

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 25, 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; Cary Bovey, Legal Counsel (Virtually); Rayna Willenbrink, Economic Development Specialist; Tiffany Sammon, Library Director; Jason Katkoski, Fire Chief/EMC; Madison Brooks, Marketing and Communication Coordinator; Erik Covarrubias, Code Enforcement Specialist; Jose Coronilla, Director of Streets and Sanitation; Jeff Greer, Director of Utilities; Shawn Myatt, Police Chief/Assistant City Manager; Pat Gruner, Municipal Judge (Virtually); Jessica Bomar, Firefighter; and Michael Smithwick, Firefighter.

VISITORS: Connie Clements, Deborah Richardson, Mac Vaughn, Shon Magum, Doris Sauls, Kelly Hajek, Tim Wolf, Geoff Horn, Audrey Sauls, Jared Engelke, Louis Vidotto and Nancy Vidotto.

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 Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt. The City Council, staff members and visitors then recited the Pledge of Allegiance the American Flag and the Texas Flag.
3. Remarks of visitors: Doris Sauls addressed the City Council about ordering a special bond election for park and recreation purposes to be included on the May 1, 2021 City election.
4. Staff Report:
 - (a) The City Council presented Geoff Horn with a plaque for his service and dedication while serving on the City Council;

(b) Marketing and Communications Coordinator Madison Brooks gave an update on the Texas Birthday Bash;

(c) Councilmember Bernie Gessner gave an update on the latest Planning & Zoning meeting;

(d) 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 bid award, including Alternate No. 1, to Teal Services LLC in the amount of \$375,639 for the 2020 Wastewater Treatment Plant Rehabilitation Project, seconded by Councilmember Bernie Gessner and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.
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. Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt moved to approve the Basic Scope of services for the pedestrian and bicycle plan amendment to the Thoroughfare Plan in the amount of \$36,500.00, seconded by Councilmember Pattie Pederson and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.
8. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to approve the proposal from Brycer LLC for service providers who will inspect and test fire protection systems, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.
9. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to accept the Navasota Police Department's 2020 Racial Profiling Data Report and that the report be placed on file, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.
10. Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt moved to approve the first 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, with noted revisions discussed, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.
11. Councilmember Josh Fultz moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 952-21, designating a portion of Railroad Street a one-way street and authorizing the placement of signage, seconded by Councilmember Pattie Pederson and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

12. Councilmember Josh Fultz moved to approve the library policy, seconded by Councilmember Bernie Gessner and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.
13. Councilmember Josh Fultz moved to appoint Eric Covarrubias to the Brazos Valley Council of Governments Solid Waste Advisory Committee, seconded by Councilmember Bernie Gessner and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.
14. Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 953-21, relating to speed zones which specifically designates additional areas in the City of Navasota in which rates of speed thirty (30) miles per hour are authorized, seconded by Councilmember Pattie Pederson and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.
15. Councilmember Josh Fultz moved to approve the first 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 Bernie Gessner and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.
16. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to approve the procedures for CDBG-DR monthly activity status reports, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.
17. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to approve the Policy and Procedures for Grant Payments, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.
16. Mayor Bert Miller adjourned the meeting at 7:26 p.m.


BERT MILLER, MAYOR

ATTEST:


SUSIE M. HOMEYER, CITY SECRETARY

