

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 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
Josh M. Fultz, Councilmember, Place # 3
Bert Miller, Mayor, Place # 4
Grant E. Holt, Mayor Pro-Tem, Place # 5**

(Pattie Pederson, Councilmember, Place # 2 was absent)

Thus constituting a quorum.

STAFF PRESENT: Brad Stafford, City Manager; Susie M. Homeyer, City Secretary; Cary Bovey, Legal Counsel; Jennifer Reyna, Administrative Assistant; Lance Hall, Finance Director; Lupe Diosdado, Development Services Director; Jose Coronilla, Director of Streets and Sanitation; Shawn Myatt, Police Chief/Assistant City Manager; Rayna Willenbrink, Economic Development Specialist and Dominique Lowery, Facilities Manager.

VISITORS: Deborah Richardson, John Henry, Mac Vaughn, Jennifer Myatt, Doris Sauls, Audrey Sauls, Matt Ybarra and Mike Callahan.

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: Mike Callahan addressed the City Council about the Navasota Elk Lodge.

Doris Sauls addressed the City Council about Grace Park.

4. Staff report:

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

b) Police Chief Shawn Myatt gave an update on the results for the National Night Out event;

- c) Development Services Director Lupe Diosdado gave a department update;
- d) Economic Development Specialist Rayna Willenbrink gave a department update;
- e) Mayor Bert Miller read a proclamation designating October 23-31, 2021 as "Red Ribbon Week";
- e) There were not any Board and Commission updates; and
- f) Councilmembers and staff informed the audience about upcoming events.

5. Staff members and City Council gave an update on information that they acquired while attending the annual 2021 Texas Municipal League Conference in Houston, Texas in October 2021.

6. City Council reviewed the City of Navasota Quarterly Investment Report ending September 2021.

7. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to approve the interlocal contract for cooperative purchasing services with TIPS and Region 8 Education Services Center, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember that was present voting AYE, the motion carried.

8. Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt moved to approve Resolution No. 702-21, regarding the requested annexation of a 31.79 acre tract of land and a 31.76 acre tract of land in the James J. Whitesides Survey, A-62 Navasota, Texas, Grimes County, Texas setting a date, time and place for a public hearing on a proposed annexation of said property by the City of Navasota, seconded by Councilmember Bernie Gessner and with each Councilmember that was present voting AYE, the motion carried.

9. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to approve the consent agenda items which include (a) the minutes for the month of September 2021; (b) the second reading of Ordinance No. 978-21; amending Appendix A, Article A5.000, Public Works; Sec. A5.003 Monthly Water Rates, Sec. A5.004 Monthly Gas Rates, Sec. A5.005 Monthly Sewer Rates, Sec. A6.000 Miscellaneous. Article A7.000 Sec. A7.000 Planning And Development Related Fees, Article A9.000 Building And Construction; Sec A9.002 of the Code of Ordinances, of the City of Navasota, Texas Regarding Fee Schedules; Providing for a Severability Clause; Providing for a Repealer Clause; Providing for an Effective Date; Finding Proper Notice of Meeting; and Providing for Certification of the Adoption; and (c) the second reading of Ordinance No. 979-21, denying the distribution cost recovery factor rate increase of Entergy Texas, Inc. filed on August 31, 2021, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember that was present voting AYE, the motion carried.

10.The City Council met in 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.

11.The City Council met in executive session as permitted by Section 551.074, Texas Government Code – Personnel Matters – Discussion Concerning the Appointment of a City Staff Member, Pursuant to Article V, Section 1(c) of the Navasota City Charter, to Serve as the Administrative Officer Authorized to Perform the Duties of the City Manager in the City Manager’s Absence or Inability to Perform His Duties, and Related Issues.

The time was 7:05 p.m.

12. The City Council reconvened in open session at 7:29 p.m.

13. The City Council did not take any action regarding the dispute on invoice received from Symmetry Energy Solutions, LLC for natural gas supplied to the City of Navasota for the month of February 2021.

14.Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to authorize the Assistant City Manager to perform the duties of the City Manager in his absence, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember that was present voting AYE, the motion carried.

15. Mayor Bert Miller adjourned the meeting at 7:31 p.m.


BERT MILER, MAYOR

ATTEST:


SUSIE M. HOMEYER, CITY SECRETARY

