

**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
JUNE 8, 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; Lance Hall, Finance Director; Lupe Diosdado, Community Development Director; Michael Mize, Lieutenant; Kathrine Thogersen, Administrative Assistant/Deputy City Secretary; Hung Mai, IT Specialist; Jose Coronilla, Director of Streets and Sanitation; Madison Brooks, Marketing and Communication Coordinator; Rayna Willenbrink, Economic Development Specialist; Alicia Ortman, Intern; Jacob Tielke, Investigator; Jason Katkoski, Fire Chief/EMC; John Shoemaker, Investigator; and Vanessa DiMattia, Communications Operator.

**VISITORS:** Connie Clements, Jon C. Fultz, Audrey Sauls, Claudia Bixel, Robert Belt, Kaitlyn Shoemaker, Deborah Richardson, Victor Enman, Ana Cosino, Jenni Fultz Jarvis, Miriah Cunneen, Alexyia Lewis, Sherry McKibben, Jeannie Burns, Archie Sauls, Shaneka Ngom, Doris Sauls 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 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: (a) Claudia Bixel, addressed the City Council about her recent termination of employment from the City because she didn't meet the City standards. She would like to know what those standards are. She was advised to set up a meeting with the City Manager.

(b) Victor Enmon, with Entergy, addressed the City Council about the recent power outage over the weekend. Mr. Enmons informed the City Council that it was a snake that caused a lot of damage. (c) Shaneka Ngom addressed the City Council about her property located at 703 FM 379 concerning utilities and the opening up the road that is near her property. She was advised to set up a meeting with the City Manager. (d) Deborah Richardson addressed the City Council about Ketchum Street and the downtown visibility at night. (e) Rev. Dr. Archie Sauls addressed the City Council about some electric poles that were placed on his property by mistake by Entergy; about getting denied for a permit for a mobile home he was trying to upgrade on Sauls Street; and about someone living in horse trailer in the area without utilities. (f) Audrey Sauls addressed the City Council and told them this was not the time to be firing people during a pandemic. She also asked the City Council if a \$1.00 could be added to the street fund on utility bills to get Roosevelt a through street.

4. Staff report:

- (a) City Manager Brad Stafford and Fire Chief/EMC Jason Katkoski gave an update on COVID-19 response;
- (b) City Manager Brad Stafford and the City Council recognized John Shoemaker for five years of service to the City;
- (c) Marketing and Communication Coordinator Madison Brooks gave an update on the on the July 4<sup>th</sup> Freedom Festival;
- (d) Director of Streets and Sanitation Jose Coronilla gave an update on the street department;
- (e) Lieutenant Mike Mize gave an update on the police department;
- (f) There was not an update on Boards and Commissions;
- (g) Councilmembers and staff informed the audience about upcoming events.

5. Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt moved to approve the audit and single audit report for fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, seconded by Councilmember Geoff Horn and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

6. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to approve Change Order No. 1 for the Railroad Street Parking Lot and Drainage Project in the amount of \$2,322.00 to Brazos Paving Inc., seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

7. A public hearing was held regarding a voluntary annexation request submitted by Miriah Cunneen on behalf of Anthony J. Cunneen for a 9.063 acre tract of land in the Daniel Tyler Survey, A-55, Navasota, Texas, Grimes County, Texas. Mayor Bert Miller opened the public hearing at 7:03 p.m. Miriah Cunneen addressed the City Council about their plans for this piece of property. There were no other comments. Mayor Bert Miller closed the hearing at 7:06 p.m.
8. Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 932-20, regarding a voluntary annexation request submitted by Miriah Cunneen on behalf of Anthony J. Cunneen for a 9.063-acre tract of land in the Daniel Tyler Survey, A-55, Navasota, Grimes County, Texas, seconded by Councilmember Bernie Gessner and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.
9. A public hearing was held regarding a development plan submitted by Jennifer Fultz, as prescribed in Article X OD: Overlay District for the property legally described as A0002, D. Arnold, Tract 5, Lot 1, located at 1400 East Washington Avenue, Navasota, Grimes County, Texas, for the development of Navasota Abstract & Title Company, a professional office. Mayor Bert Miller opened the public hearing at 7:08 p.m. Councilmember Josh Fultz announced that he had an interest in this property so he is stepping down from the dais for the next two items. He also mentioned that he filled out an affidavit of conflict of interest and filed it with the City Secretary.

Councilmember Geoff Horn also announced that he had an interest in this property so he stepped down from the dais for the next two items. He also announced that he filled out an affidavit of conflict of interest and filed it with the City Secretary. Jon C. Fultz addressed the City Council and gave a brief history of the property. Jenny Fultz Jarvis addressed the City Council and answered a couple of questions that the City Council had. With no other comments from the public, Mayor Bert Miller closed the public hearing at 7:12 p.m.

10. Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt moved to approve the development agreement plan submitted by Jennifer Fultz, as prescribed in Article X OD: Overlay District for the property legally described as A0002, D. Arnold, Tract 5, Par 1, located at 1400 East Washington Avenue, Navasota, Grimes County, Texas, for the development of Navasota Abstract & Title Co., Inc., a professional office, seconded by Councilmember Bernie Gessner. The following votes were recorded:

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

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** Councilmember Josh Fultz and Councilmember Geoff Horn

Mayor Bert Miller announced that the motion carried.

11. Councilmember Josh Fultz moved to sanction the Navasota Freedom Festival to be held on July 4, 2020, seconded by Councilmember Bernie Gessner and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.
12. A public hearing was held regarding 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, amending Chapter 14 zoning, Exhibit A Zoning Ordinance, 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. Mayor Bert Miller opened the public hearing at 7:16 p.m. Community Development Director Lupe Diosdado went over the changes. With no comments from the public, Mayor Bert Miller closed the public hearing at 7:29 p.m.
13. The first reading of Ordinance No. 933-20 was tabled.
14. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to approve Resolution No. 673-20, designating GrantWorks, Inc. as the administration provider for the 2020 Texas Capital Fund Downtown Revitalization Program, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.
15. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to approve Resolution No. 674-20, review of the City of Navasota Investment Policy and Strategy, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.
16. Councilmember Geoff Horn moved to approve the goals and priorities for Fiscal Year 2020-2021, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.
17. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to approve the consent agenda items which include the minutes and expenditures for the month of May 2020, seconded by Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.
18. Mayor Bert Miller adjourned the meeting at 7:34 p.m.

*Bert Miller*

**BERT MILLER, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

*Susie M. Homeyer*

**SUSIE M. HOMEYER, CITY SECRETARY**

