

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 26, 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.

(Mayor Bert Miller was absent at the beginning of the meeting but later arrived at 6:35 p.m.)

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; Jose Coronilla, Director of Streets and Sanitation; Travis Mullins, John Shoemaker, Melody Binford and Cary Bovey, Legal Counsel.

VISITORS: Connie Clements, Deborah Richardson, Andrea Perrard, Gary R. Newton, Joan Petersen, John Henry, Johnny McNally, Kelly Hajek, Alan Munger, Mary Stafford, George Rash, Kent Laza and others.

THE ITEMS ON THE AGENDA WERE TAKEN UP IN DUE ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

1. Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt 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: None.

4. Staff report:

- (a) Utility Director Jeff Greer gave an update on the sewer project;
- (b) Community Development Specialist Jonathan Soresbee gave an update on the Navasota Economic Development Corporation;
- (c) Finance Director Lance Hall introduced Melody Binford as the new Utility Clerk. Police Chief/Assistant City Manager Shawn Myatt introduced Travis Mullins as the new police officer;
- (d) City Manager Brad Stafford gave an update on the Arts Council's quarterly report for the third quarter;
- (e) Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt read a proclamation recognizing "Saint Francis Wolf Sanctuary";
- (f) 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. City Manager Brad Stafford gave an update on the latest airport meeting.
- (g) Councilmembers and staff informed the audience about upcoming events.

5. Municipal Judge Pat Gruner gave an update on Municipal Court activities and some changes to the law designed to improve the security of judges at all levels, both in their courtrooms and their homes as well as City Hall. She also recommended a Garrett Super Scanner V metal detector to be purchased with funds that are collected from a security fee from anyone convicted of a misdemeanor offense. Councilmember Geoff Horn moved to purchase a Garrett Super Scanner in the amount of \$146.74, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz. The following votes were recorded:

AYES: Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt, Councilmember Bernie Gessner, Councilmember Josh Fultz and Councilmember Geoff Horn

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mayor Bert Miller

Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt announced that the motion carried.

6. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to approve Resolution No. 658-19, authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease-purchase agreement with Capital One Public Funding, LLC for energy conservation equipment, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz. The following votes were then recorded:

AYES: Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt, Councilmember Bernie Gessner, Councilmember Josh Fultz and Councilmember Geoff Horn

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mayor Bert Miller

Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt announced that the motion carried.

7. Mayor Bert Miller arrived during this item at 6:35 p.m. Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt moved to approve the Thoroughfare Transportation Plan, to include community meetings, submitted by Strand Associates, seconded by Councilmember Geoff Horn and with each Councilmember present voting AYE, the motion carried.
8. Johnny McNally, Director of the Navasota Grimes County Chamber of Commerce gave an update on upcoming events and economic development activities.
9. Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt moved to approve the FY 2019 Street Improvement project and engineering agreement with CEC in the amount of \$41,180.00, seconded by Councilmember Geoff Horn and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.
10. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to approve the utility contract extending the sewer line at 1403 W. Virginia and granting a payment plan for Victor Polanco to include recommendations by legal counsel and seek more bids, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.
11. The City Council met in Executive Session as permitted by Section 551.087, Texas Government Code, for the purpose of deliberation regarding economic development negotiations with Kolkhorst Development Navasota, LLC regarding the development of commercial and other improvements to property located on E. Washington Avenue, Navasota, Grimes County, Texas. The time was 7:20 p.m.
12. The City Council reconvened in open session at 7:48 p.m.

13. Citizen Gay Newton addressed the City Council on the Executive Session item. He questioned the City Council about the deed restrictions for his property and other properties in the Jones Addition. Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt moved to approve the 380 agreement with Kolkhorst Development Navasota LLC for the improvements for the existing building and sidewalks there, located at Ivy Street and Washington Avenue, not to exceed the amount of \$20,000.00 for the next five years and once the improvements have been approved by the City including "Exhibits" A, B and C and they have been completed by Kolkhorst Development Navasota LLC, seconded by Councilmember Geoff Horn and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.
14. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to approve Change Order No. 6 for the 2017 Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project for a credit in the amount of (\$24,481.00), seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.
15. A public hearing was held on proposal to increase the tax rate for 2019. The Mayor read the following: "The City Council of the City of Navasota is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting at 6:00 p.m. on September 9, 2019 at the City Council Chambers located at 200 East McAlpine Street for first reading; and a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. on September 23, 2019 at the City Council Chambers located at 200 East McAlpine Street for second reading". Mayor Bert Miller opened the public hearing at 8:00 p.m. There were no comments from the public so Mayor Bert Miller closed the hearing at 8:04 p.m.
16. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to approve the second 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 Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.
17. Councilmember Geoff Horn moved to approve the second 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, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.


18. Councilmember Josh Fultz moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 898-19, budget amendment for the brush removal in the amount of \$20,000.00, seconded by Councilmember Bernie Gessner and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

19. A workshop was held on the proposed budget for fiscal year 2019-2020.

20. Mayor Bert Miller adjourned the meeting at 8:29 p.m.


BERT MILLER, MAYOR

ATTEST:


SUSIE M. HOMEYER, CITY SECRETARY

