; Jeff Greer, Director of Utilities; Kris Gruver, Community Outreach Specialist; Rita Pullin, Financial Assistant; Kathrine Thogersen, Administrative Assistant/Deputy City Secretary; Jose Coronilla, Director of Streets and Sanitation; Gloria May, Librarian and Cary Bovey, Legal Counsel.

VISITORS: Connie Clements, Deborah Richardson, Arlo Roberson, Andrea Perrard, Gilbert Moore, Kay Harris, Chris Albright, Barbara Glasscock, Wendy McFarland, John Walla, Dia Copeland, Diane Ward, Tim Farkas, Justin Meyers, Ricky Rios, Dwayne Kostih, Patty Tokoly, Kevin Homeyer, Terry Smith, Johnny McNally, Betsy Lehnert, Earl LaFontaine, Judith LaFontaine, William Moore, Cynthia Armatys, Pat Gaston, Scarlet Nabours, Mary Stafford, Tara Gamble, Lisa Binford, Patti Sexton, Jo Crawford, George Wilder, Genie Smith, Gerald Smith, Sarah Korpita, Marcus Noto, Arlo Roberson, James Harris, Janice Konarik, Mac Vaughn, Kathleen Terrell, Barbara Kapchinski, Carolyn Dwellice, Carol Sanders, Ana Rios, Bonny Berger, Sylvia Cleveland, Arthur Cleveland, Lauren Julian, Tim Logan, Beth Logan, Karen Hughes, John Botkin, Barbara Walker, Lynn Hilderbrandt, Melissa Tokoly, Anne Moore, Joan Sullivan, Steve Tokoly, Kayshondra Jones, Michelle Boes, Veronica Torres, Janet Cavanaugh, John Sanders, Pat Arnsin, George Rash, Subrota Gunawan, Jon C. Fultz, Berry Goodman and Marti Luedtke.

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) Librarian Gloria May gave an update on the library events;
 - (b) Director of Streets and Sanitation Jose Coronilla gave an update on the Foster Street Drainage project;
 - (c) Director of Utilities Jeff Greer gave an update on the ground storage tank project;
 - (d) Mayor Bert Miller read a proclamation proclaiming April as "Fair Housing Month";
 - (e) Councilmember Josh Fultz gave an update on the latest P & Z meeting. Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt gave an update on the latest KNB meeting.
 - (f) Councilmembers and staff informed the audience about upcoming events.
5. A public hearing was held regarding a zoning change application submitted by Jon and Janice Crouch, changing the current zoning from R-1B: medium density, single dwelling unit, quarter acre lot, residential district and Overlay District to B-1: General Business District for the property legally described as Jones, Block 1, Lot 3, located in Navasota, Grimes County, Texas for the development of a Taco Bell restaurant. Mayor Bert Miller opened the public hearing at 6:28 p.m. Community Development Director Lupe Diosdado and Taco Bell representative Dwayne Kostiha briefed the audience on the zoning request. The following individuals spoke against rezoning the property: Deborah Richardson (on behalf of Two Rivers Heritage Foundation), Lauren Jilian (her mother, Dee Ward, stood beside her at the podium), Ricky Rios, Kevin Homeyer, Lisa Binford, Cindy Armatys, Michelle Bailey, Wendy McFarland, Gilbert Moore, Sarah Korpita and Patti Tokoly. A letter, from Julia Ferguson, was received in opposition of the zoning change and will be made a part of the minute book. The following individuals spoke in favor of the zoning change: James Harris and Mac Vaughn. With no other comments, Mayor Bert Miller closed the public hearing at 7:20 p.m.
6. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 896-19, changing the current zoning from R-1B: medium density, single dwelling unit, quarter acre lot, residential district and Overlay District to B-1: General Business District for the property legally described as Jones, Block 1, Lot 3, located in Navasota, Grimes

County, Texas, for the development of a Taco Bell restaurant, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt. The following votes were then recorded:

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

NAYS: Councilmember Josh Fultz and Councilmember Geoff Horn

ABSTAIN: None

Mayor Bert Miller announced that Ordinance No. 896-19 failed because an affirmative vote of three-fourths all members of the City Council is required to over-turn the Planning and Zoning recommendation.

7. The City Council did not take any action on the first reading of Ordinance No. 897-19, amending Chapter 14 Zoning Exhibit A Zoning Ordinance, Appendix A-1, Washington Overlay District.
8. A public hearing was held regarding changing the current zoning from A/O: Agriculture/open space district to R-1A: high density, single dwelling unit, 7000 square foot lot, residential district for the properties legally described as A0002, D. Arnold, Tract 6, Par 4, Acres 2, A0002, D. Arnold, Tract 6, Par 4-1, Acres 7.09 located in Navasota, Grimes County, Texas. Mayor Bert Miller opened the public hearing at 7:46 p.m. With no comments from the public, Mayor Bert Miller closed the public hearing at 7:50 p.m.
9. Councilmember Josh Fultz moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 895-19, changing the current zoning from A/O: Agriculture/open space district to R-1A: high density, single dwelling unit, 7,000 square foot lot, residential district for the properties legally described as A0002, D. Arnold, Tract 6, Par 4, Acres 2, A0002, D. Arnold, Tract 6, Par 4-1, Acres 7.09 located in Navasota, Grimes County, Texas, seconded by Councilmember Geoff Horn and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.
10. Councilmember Josh Fultz moved to approve the request from Christian Community Services for assistance with utility payments for the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 up to \$200.00 each month, seconded by Councilmember Bernie Gessner and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

11. Mayor Bert Miller made a motion to accept the proposal from The Goodman Corporation for a Roadway Improvement Plan in the amount of \$50,000.00. Mayor Bert Miller then withdrew his motion. No other action was taken on this item.
12. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to authorize the Mayor to sign the Energy Services Agreement, pending approval of the City Attorney, third party review and obtaining financing option for the project, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.
13. Councilmember Geoff Horn moved to approve Resolution No. 656-19, designating authorized signatories for the 2016 flood Allocation CDBG Disaster Recovery program contract 19-076-034-B687, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.
14. Councilmember Geoff Horn moved to approve Resolution No. 657-19, adopting required CDBG-DR Civil Rights policies, seconded by Councilmember Bernie Gessner and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.
15. Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt moved that the City of Navasota proposes to adopt a tax rate of \$.5693 per \$100 valuation for the Tax Year 2019 at the City Council Chambers located at 200 East McAlpine Street; and a second public hearing at 6:00 p.m. on September 3, 2019 at the City Council Chambers located at 200 East McAlpine Street, and a meeting to adopt the tax rate on first reading at 6:00 p.m. on September 9, 2019 at the City Council Chambers located at 200 East McAlpine Street; and a meeting to adopt the tax rate on second reading at 6:00 p.m. on September 23, 2019 at the City Council Chambers located at 200 East McAlpine Street, seconded by Councilmember Bernie Gessner and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.
16. A discussion was held on the first reading of Ordinance No. 894-19. The following citizens spoke on this topic: Dia Copeland, Sarah Korpita and Deborah Richardson. Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt moved to approve 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 requirements for variance requests, 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: Councilmember Geoff Horn

ABSTAIN: None

Mayor Bert Miller announce that Ordinance No. 894-19 passed on first reading.

17. Councilmember Geoff Horn moved to appoint Layla Perez to the Keep Navasota Beautiful Commission, seconded by Councilmember Bernie Gessner and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.
18. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to approve the minutes and expenditures for the month of July 2019, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.
19. A workshop was not held on the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020.
20. Mayor Bert Miller adjourned the meeting at 9:05 p.m.


BERT MILLER, MAYOR

ATTEST:


SUSIE M. HOMEYER, CITY SECRETARY

