

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 22, 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; Lance Hall, Finance Director; Lupe Diosdado, Development Services Director; Jose Coronilla, Director of Streets and Sanitation; Cary Bovey, Legal Counsel; Pat Gruner, Municipal Judge; Rayna Willenbrink, Economic Development Specialist; Jennifer Reyna, Administrative Assistant; Shawn Myatt, Police Chief/Assistant City Manager; and Tiffany Sammons, Library Director.

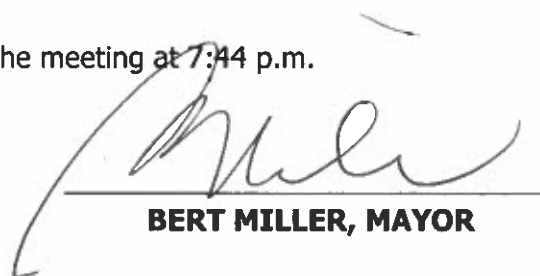
VISITORS: Doris Sauls, W. J. Sauls, Andrea Bender, Connie Clements (Virtually), Deborah Richardson, Myra Dickson, Roosevelt Ellis, Mac Vaughn, Shon Mangum, Chris Tucker, Jonathan Jennings, Audrey Sauls, Frank (virtually), Joe Gattis (Virtually), Tharick Gaines, Dr. Walter Pendleton, J. R. Flood, Julie and Dominique Dierlam.

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: Doris Sauls addressed the City Council concerning Grace Park.
4. Staff report:
 - (a) City Manager Brad Stafford gave an update on the Arts Council Quarterly Report for the first quarter of 2021;

- (b) City Manager Brad Stafford gave an update on the water main break and winter weather response;
 - (c) Councilmember Bernie Gessner gave an update on the latest Planning and Zoning Commission meeting and Rayna Willenbrink gave an update on the latest Navasota Economic Development meeting;
 - (d) Councilmembers and staff informed the audience about upcoming events.
5. District Attorney Andrea Bender addressed the City Council and gave them an update on the complaint filed against the Navasota Police Department.
 6. Mayor Bert Miller passed on the agenda item from Audrey Sauls to rename Peeples Street to Baldwins Boulevard with no discussion or action taken by the City Council.
 7. A public hearing was held regarding a conditional use permit application submitted by Mike Vivaldi for the property located along Highway 6 Loop S, Navasota, Grimes County, Texas 77868. The conditional use permit application request to allow for the development of a vehicular sales use (Automotive Dealership), a conditional use listed in the B-2: General Business District, single structures/uses over 50,000 sf*. The property affected is legally described as CSP Motors Addition, Block 1, Lot 1, Acres 6. Mayor Bert Miller opened the public hearing at 6:30 p.m. Resident Deborah Richardson addressed the City Council concerning walkways along the frontage road. With no other comments, Mayor Bert Miller closed the public hearing at 6:35 p.m.
 8. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 956-21, regarding a conditional use permit application submitted by Mike Vivaldi for the property located along Highway 6 Loop S, Navasota, Grimes County, Texas 77868. The conditional use permit application request to allow for the development of a vehicular sales use (Automotive Dealership), a conditional use listed in the B-2: General Business District, single structures/uses over 50,000 sf*. The property affected is legally described as CSP Motors Addition, Block 1, Lot 1, Acres 6, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.
 9. Councilmember Josh Fultz moved to approve Resolution No. 688-21, opposing legislation that would prohibit tax funded advocates, seconded by Councilmember Pattie Pederson and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.
 10. Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt made a motion not to join the Texas Rural Cities Coalition, seconded by Councilmember Bernie Gessner and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

11. Councilmember Josh Fultz moved to approve the Farmers Market application and handbook, seconded by Councilmember Pattie Pederson and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.
 12. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 955-21, relating to speed zones which specifically designates additional areas in the City of Navasota in which speed of thirty (30) miles per hour or more are authorized, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.
 13. The City Council held an Executive Session in accordance with Section 551.072, Texas Government Code concerning deliberation regarding real property and discussion regarding the potential sale and/or value of City-owned property. The time was 6:56 p.m.
 14. The City Council reconvened in open session at 7:40 p.m.
 15. Citizen Chris Tucker addressed the City Council concerning the potential sale of City property. He stated that he felt the best use of this property was not a warehouse but adding value back to the RR District and downtown community and that he looks forward to some further dialog and giving his proposed thoughts on this property. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to direct staff to prepare for the potential sale of City property known as the warehouse, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.
12. Mayor Bert Miller adjourned the meeting at 7:44 p.m.



BERT MILLER, MAYOR

ATTEST:



SUSIE M. HOMEYER, CITY SECRETARY

