

**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
APRIL 12, 2021**

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  
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, Development Services Director; Rayna Willenbrink, Economic Development Specialist; Shawn Myatt, Police Chief/Assistant City Manager; Cary Bovey, Legal Counsel; Jennifer Reyna, Administrative Assistant; Lance Hall, Finance Director; Jeff Greer, Director of Utilities; Edwin Sandoval, Heavy Equipment Operator; Jose Coronilla, Director of Streets and Sanitation; Colten Haffey, Parks and Recreation Specialist; Emily Peterson, Executive Assistant; Pat Gruner, Navasota Municipal Judge; Wilma K. Peavy, Financial Assistant; Douglas Franklin, Heavy Equipment Operator; Peggy Johnson, Human Resource Director; and Christina Griffin, HR Specialist.

**VISITORS:** Connie Clements, Mac Vaughn, Robert Belt, John Henry, Doris Sauls, R. J. Sauls, Audrey Sauls, Ben Miller (Virtually), Shawn McGum, Mary Evan, Louis Vidotto, Nancy Vidotto, Brittany Taylor, Keith Taylor and Raymond Adams.

**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 introduced the following new employees: Christina Griffin, Emily Peterson, Colton Haffey and Wilma K. Peavy.

b) John Henry gave an update on the Capital Improvements project;

c) Economic Development Specialist Rayna Willenbrink gave an update on the Navasota Economic Development website;

d) Director of Streets and Sanitation Jose Coronilla gave a drainage update;

e) Administrative Assistant Jennifer Reyna gave an update on the Clean-Up event;

f) Police Chief/Assistant City Manager Shawn Myatt gave an update on the cost for signs on the Engine Brake Ordinance;

g) Councilmember Bernie Gessner gave an update on the latest Planning and Zoning meeting; and

g) There was not an update from Councilmembers and staff about upcoming events.

5. Mayor Bert Miller moved to approve the audit for fiscal year ending September 30, 2020, seconded by Councilmember Pattie Pederson and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

6. Resident Connie Clements addressed the City Council about the proposed bike lanes for Hillside Drive. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to contract with Goodwin-Lasiter-Strong for grant writing services for TxDOT's Transportation Alternative grant funding cycle in the amount of \$14,000.00 plus reimbursable for the development of three project applications for the TxDOT Transportation Alternative Program, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

7. Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 960-21, regarding placement of stop signs at the intersection of Carriage Lane and Mockingbird Street, regulating traffic traveling south on Carriage Lane. The intersection of Heritage Drive and Meadow Lake Drive, regulating traffic west on Heritage Drive. The intersection of Meadow Lake Drive and Heritage

Drive, regulating traffic traveling south on Meadow Lake Drive, the intersection of Mockingbird Street and Meadow Lake Drive, regulating traffic traveling west on Mockingbird Street and the intersection of Heritage Drive and Carriage Lane regulating traffic traveling west and east on Heritage Drive, seconded by Councilmember Pattie Pederson and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

8. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to approve the Navasota Employee Handbook, with the changes mentioned, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

9. Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 961-21, budget amendment for the airport improvements by adding \$54,800.00, seconded by Councilmember Pattie Pederson and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

10. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to appoint Myra Prosper-Dickson to the Navasota Housing Authority Board, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

Councilmember Josh Fultz moved to appoint Kristen Smith to the Keep Navasota Beautiful Commission, seconded by Councilmember Bernie Gessner and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

11. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to accept the 2021 Consumer Price Index (CPI) adjustment to municipal telecommunications right-of-way access line rates, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz 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 March 2021; the second reading of Ordinance No. 958-21, approving a zoning change application submitted to the City of Navasota by Texas Group Development, LLC, for the property located along Dove Crossing Ln, Navasota, Grimes County, TX 77868. The zoning change application requests to change the zoning from R-1A: high density, single dwelling unit, 7,000 square foot lot, residential district to Navasota Hills PUD, a 4,500 square foot lot planned unit development for the development of a single dwelling unit subdivision. The property affected is legally described as Dove Crossing, Block 7, Lot 5, Acres 5.08; and the second reading of Ordinance No. 959-21, prohibiting the use of Engine Brakes in the City of Navasota, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

13. The City Council met in Executive Session as permitted by Section 551.074, Texas Government Code, Personnel Matters, concerning the evaluation and reappointment of the Navasota Municipal Judge. The time was 7:27 p.m.

14. The City Council reconvened in open session at 8:18 p.m.

15. Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt moved to reappoint Pat Gruner and extend her contract for two years and increase her pay to \$21,600.00 a year, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

Mayor Bert Miller adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Councilmember Pattie Pederson moved to reconsider Agenda Item No. 15, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the meeting reconvened in open session. The time was 8:22 p.m.

Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt moved to extend a renewal to Judge Gruner for two years and increase her pay to \$25,200.00 a year, seconded by Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

16. Mayor Bert Miller adjourned the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

  
**BERT MILER, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

  
**SUSIE M. HOMEYER, CITY SECRETARY**

