

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 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
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: Susie M. Homeyer, City Secretary; Cary Bovey, Legal Counsel; Jennifer Reyna, Administrative Assistant; Lance Hall, Finance Director; Lupe Diosdado, Development Services Director; Shawn Myatt, Police Chief/Assistant City Manager; Rayna Willenbrink, Economic Development Specialist; Erik Covarrubias, Code Enforcement Specialist; Edwin Sandoval, Heavy Equipment Operator; Jason Katkoski, Fire Chief/EMC; Tiffany Sammon, Librarian; and Crystal Martin, Police Officer.

VISITORS: Deborah Richardson, John Henry, Mac Vaughn, Diana Westmoreland, Kelly Hajek, Chris Kehl, Doris Sauls, R. J. Sauls, Barbara Walker, Philip Cox, Connie Clements, Andrew Caelengo, Francisco Ramirez, Curtis Morris, Patsy Morris, Jacqueline Williams, Barbara White, Ella Sheppard, Lois Nix, Demetriar Anderson, Quintesha Garrett and others.

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) Heavy Equipment Operator Edwin Sandoval introduced the new street department employee. Police Chief/Assistant City Manager introduced the new police department employee;
 - (b) John Henry gave an update on the Capital Improvements Project;
 - (c) Library Director Tiffany Sammon gave an update on the library;
 - (d) Economic Development Specialist Rayna Willenbrink gave an update on the Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TA) Program;

- (e) Economic Development Specialist Rayna Willenbrink gave a department update;
- (f) Police Chief/Assistant City Manager Shawn Myatt gave an update on the results for Treats on the Street;
- (g) Police Chief/Assistant City Manager Shawn Myatt gave an update on the Arts Council quarterly report for September 30, 2021;
- (h) Mayor Bert Miller proclaimed November 14-21, 2021 as Apprentice Week;
- (i) There were not any Board and Commission updates; and
- (j) Councilmembers and staff informed the audience about upcoming events.

5. A public hearing was held regarding a conditional use permit submitted by Mount Calvary Baptist Church for the property located at 508 Peoples Street, Navasota, Texas 77868. The conditional use permit application requests to allow for the development of a place of worship, a conditional use listed under Article IX R-3: high density, multi-dwelling unit, residential district. The property affected is legally described as F. L. Woodard, Block 123, Lot 7-15. Mayor Bert Miller opened the public hearing at 6:27 p.m. Ms. Garrett and Barbara Walker spoke in favor of the conditional use permit. With no other comments, Mayor Bert Miller closed the public hearing at 6:34 p.m.

6. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 982-21, approving a conditional use permit application submitted to the City of Navasota by Mount Calvary Baptist Church for the property located at 508 Peoples Street, Navasota, Texas, Grimes County, Texas 77868. The conditional use permit application requests to allow for the development of a place of worship, a conditional use listed under Article IX R-3: high density, multi-dwelling unit, residential district. The property affected is legally described as F. L. Woodard, Block 123, Lot 7-15, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

7. A public hearing was held on an order to repair or demolish the structures located at 716 E. Washington Avenue, Navasota, Texas 77868. Multiple violations per the City's substandard building ordinance was found. Mayor Bert Miller opened the public hearing at 6:38 p.m. Patsy Morris and her son Curtis Morris addressed the City Council about the property. With no other comments from the public, Mayor Bert Miller closed the public hearing at 7:01 p.m.

8. Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt moved to give the owners of 716 E. Washington ninety (90) days to come back to the City Council with a plan of action for the property, and during that time, keep the property as attractable as possible, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

9. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to approve Amendment No. 2 to the November 5, 2019 Agreement for General Services Thoroughfare Plan Update for Strand Associates, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

10. Councilmember Josh Fultz moved to approve the Thoroughfare Plan Update and the Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan, seconded by Councilmember Bernie Gessner and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

11. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to approve the contract with Brannon Industrial Group and Brand It Graphix for event planning services for the 2022 Texas Birthday Bash in the amount of \$34,625.00, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

12. Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt moved to approve Resolution No. 703-21, regarding a financing agreement for the purpose of procuring heavy equipment, vehicle and related equipment and a fire truck, seconded by Councilmember Pattie Pederson and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

13. Councilmember Josh Fulb moved to accept the contract with Paragon Roofing to replace the roof at the Navasota Center in the amount of \$83,495.50, seconded by Councilmember Bernie Gessner and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

14. Councilmember Josh Fultz moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 98321, approving the 2021 appraisal roll with tax amounts to constitute the 2021 tax roll for the Brazos County portion for the City of Navasota, seconded by Councilmember Bernie Gessner and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

15. Councilmember Josh Fultz moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 98421, approving the 2021 appraisal roll with tax amounts to constitute the 2021 tax roll for the Grimes County portion for the City of Navasota, seconded by Councilmember Bernie Gessner and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

16. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to approve Resolution No. 704-21, casting ballot for the Grimes County Appraisal District Board of Directors Election for 2022-2023 with all 229 votes for Kathleen Terrell, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

17. Diana Westmoreland and Mac Vaughn addressed the City Council about the vacancy on the Navasota Housing Authority Board. Diana Westmoreland was also in support of Carol Garnett becoming a member. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to appoint Clarence Lewis, Jr. to the Keep Navasota Beautiful Commission, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

Mayor Bert Miller moved to appoint Carol Garnett to the Navasota Housing Authority, seconded by Councilmember Pattie Pederson and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

18. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to approve the consent agenda items which include the minutes and expenditures for the month of October 2021 and the second reading of Ordinance No. 980-21, approving a voluntary annexation request submitted by James C. Hassell for a 31.79 acre tract of land and a 31.76 acre tract of land in the

James J. Whiteside Survey, A-62, Navasota, Grimes County, Texas and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

19. Mayor Bert Miller adjourned the meeting at 7:37 p.m.


BERT MILER, MAYOR

ATTEST:


SUSIE M. HOMEYER, CITY SECRETARY

