

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 26, 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; Jose Coronilla, Director of Streets and Sanitation; Colten Haffey, Parks and Recreation Specialist; Pat Gruner, Navasota Municipal Judge; Peggy Johnson, Human Resource Director; Erik Covarrubias, Code Enforcement Specialist; Jason Katkoski, Fire Chief/EMC; Rayna Willenbrink, Economic Development Specialist (Virtually) and Michael Mize, Lieutenant.

VISITORS: Connie Clements, Mac Vaughn, Ron Cox, Debbie Grimes, Richard Grimes, R. J. Sauls, Doris Sauls, R. J. Sauls, Eddie Bosse, Deborah Richardson, Mike Scoggins (Virtually), Myra Prosper-Dickson and Leslie Shoppe.

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) Marketing and Communication Coordinator Madison Brooks gave an update about the Sounds of Summer and Freedom Festival;
 - b) Code Enforcement Specialist Erik Covarrubias gave a report on the Trash-Off results;

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

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

e) Councilmembers and staff informed the audience about upcoming events.

5. Ron Cox, with Ron Cox Consulting, went over the proposed Strategic Plan for FY 2021-2022 with the City Council.

6. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to approve an agreement with SafeBuilt Services for building backup inspections and plan review services, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

7. Richard Grimes addressed the City Council about putting up Crime Stoppers Signs around the City. Connie Clements also addressed the City Council about putting up Crime Stopper Signs around the City as well. Mac Vaughn addressed the City Council and asked if placing the Crime Stoppers Signs on telephone poles was off limits. Councilmember Bernie Gessner authorized staff discretion as to where the signs go, seconded by Councilmember Pattie Pederson and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

8. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to authorize staff to submit an application for the 2021 Crosswalk Grant – Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons for America Walks, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

9. Councilmember Josh Fultz moved to authorize staff to submit an application for the 2021 Kubota Hometown Proud Grant Program, seconded by Councilmember Bernie Gessner and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

10. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to authorize staff to submit an application for the T-Mobile Hometown Techover Contest, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

11. Councilmember Josh Fultz moved to approve the Depository Services Agreement for the term August 1, 2021 to July 31, 2025 with Citizens State Bank, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

12. The City Council reviewed the quarterly investment report for March 31, 2021.

13. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to approve the consent agenda items which include the second 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 an east on Heritage Drive; and the second reading of reading of Ordinance No. 961-21, budget amendment for the airport improvements by adding \$54,800.00, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

14. The City Council met in Executive Session as permitted by Section 551.087, Texas Government Code, for the purpose of deliberation regarding economic development negotiations with J & H Navasota Development, LLC regarding a potential Development Agreement. The time was 7:13 p.m.

15. The City Council reconvened in open session at 8:02 p.m.

16. The City Council did not take any action on the potential Development Agreement with J & H Development, LLC.

17. Mayor Bert Miller adjourned the meeting at 8:04 p.m.


BERT MILER, MAYOR

ATTEST:


SUSIE M. HOMEYER, CITY SECRETARY

