

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 12, 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; Rayna Willenbrink, Economic Development Specialist; Cary Bovey, Legal Counsel; Jennifer Reyna, Administrative Assistant; Lance Hall, Finance Director; Jose Coronilla, Director of Streets and Sanitation; Jason Katkoski, Fire Chief/EMC; Pat Gruner, Municipal Judge; Lupe Diosdado, Development Services Director; S'dney Goodman, Pool Manager; Kay Peavy, Budget Analyst; Daphne Kopycinski, Administrative Assistant; Peggy Johnson, Human Resource Director; Dom Lowery, Facilities Manager; Michael Mize, Lieutenant; and Troy Green, Investigator.

VISITORS: Connie Clements, Sylvia Davila, Phillip Cox, Mac Vaughn, John Henry, Deborah Richardson, Lara Meece, Phyllis Allen, Stephen Scheve, Janis Frenzel, Georgia Molitor, David LaCour, Nancy Franek and Jon C. Fultz

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) City Manager Brad Stafford and the City Council recognized Barbara Yaeger, S'Dney Goodman and Daphne Kopycinski for their years of service;

b) Facilities Manager Dominique Lowery gave an update on the Pretty City Committee;

c) John Henry gave an update on the Capital Improvements Project;

d) Development Services Director Lupe Diosdado gave an update on development services;

e) Economic Development Specialist Rayna Willenbrink gave an update on the Freedom Festival;

f) There was not an update on Boards and Commissions; and

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

5. Councilmember Josh Fultz moved to approve \$6,000.00 to support the Grimes Health Resource Center for Fiscal Year 2021-2022, seconded by Councilmember Pattie Pederson and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

6. Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt moved to approve Resolution No. 697-21, on the selection of GrantWorks to serve as the administrator for the American Rescue Plan, seconded by Councilmember Pattie Pederson and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

7. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to approve leasing 19 vehicles from Enterprise, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

8. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to approve the purchase of two backhoes through the Sourcewell Purchasing Cooperative in the amount of \$177,725.00, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

9. Mayor Bert Miller moved to approve the request to renew the annual funding contract with the Arts Council of the Brazos Valley in the amount of \$31,300.00

to administer HOT fund grants, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

10. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 968-21, budget amendment for the Fire Department by adding \$43,912.00 to Capital Outlay for equipment purchase, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

11. The City Council reviewed the Quarterly Investment Report for the quarter ending June 30, 2021.

12. Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 967-21, amending Appendix A, Article A15.000, cemetery rates and Article A16.000 Vital Statistics of the Code of Ordinances, of the City of Navasota, seconded by Councilmember Bernie Gessner and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

13. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to approve the consent agenda items which include the minutes and expenditures for the month of June 2021 and the second reading of Ordinance No. 966-21, vacating a twenty-three foot (23') section of right-of-way beginning at and abutting the western property lines of lots 1-5 within the H & TC, Block J, platted subdivision and extending toward the center of South 10th Street in the City of Navasota, Grimes County, Texas and seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

14. The City Council held a workshop on the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

15. The City Council held an Executive Session as permitted by Section 551.071, Texas Government Code – Consultation with Attorney – Dispute regarding invoice received from Symmetry Energy Solutions, LLC for natural gas supplied to the City of Navasota for the month of February 2021, and associated matters. The time was 7:18 p.m.

16. The City Council reconvened in open session at 8:45 p.m.

17. Councilmember Pattie Pederson moved that the City of Navasota approve an engagement agreement with attorney Jonathan Baughman and the McGinnis Lochridge Law Firm to represent the City in its dispute with Symmetry Energy

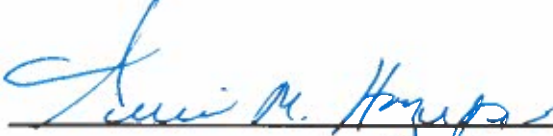
Solutions, LLC concerning the February 2021 gas invoice received by the City of from Symmetry Energy Solutions, LLC said legal representation shall include but not be limited to the City initiating, engaging in and/or defending litigation concerning the February 2021 gas invoice received by the City from Symmetry Energy Solutions, LLC and authorize the Mayor to execute any necessary documentations, seconded by Councilmember Bernie Gessner and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

19. Mayor Bert Miller adjourned the meeting at 8:48 p.m.



BERT MILER, MAYOR

ATTEST:



SUSIE M. HOMEYER, CITY SECRETARY

