

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 8, 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
Josh M. Fultz, Councilmember, Place # 3
Bert Miller, Mayor, Place # 4
Grant E. Holt, Mayor Pro-Tem, Place # 5**

(Pattie Pederson, Councilmember, Place # 2 was absent)

Thus constituting a quorum.

STAFF PRESENT: Brad Stafford, City Manager; Susie M. Homeyer, City Secretary; Lance Hall, Finance Director; Lupe Diosdado, Development Services Director; Michael Mize, Lieutenant; Jose Coronilla, Director of Streets and Sanitation; Cary Bovey, Legal Counsel; Erik Covarrubias, Code Enforcement Specialist and Pat Gruner, Municipal Judge.

VISITORS: Connie Clements, Deborah Richardson, Doris Sauls, Myra Dickson, Roosevelt Ellis, Mac Vaughn, Shon Mangum and Walter Pendleton.

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: Myra Dickson addressed the City Council concerning the complaint filed with the Navasota Police Department pertaining to Roosevelt Ellis.
4. Staff report:
 - (a) Lieutenant Michael Mize introduced William Harrison as the new Animal Control Officer;
 - (b) Director of Streets and Sanitation Jose Coronilla gave an update on the Railroad Street Improvement Project;

(c) Code Enforcement Specialist Erik Covarrubias gave an update on Code Enforcement;

(d) Councilmember Bernie Gessner gave an update on the latest Planning and Zoning Commission meeting; Councilmember Josh Fultz gave an update on the latest Keep Navasota Beautiful meeting; Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt gave an update on the latest Board of Adjustment meeting; and City Manager Brad Stafford gave an update on the latest Navasota Economic Development Corporation meeting;

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

5. A public hearing was held regarding a request from Audrey Sauls to change the name of Peeples Street to Baldwins Boulevard. Mayor Bert Miller opened the public hearing at 6:22 p.m. The City Manager went over the history of Peeples Street. Audrey Sauls then addressed the City Council and said that she respected the Council's decision and leave it as Peeples Street. With no other comments from the public, Mayor Bert Miller closed the public hearing at 6:25 p.m.

6. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to approve the first 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. The following votes were recorded:

**AYES: Mayor Bert Miller, Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt,
Councilmember Bernie Gessner and Councilmember Josh Fultz**

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Pattie Pederson

Mayor Bert Miller announced that the motion carried.

7. Councilmember Josh Fultz moved to approve the Social Media Policy with the edits described, seconded by Councilmember Bernie Gessner. The following votes were recorded:

**AYES: Mayor Bert Miller, Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt,
Councilmember Bernie Gessner and Councilmember Josh Fultz**

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Pattie Pederson

Mayor Bert Miller announced that the motion carried.

8. Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt moved to approve the Communications Policy, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz. The following votes were recorded:

**AYES: Mayor Bert Miller, Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt,
Councilmember Bernie Gessner and Councilmember Josh Fultz**

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Pattie Pederson

Mayor Bert Miller announced that the motion carried.

9. Councilmember Josh Fultz moved to approve the order of election for the May 1, 2021 election to elect two City Councilmembers to Positions 4 and 5, with the changes mentioned, seconded by Councilmember Bernie Gessner. The following votes were recorded:

**AYES: Mayor Bert Miller, Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt,
Councilmember Bernie Gessner and Councilmember Josh Fultz**

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Pattie Pederson

Mayor Bert Miller announced that the motion carried.

10. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to approve the consent agenda items which include the minutes and expenditures for the month of December 2020; the second reading of Ordinance No. 951-21, amending Chapter 4 Business regulations, Article 4.02 sale of alcohol beverages regarding authorizing open containers of alcohol in the Central Business District in City of Navasota; the second reading of Ordinance No. 952-21, designating a portion of Railroad Street a one-way street and authorizing the placement of signage; the second reading of Ordinance No. 953-21, relating to speed zones which specifically designate areas in the City of Navasota in which rates of speed of thirty (30) miles per hour or more are authorized; and the second reading of Ordinance No. 954-21, authorizing participation with other Entergy service area cities in matters concerning Entergy, Texas, Inc. at the Public Utility Commission of Texas in 2021, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz. The following votes were recorded:

**AYES: Mayor Bert Miller, Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt,
Councilmember Bernie Gessner and Councilmember Josh Fultz**

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Pattie Pederson

Mayor Bert Miller announced that the motion carried.

11. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to approve Resolution No. 687-21, approving a joint election contract between the City of Navasota, Grimes County and the Navasota Independent School District, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz. The following votes were recorded:

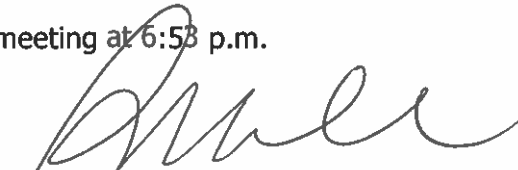
**AYES: Mayor Bert Miller, Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt,
Councilmember Bernie Gessner and Councilmember Josh Fultz**

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Councilmember Pattie Pederson


Mayor Bert Miller announced that the motion carried.

12. Mayor Bert Miller adjourned the meeting at 6:58 p.m.



BERT MILLER, MAYOR

ATTEST:



SUSIE M. HOMEYER, CITY SECRETARY

