

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 11, 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, Community Development Director; Hung Mai, IT Specialist; Cary Bovey, Legal Counsel; Rayna Willenbrink, Economic Development Specialist; Tiffany Sammon, Library Director; Jason Katkoski, Fire Chief/EMC; Madison Brooks, Marketing and Communication Coordinator; Michael Mize, Lieutenant; Jordan Odle, Firefighter; Jessica Bomar, Firefighter; Robert Harris, Firefighter; and Crystal Martin, Police Officer.

VISITORS: Connie Clements (Virtually), Deborah Richardson, Mac Vaughn, Shon Magum, Doris Sauls, John Henry, Laura Gross, Audrey Sauls, Chris Tucker, Jessica Tucker, Roosevelt Ellis, Sr., Michael Dearing, Ana Cosino, Jonathan Jennings, Todd (Virtually), Amy Burrer (Virtually) and Thadwick Gains.

THE ITEMS ON THE AGENDA WERE TAKEN 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 the American Flag and the Texas Flag.
3. Remarks of visitors: Roosevelt Ellis Sr. addressed the City Council concerning a complaint he filed against the Police Department. He would like an update as to the status of this complaint. Doris Sauls addressed the City Council. She had two words for the City Council, Repent and Release in the name of Jesus the Christ of Nazareth.
4. Staff Report:
 - (a) Lieutenant Michael Mize introduced Chrystal Martin as a new police officer. Fire

Chief/EMC Jason Katkoski introduced Jessica Bomar, Jordan Odle and Bobby Harris as new Firefighters;

(b) City Manager Brad Stafford gave an update on the Railroad Commission audit letters received;

(c) City Secretary Susie M. Homeyer gave an election update;

(d) Economic Development Specialist Rayna Willenbrink gave an update on the latest Navasota Economic Development meeting;

(e) Reports from City Staff or City Officials regarding items of community interests, including expressions of thanks, congratulations or condolence; information regarding holiday schedules; honorary or salutary recognition of public officials, public employees, or other citizens; reminders about upcoming events organized or sponsored by the City; information regarding social, ceremonial, or community events organized or sponsored by a non-City entity that is scheduled to be attended by City officials or employees; and announcements involving imminent threats to the public health and safety of people in the City that has arisen after the posting of the agenda.

5. Councilmember Josh Fultz moved to approve the engineering agreement with Bleyl Engineering for the 2020 Capital Improvement Project in the amount of \$867,000.00, seconded by Councilmember Pattie Pederson. The following votes were recorded:

AYES: Mayor Bert Miller, Councilmember Bernie Gessner, Councilmember Josh Fultz and Councilmember Pattie Pederson

NAYS:

ABSENT: Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt

Mayor Bert Miller announced that the motion carried.

6. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to approve the addendum to the lease agreement with Anderson Grimes LLC for the reimbursement of the cost of construction of airport ramp not to exceed \$115,000.00, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried. (Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt came back into the room at this time and was present to vote)

7. A discussion was held on the alcohol sales for the Texas Birthday Bash. Laura Gross addressed the City Council about her proposal she submitted. Councilmember

Josh Fultz moved to approve the Texas Birthday Bash vendor agreement with Laura's Bartending for alcohol sales, seconded by Mayor Bert Miller. The following votes were recorded:

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

NAYS: Councilmember Bernie Gessner

ABSTAIN:

Mayor Bert Miller announced that the motion carried.

8. The agenda item for a variance at 101 Abraham Street was tabled and will be rescheduled as soon as possible.

9. Mayor Bert Miller moved to adopt the revised policy for naming or renaming of a city facility, street, meeting room, public park or other improvement for individuals, families businesses or organizations, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

10. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to approve the display case policy for the Navasota Public Library, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

11. The City Council reviewed the Navasota quarterly investment report for the quarter ending December 31, 2020.

12. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to approve the consent agenda items which include the minutes and expenditures for the month of December 2020, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

13. The City Council held an Executive Session as permitted by Section 551.074, Texas Government Code, Personnel Matters, concerning the annual evaluation of the City Manager and possible amendment to the employment agreement for the City Manager. The time was 7:33 p.m.

14. The City Council reconvened in open session at 8:54 p.m.

15. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to amend the employment agreement with the City Manager by adding a provision providing that the City will pay the City Manager's five percent matching contribution to the Texas Municipal Retirement

System based on his salary and to update the existing contract language and consolidate all prior amendments to the employment agreement into a new contract, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

16. Mayor Bert Miller adjourned the meeting at 8:58 p.m.



BERT MILLER, MAYOR

ATTEST:



SUSIE M. HOMEYER, CITY SECRETARY

