

**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
AUGUST 10, 2020**

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; Lance Hall, Finance Director; Hung Mai, IT Specialist; Madison Brooks, Marketing and Communication Coordinator (Virtually); Alicia Ortman, Intern(Virtually); James McKenzie, Intern; Shawn Myatt, Police Chief/Assistant City Manager; Luke Cochran, Legal Counsel; Jason Katkoski, Fire Chief/EMC; Peggy Johnson, Human Resource Director; Jose Coronilla, Director of Streets and Sanitation; Tiffany Sammons, Library Director; Connie Bolten, Building Custodian Laborer; and Jacob Casares, Parks and Recreation Laborer.

**VISITORS:** Connie Clements, Deborah Richardson, Vicki Spiess (Virtually), Todd Wisner, Mac Vaughn, Andre Perrard (Virtually), Beth Downing, Chris Leverett, Michael Dearing, Sam Wood, Wes Male, Little League Players, Mark Hitt (Virtually), Jim Hassell, Richard Fletcher and others.

**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 Mac Vaughn. 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: (a) Todd Wisner addressed the City Council about recent COVID-19 data.
4. Staff report:
  - (a) City Manager Brad Stafford gave an update on COVID-19 response;

- (b) Finance Director Lance Hall and Human Resource Director Peggy Johnson introduced Library Director Tiffany Sammons and Building Custodian Laborer Connie Bolten;
  - (c) City Manager Brad Stafford and the City Council recognized the Little League All Stars;
  - (d) City Manager Brad Stafford gave a brief report on the Arts Council quarterly report for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter;
  - (e) There was not an update on Boards and Commissions;
  - (f) Councilmembers and staff informed the audience about upcoming events.
5. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to approve the 2016 GLO CDBG-DR Railroad Street Storm Sewer Extension Project to Larry Young Paving in the amount of \$1,799,053.00, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.
  6. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to approve the professional services agreement with HDL for consulting services related to the State sales and use tax, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.
  7. Councilmember Geoff Horn moved to approve Resolution No. 677-20, accepting the water, sewer, gas, street and storm drainage improvements of Phase Three Section One in Pecan Lakes Estates Subdivision, except signage, common areas and maintenance of open channel storm drainage, in the City of Navasota, Texas, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.
  8. Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt moved to approve the renewal of the TML health benefits with the 4.15% increase, Guardian for dental benefits, Sun Life for life insurance benefits and TML for vision benefits for Fiscal Year 2020-2021, seconded by Councilmember Geoff Horn and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.
  9. Councilmember Geoff Horn moved to accept the sixty (60) month copier rental and maintenance proposal from Xerox Business Solutions Southwest in the amount of \$1,656.00 per month, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

10. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to accept bids for the sale of City properties legally described as Park Place, Block H, Lot 1, 2 to Javier Olvera in the amount of \$9,000.00 and H & TC, Block J, Lot 4 (S21') 5 to PA Smith Hotel, Janice Sheve in the amount of \$10,105.00, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.
11. Councilmember Geoff Horn moved to approve the addendum to the lease agreement between the City of Navasota and Anderson-Grimes, LLC for ramp and drainage improvements and to be reimbursed up to \$125,000.00 after a thirty (30) day completion of the project, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.
12. Councilmember Josh Fultz moved to approve Resolution No. 679-20, authorizing the submission of an application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for a 2020 Texas Capital Fund Program Downtown Revitalization grant to construct sidewalk and handicap-accessibility improvements in the designated downtown district, seconded by Councilmember Bernie Gessner and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.
13. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to approve Resolution No. 678-20, a resolution of the City of Navasota, Texas, finding that conditions exist within the designated Historic Commercial District of the City which are detrimental to the public health, safety and welfare of the community and, therefore, declared to constitute a blighted area, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.
14. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 936-20, amending Chapter 12 Traffic and Vehicles, Article 12.04 Parking of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Navasota, Texas regarding parking regulations, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.
15. Councilmember Josh Fultz moved to approve the order of election for the November 3, 2020 election to elect three City Councilmembers to Positions 1, 2 & 3 and to include the additional polling places as set by the Grimes County Election Committee, seconded by Councilmember Bernie Gessner and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.
16. Councilmember Geoff Horn recused himself from this agenda item. City Secretary Susie M. Homeyer announced that Councilmember Geoff Horn completed a Conflict of Interest Affidavit concerning this item and it was placed on file. Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 937-20, vacating a remaining

portion of a public alleyway located at Block 3 of the McNair Addition of the City of Navasota, Texas and authorizing the execution of an instrument conveying said property to abutting property owners, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz. The following votes were recorded:

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

**NAYS:**

**ABSTAIN:** Councilmember Geoff Horn

Mayor Bert Miller announce that the motion carried.

17. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to approve the consent agenda items which include the minutes and expenditures for the month of July 2020, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.
18. Councilmember Geoff Horn moved to approve the creation of a Financial Analyst Position, seconded by Councilmember Bernie Gessner and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.
19. A workshop was held on the proposed budget for FY 2020-2021.
20. Mayor Bert Miller adjourned the meeting at 7:42 p.m.



**BERT MILLER, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**



**SUSIE M. HOMEYER, CITY SECRETARY**

