

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 9, 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
Pattie Pederson, 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; Hung Mai, IT Specialist; Michael Mize, Lieutenant; Pat Gruner, Municipal Judge; Vanessa DiMattia, Utility Clerk; Jason Katkoski, Fire Chief/EMC; Lance Hall, Finance Director; Kathrine Thogersen, Administrative Assistant; Cary Bovey, Legal Counsel; Dominique Lowery, Facilities Manager; Enrique Padron, Truck Driver; Abigail Ledbetter, Intern; and Shawn Myatt, Police Chief/Assistant City Manager.

VISITORS: Connie Clements, Deborah Richardson, Karen Hughes, Callan Katkoski, Philip Cox, James Gilley, Donna Schmidt, Joe Falco, III; Ashley Falco, Ana Cosino, Steven Hughes, Kylie Maxson, Avery McKinney, Hannah Dimmel, Porsche Jones, Kylie Walter-Steptoe, Brianna Kashwer, Graceanna Linder, Kelly Ladd, Emily Ladd, Glenda Maxson, Kathleen Dimmel, Alice Jones, Susan Foy, Mark Dimmell, Karen Newman, Dean Heard, Nancy Heard, Leslee Soto, Bryana Stokes, Melodie Linder, Eric Linder, and Stephanie Maxson.

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: Deborah Richardson addressed the City Council to see if anything could be done about food being thrown away by eateries and grocery stores and given to those people that are in need. Karen Hughes addressed the City Council about being bitten by a pit bull dog to see if more stringent laws could be put in place about animals with aggressive behaviors.
4. Staff report:
 - (a) City Manager Brad Stafford gave an update on COVID-19 response;
 - (b) City Manager Brad Stafford and the City Council recognized Enrique Padron for ten years of service and Jason Katkoski for twenty-five years of service;
 - (c) Finance Director Lance Hall introduced Vanessa DiMattia as the new utility clerk;
 - (d) Mayor Bert Miller proclaimed November 11 – 1, 2020 as National Apprenticeship Week;
 - (e) Mayor Bert Miller proclaimed November 9, 2020 as Navasota Rattler Volleyball Day;
 - (f) Councilmember Geoff Horn gave an update on the latest Board of Adjustment meeting;
 - (g) Councilmembers and staff informed the audience about upcoming events.
5. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to canvass the returns for the November 3, 2020 City Election, seconded by Councilmember Geoff Horn and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.
6. A Certificate of Election was issued to the newly elected Councilmembers being Josh Fultz, Bernie Gessner and Pattie Pederson. Municipal Judge Pat Gruner then administered the oath of office to each of them. Councilmember Pattie Pederson then assumed the duties of her new office.

7. Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt moved to nominate Bert Miller to serve as Mayor, seconded by Councilmember Bernie Gessner. With no other nominations, Bert Miller was elected Mayor.
8. Councilmember Josh Fultz moved to nominate Grant Holt to serve as Mayor Pro-Tem, seconded by Councilmember Bernie Gessner. With no other nominations, Grant Holt was elected Mayor Pro-Tem.
9. The Noon Lions Club, Evening Lions Club and the Kiwanis presented the Parks Department with a check to help purchase new playground equipment for Mockingbird Park.
10. A public hearing was held regarding zoning changes initiated by the Planning and Zoning Commission, changing the current zoning from A/O Agriculture/open Space District to R-1C: low density, single dwelling unit, 2 acre lot or larger, residential district for the properties legally described as, A0002. D ARNOLD, TRACT 17, PAR 9-4, ACRES 3.064, 17, PAR 9-4, A0002. D ARNOLD, TRACT 18, ACRES 159.5, PAR 3-2, A0002. D ARNOLD, TRACT 18, PAR 8, ACRES 2.15, A0002. D ARNOLD, TRACT 18, PAR 2, ACRES 28.23 and A0002. D ARNOLD, TRACT 18, PAR 1, ACRES 7.8, changing the current zoning from A/O: Agriculture/open Space District to R-3: high density, multi-dwelling unit, residential district for the properties legally described as A0002. D ARNOLD, TRACT 18, PAR 9, ACRES 3, A0002. D ARNOLD, TRACT 18, PAR 4, ACRES 1.5 and A0002. D ARNOLD, TRACT 18, PAR 6, ACRES 2.16, changing the current zoning from A/O: Agriculture/open Space District to R-1B: medium density, single dwelling unit, quarter acre, residential district for the property legally described as A0002. D ARNOLD, TRACT 18, PAR 1-5, ACRES 1.00, located in Navasota, Grimes County, Texas. Councilmember Bernie Gessner recused himself from this item. He also noted that he had filed the appropriate affidavit of conflict of interest with the City Secretary. Mayor Bert Miller opened the public hearing at 6:31 p.m. With no comment from the public, Mayor Bert Miller closed the public hearing at 6:35 p.m.
11. Councilmember Bernie Gessner recused himself from this agenda item. Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 946-20, changing the current zoning from A/O Agriculture/open Space District to R-1C: low density, single dwelling unit, 2 acre lot or larger, residential district for the properties legally described as, A0002. D ARNOLD, TRACT 17, PAR 9-4, ACRES 3.064, 17, PAR 9-4, A0002. D ARNOLD, TRACT 18, ACRES 159.5, PAR 3-2, A0002. D ARNOLD, TRACT 18, PAR 8, ACRES 2.15, A0002. D ARNOLD, TRACT 18, PAR 2, ACRES 28.23 and A0002. D ARNOLD, TRACT 18, PAR 1, ACRES 7.8,

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AYES: Mayor Bert Miller, Councilmember Josh Fultz, Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt and Councilmember Pattie Pederson

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Councilmember Bernie Gessner

Mayor Bert Miller announced that the motion carried.

12. Councilmember Josh Fultz moved to approve Ordinance No. 948-20, authorizing the issuance and sale of "City of Navasota, Texas, Combination Tax and Limited Surplus Revenue Certificates of Obligation, series 2020" and approving all other matters related thereto, seconded by Councilmember Bernie Gessner and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.
13. A presentation was held on the Navasota Sidewalk and Trails Plan.
14. Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 947-20, amending Chapter 4, Article 4.07, Towing Companies, of the Code of Ordinances, City of Navasota, Texas, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.
15. Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt moved to appoint James D. Laub, PhD to the Parks and Recreation Board and the Keep Navasota Beautiful Commission, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.
16. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to approve the consent agenda items which include the minutes and expenditures for the month of October 2020; the second reading of Ordinance No. 943-20, tax roll ordinance for tax year 2020 City of Navasota Brazos County portion; the second reading of Ordinance No. 944-20, tax roll ordinance for tax 2020 City of Navasota Grimes County portion; and the second reading of Ordinance No. 945-20, updated service credits with the Texas Municipal Retirement System, seconded by

Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

17. Mayor Bert Miller adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.


BERT MILLER, MAYOR

ATTEST:


SUSIE M. HOMEYER, CITY SECRETARY

