

**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 9, 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; Lupe Diosdado, Community Development Director; Shawn Myatt, Chief of Police/Assistant City Manager; Michael Mize, Lieutenant; Jason Katkoski, Fire Chief/EMC; Jeff Greer, Director of Utilities; Kathrine Thogersen, Administrative Assistant/Deputy City Secretary and Dominique Lowery, Facilities Manager.

**VISITORS:** Connie Clements, Deborah Richardson, Arlo Roberson, John Henry and Kent Laza.

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

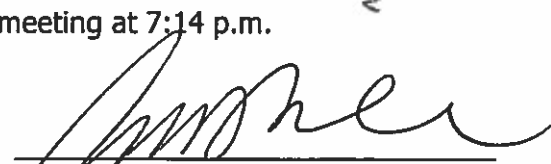
1. Mayor Bert Miller called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. Invocation was given by Pastor Arlo Roberson. The City Council, staff members and visitors then recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and the Texas Flag.
3. Remarks of visitors: None.
4. Staff report:
  - (a) Utility Director Jeff Greer gave an update on utility line locates as called in by contractors;
  - (b) Police Chief/Assistant City Manager Shawn Myatt gave an update on dates for National Night Out and Treats on the Streets;

- (c) Councilmember Josh Fultz gave an update on the latest Planning and Zoning meeting. Councilmember Geoff Horn gave an update on the latest Board of Adjustment meeting.
- (d) Councilmembers and staff informed the audience about upcoming events.
5. Councilmember Geoff Horn moved to approve the contract for engineering and surveying services for the 2016 Flood CDBG – Disaster Recovery for Railroad Street Storm Sewer Extension project, seconded by Councilmember Bernie Gessner and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.
  6. Councilmember Geoff Horn moved to approve the reallocation of funds from the construction and materials testing portion of the contract to engineering construction phase services of the 2017 Sanitary Sewer Replacement project in the amount of \$15,000, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.
  7. A public hearing was held on the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2019-2020. Mayor Bert Miller opened the public hearing at 6:31 p.m. With no comments from the public, Mayor Bert Miller closed the public hearing at 6:42 p.m.
  8. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to ratify the tax increase reflected in the budget for FY 2019-2020, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, by a show of hands, the motion carried.
  9. Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 899-19, adopting the budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2019 and ending September 30, 2020, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, by a show of hands, the motion carried.
  10. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$.5693 which is effectively a 8.46 percent increase in the tax rate and approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 900-19, levying taxes for the City of Navasota and establishing the rate of taxation and the percentage of actual value of the property to be used for and during the 2019 tax year, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.
  11. Councilmember Geoff Horn moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 901-19, amending Chapter 13, Utilities of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Navasota, Texas, by adding Article 13.07, Cross-Connection Control Program, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

12. Councilmember Geoff Horn moved to approve the Unified Design Standards for the City of Navasota Utilities, Streets and Drainage, seconded by Councilmember Bernie Gessner and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.
13. Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt moved to approve the interlocal contract for cooperative purchasing services with Purchasing Cooperative of America and Region 3 Education Service Center, seconded by Councilmember Geoff Horn and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.
14. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to approve the letter of agreement with the Brazos Valley Council on Alcohol and Substance Abuse for September 1, 2019 and expires August 31, 2020, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.
15. Councilmember Geoff Horn moved to approve the TxDOT Ramp Grant for airport maintenance with a \$50,000.00 match, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.
16. Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 903-19, with the changes mentioned, amending Appendix A, Article A5.000, Public Works; of the Code of Ordinances, of the City of Navasota, regarding fee schedules, seconded by Councilmember Geoff Horn and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.
17. Councilmember Geoff Horn moved to approve the interlocal agreement with Grimes County for fire protection services with a payment of \$93,241 for the 2019-2020 fiscal year, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.
18. Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 902-19, budget amendment for Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2018 and ending September 30, 2019 for gas sales and purchases and Texas Birthday Bash expense and revenue, seconded by Councilmember Geoff Horn and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.
19. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to approve the minutes and expenditures for the month of August 2019 and the second reading of Ordinance No. 898-19, amending the budget for FY 2018-2019 for brush removal, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

20. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to approve Resolution No. 659-19, authorizing representation in a matter involving the Texas Municipal League Multistate Employee Benefits Pool and the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

21. Mayor Bert Miller adjourned the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

  
BERT MILLER, MAYOR

**ATTEST:**

  
SUSIE M. HOMEYER, CITY SECRETARY

