

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 24, 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; Shawn Myatt, Police Chief/Assistant City Manager; Carey Bovey, Legal Counsel; and Rayna Willenbrink, Economic Development Specialist.

VISITORS: Connie Clements, Deborah Richardson, Mac Vaughn, Andre Perrard, George Rash, Pat Gaston, Philip Cox and Argele Morales.

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: None.
4. Staff report:
 - (a) City Manager Brad Stafford gave an update on COVID-19 response;

- (b) City Manager Brad Stafford gave an update on the Health Department research;
 - (c) Councilmember Bernie Gessner gave an update on the latest P & Z meeting. City Manager Brad Stafford gave an update on the latest Library Board meeting;
 - (d) Councilmembers and staff informed the audience about upcoming events.
5. George Rash gave an update on the Ameresco project.
 6. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to approve Resolution No. 680-20, selecting Civil Engineering Consultants (CEC) to complete application and project implementation for the CDBG-Mitigation (MIT) funding through the General Land Office, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.
 7. A public hearing was held regarding a specific use permit application submitted by Sergio Morales, Sr. for the property located at 313 South Judson Street, Navasota, Grimes County, Texas, to allow for development of a commercial day care within the R-1A: High Density, 7,000 square foot, residential district. The property affected is legally described as East End Heights, Block 1, Lot 14. Mayor Bert Miller opened the public hearing at 6:30 p.m. Mrs. Morales addressed the City Council and told them of their plans for this property. With no other comments from the public, Mayor Bert Miller closed the public hearing at 6:35 p.m.
 8. Councilmember Josh Fultz moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 938-20, a specific use permit application submitted by Sergio Morales, Sr., for the property located at 313 South Judson Street, Navasota, Grimes County, Texas, to allow for development of a commercial day care within the R-1A: High Density, 7,000 square foot, residential district, legally described as East End Heights, Block 1, Lot 14, seconded by Councilmember Bernie Gessner and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.
 9. A public hearing was held regarding amending Chapter 14 zoning, Exhibit A Zoning Ordinance, Article IX R-3: High Density, Multi-Dwelling, Residential District, 9.3 Development Standards, B. Building setbacks, (3) side Setback, and

Article VIII R-2: Medium Density, Multi-Dwelling Unit, Residential District, 8.3 Development Standards, B. Building Setbacks, (3) Side Setback, for the purpose of reducing side setback requirements for single dwelling unit development.

Amending Chapter 14 zoning, Exhibit A Zoning Ordinance, Article XI B-1: General Business District, 11.4 Development and Design Standards, B. Setbacks, (5), for the purpose of clarifying setback requirements for residential development within a General Business District. Mayor Bert Miller opened the public hearing at 6:37 p.m. After a brief discussion by the City Council and no comments from the public, Mayor Bert Miller closed the public hearing at 6:42 p.m.

10. Councilmember Geoff Horn made a motion to approve on the first reading of Ordinance No. 939-20, amending Chapter 14 zoning, Exhibit A Zoning Ordinance, Article IX R-3: High Density, Multi-Dwelling, Residential District, 9.3 Development Standards, B. Building setbacks, (3) side Setback, and Article VIII R-2: Medium Density, Multi-Dwelling Unit, Residential District, 8.3 Development Standards, B. Building Setbacks, (3) Side Setback, for the purpose of reducing side setback requirements for single dwelling unit development. Amending Chapter 14 zoning, Exhibit A Zoning Ordinance, Article XI B-1: General Business District, 11.4 Development and Design Standards, B. Setbacks, (5), for the purpose of clarifying setback requirements for residential development within a General Business District subject to the condition that it can't be within ten (10) feet of another building, seconded by Councilmember Bernie Gessner and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.
11. Councilmember Josh Fultz moved to approve the request from Christian Community Services for assistance with utility payments, up to \$200.00 a month, for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021, seconded by Councilmember Geoff Horn and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.
12. Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt moved that the City of Navasota propose to adopt a tax rate of \$.5693 per \$100 valuation for the Tax Year 2020 and hold a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. on September 14, 2020 at the City Council Chambers located at 200 East McAlpine Street; and a second public hearing at 6:00 p.m. on September 28, 2020 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 14, 2020 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 28, 2020 at the City Council Chambers located at 200 East

McAlpine Street, second by Councilmember Geoff Horn. With each Councilmember voting AYE, by a show of hands, the motion carried.

13. Councilmember Josh Fultz made a motion to approve Resolution No. 681-20, approving the 2020 joint election contract for local subdivisions (including school districts) for the period of August 2020 – August 2021, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.
14. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to approve the consent agenda items which includes the second 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 and the second 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.

15. A workshop was held on the proposed budget for FY 2020-2021.
20. Mayor Bert Miller adjourned the meeting at 7:18 p.m.


BERT MILLER, MAYOR

ATTEST:


SUSIE M. HOMEYER, CITY SECRETARY

