

**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 11, 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; Jack Kelso, Building Inspector and Cary Bovey, Legal Counsel.

**VISITORS:** Connie Clements(Virtually), Jim Hassell, Ana Cosino(Virtually), Andrea Perrard(Virtually), Tammy(Virtually) and Scott Beddingfield.

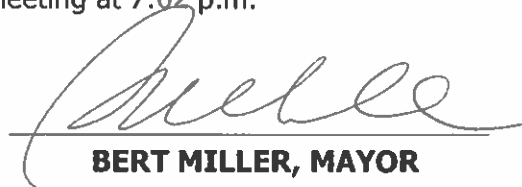
**THE ITEMS ON THE AGENDA WERE TAKEN UP IN DUE ORDER AS FOLLOWS:**

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: 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 Arts Council quarterly report for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter;
  - (c) City Secretary Susie M. Homeyer gave an update on Municipal Clerks Week, May 3-9, 2020;

- (d) Mayor Bert Miller announced that a couple of board meetings are scheduled for this week.
  - (e) Councilmembers and staff informed the audience about upcoming events.
5. A public hearing was held on an order to repair or demolish the structure located at 1220 S. LaSalle, Navasota, Texas 77868. Mayor Bert Miller opened the public hearing at 6:12 p.m. Staff member Lupe Diosdado presented this item, described the code violations and substandard conditions of the structures, and showed multiple pictures of the substandard structures on the subject property. Staff responded to several questions from the City Council. With no comments from the public or anyone virtually, Mayor Bert Miller closed the public hearing at 6:20 p.m.
  6. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to approve an order to demolish the structures at 1220 S. LaSalle, Navasota, Texas 77868, seconded by Councilmember Geoff Horn and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.
  7. Councilmember Geoff Horn moved to approve the Development Agreement with J & H Navasota Development, LLC for Phase III of Pecan Lakes Estates for \$400.00 per connection up to \$10,000.00 plus \$8,000.00 upon completion of the loop, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.
  8. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 929-20, amending Chapter 11, Taxation, Article 11.04 Hotel/Motel Occupancy Tax, setting due dates for payments and penalties and interest for delinquent accounts, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.
  9. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 930-20, amending Chapter 11, Taxation, Article 11.04 Hotel/Motel Occupancy Tax to temporarily modify the hotel occupancy tax reporting and payment schedule, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.
  10. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 931-20, amending Chapter 8 Offenses and Nuisances, Article 8.03 Noise, Division 1. Generally, Sec. 8.03.003 General Provisions, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Navasota, Grimes County, Texas, regarding general residential construction working hours, with changes discussed by the City Council, seconded by Councilmember Geoff Horn and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

City Secretary Susie M. Homeyer informed the City Council that someone by the name of Tammy had raised their hand virtually to speak. The time was 6:50 p.m. Mayor Bert Miller called on this person and it was Lonnie Turner. He wanted to speak on behalf of Agenda Item No. 5. The Mayor informed Mr. Turner that the public hearing had already been conducted and closed, the City Council had already made a decision on this agenda item and the time for consideration of Agenda Item No. 5 had passed. Mr. Turner then wanted to know the status of the outcome. Mayor Bert Miller instructed Mr. Turner to contact Lupe Diosdado tomorrow about the action taken.

11. Mayor Bert Miller made a motion to move the May 25, 2020 City Council meeting to May 26, 2020 unless there were not enough items for an agenda, seconded by Councilmember Bernie Gessner and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.
12. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to approve the consent agenda items which include the minutes and expenditures for the month of April 2020, the second reading of Ordinance No. 927-20, denying the distribution cost recovery factor rate increase of Entergy, Texas, Inc. filed on March 31, 2020 and the second reading of Ordinance No. 928-20, establishing a voluntary utility assistance fund and appointment of an advisory board, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.
13. Mayor Bert Miller adjourned the meeting at 7:02 p.m.

  
**BERT MILLER, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

  
**SUSIE M. HOMEYER, CITY SECRETARY**

