

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 24, 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; Lupe Diosdado, Development Services Director; Rayna Willenbrink, Economic Development Specialist; Cary Bovey, Legal Counsel; Lance Hall, Finance Director; Jeff Greer, Director of Utilities; Colten Haffey, Parks and Recreation Specialist; Madison Brooks, Marketing and Communication Coordinator; Tiffany Sammon, Librarian; Jennifer Reyna, Administrative Assistant; Joe Munoz, Gas Technician; Norbert Valadez, Heavy Equipment Operator/Crew Leader; Shawn Myatt, Police Chief/Assistant City Manager; Matt Julian, Utility Supervisor and Jason Katkoski, Fire Chief/EMC.

VISITORS: Brandi Riker, Dorothy Hassell, Jim Hassell, Connie Clements, Philip Cox, Geoff Horn, Julie Horn, Audrey Sauls, R. J. Sauls, Brandi Tejada, Doris Sauls, Deborah Richardson, Max Brand, Barbara Walker, Raul Orozco (Virtually), Archie Sauls, John Kamar, Ben Miller, Jared Engelke, Henry J. Riker, Sr., Tammy Riker, Andre Sargent and Shon Mangum.

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 Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt. 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: Andre Sargent addressed the City Council about the fees the Football League has to pay and the condition of the facilities in which they

play on. Geoff Horn addressed the City Council about Agenda Item No. 11 (since he had another engagement to get to). His concerns were about bicycles being on the sidewalks.

4. Staff report:

a) Police Chief/Assistant City Manager Shawn Myatt gave an update on the results of the First Responder's event.

b) City Manager Brad Stafford and Administrative Assistant Jennifer Reyna gave an update on the recent TML natural gas audit;

c) Heavy Equipment Operator/Crew Leader Norberto Valadez gave an update on the tree trimming project;

d) Library Director Tiffany Sammon gave an update on the Summer Reading Program and the Book Fair;

e) Marketing and Communication Coordinator Madison Brooks gave an update on the Arts Council quarterly report;

f) Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt gave an update on the latest airport meeting; and

g) There was not an update from Councilmembers and staff about upcoming events.

5. A public hearing was held regarding a sign variance request submitted by Napa Auto & Truck Parts for the property located at 1310 Spur 515, Navasota, Texas, Grimes County, Texas 77868. The variance request was to install a freeway/pole sign 525' feet from Highway 6 versus the allowed distance of 400' feet. Mayor Bert Miller opened the public hearing at 6:30 p.m. Development Services Director Lupe Diosdado and Napa's Operations Manager Jack Kamer briefly went over the request. With no other comments from the public, Mayor Bert Miller closed the public hearing at 6:36 p.m.

6. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to approve the variance request submitted by Napa Auto & Truck Parts for the property located at 1310 Spur 515, Navasota, Texas, Grimes County, Texas 77868 to install a freeway/pole sign 525' feet from Highway 6 versus the allowed distance of 400' feet, seconded by Councilmember Pattie Pederson and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried. The property is legally described as Allen-Hammett, Acres 3.04, Lot 7 & (PT6).

7. A presentation to the City Council was given by Raul Orozco on Fire Station funding mechanisms.
8. Brandi Riker addressed the City Council about a water issue at her home. Jim Hassell also addressed the City Council about the water issue Ms. Riker referred too. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to approve Resolution No. 691-12, accepting the water, gas, street and storm drainage improvements of Phase Three, Section Two in Pecan Lakes Estates Subdivision, except entrance signage, sewer infrastructure, common areas and open channel storm drainage improvements, in the City of Navasota, Texas, seconded by Councilmember Pattie Pederson and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.
9. The City Council did not take any action on Resolution No. 692-21, supporting the City of Navasota's application to the Texas Department of Transportation's 2021 Transportation Alternatives Call for Projects for Brosig Avenue and Hillside Street Pedestrian Improvements. Economic Development Specialist Rayna Willenbrink gave an update on the project. Residents Max Brand, Barbara Walker and Jim Hassell also addressed the City Council with their concerns on this project.
10. The City Council did not take any action on Resolution No. 693-21, supporting the City of Navasota's application to the Texas Department of Transportation's 2021 Transportation Alternatives Call for Projects for SH105 (E. Washington Avenue) Segment A Bicycle & Pedestrian Improvements.
11. The City Council did not take any action on Resolution No. 694-21, supporting the City of Navasota's application to the Texas Department of Transportation's 2021 Transportation Alternatives Call for Projects for SH 105 (E. Washington Avenue) Segment B Bicycle & Pedestrian Improvements.
12. Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt moved to approve the Pedestrian and Bicycle Routes Map, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.
13. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 962-21, amending Appendix A, Article A12.000, Public Library of the Code of Ordinances, of the City of Navasota, Texas regarding fee schedules, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

14. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 963-21, amending Appendix A, A18.000, Fire Department, Section A18.001 Permit Fees of the Code of Ordinances, of the City of Navasota, Texas regarding fee schedules, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

15. Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt moved to authorize the City Manager to begin negotiating a contract with Republic Services for solid waste services, seconded by Councilmember Pattie Pederson and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

16. Mayor Bert Miller adjourned the meeting at 7:56 p.m.



BERT MILER, MAYOR

ATTEST:


SUSIE M. HOMEYER, CITY SECRETARY