

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 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; 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, Pat Gruner, Municipal Judge, Rochelle Jessie, Senior Municipal Court Clerk, Jason Katkoski, Fire Chief/RMO; Kay Peavy, Budget Analyst and Peggy Johnson, Human Resource Director.

VISITORS: Jack Harper, Connie Clements, Mary Stafford, Robert Goldstein, Chris Kehl, Richard Grimes, Debbie Grimes, Deborah Richardson, Jim Hassell, Dorothy Hassell, Sheree Boegner and Saskia Becker.

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: Connie Clements addressed the City Council about a Crime Stoppers fundraising event for Grimes County's drug and rescue dog. She also commented on the City Manager's retirement.
4. Staff report:
 - a) Interim Utility Director Jennifer Reyna gave an update on the airport;

- b) Budget Analyst Kay Peavy gave an update on the Artist in Residency program;
- c) Mayor Bert Miller gave an update on the Vote for Washington Avenue campaign;
- d) City Manager Brad Stafford thanked the City Council and staff during his tenure with the City of Navasota;
- e) Mayor Bert Miller read a proclamation designating November 1-5, 2021 as "Municipal Court Week";
- f) There were not any Board and Commission updates; and
- g) Councilmembers and staff informed the audience about upcoming events.

5. A special presentation was made by the City Council to the retiring City Manager Brad Stafford.

6. A public hearing was held regarding 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. Whitesides Survey, A-62, Navasota, Grimes County, Texas. Mayor Bert Miller opened the public hearing at 6:42 p.m. Jim Hassell commented that annexation will consist of 181 lots. With no other comments from the public, Mayor Bert Miller closed the public hearing at 6:45 p.m.

7. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 980-21, approving a voluntary 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, Grimes County, Texas, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

8. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to approve the expenditures for the month of September 2021, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

9. Mayor Bert Miller made a motion to approve the sign appeal by the Crime Stoppers for the construction of a free standing sign on the property located at the Southeast corner of Spur 515 and South LaSalle, Navasota, Grimes County, Texas, seconded by Councilmember Pattie Pederson. The following votes were recorded by a show of hands:

AYES: Mayor Bert Miller and Councilmember Pattie Pederson

NAYS: Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt, Councilmember Bernie Gessner and Councilmember Josh Fultz

ABSTAIN: None

Mayor Bert Miller announced that the motion failed.

10. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to approve an agreement for Interim City Manager services between Bleyl Interest, Inc. D/B/A Bleyl Engineering and the City of Navasota, Texas, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

11. The City Council did not take any action on the lease agreement with the City of Navasota and Boy Scout Troop 361. City Council suggested that the agreement be brought back to the City Council with an agreement between the City of Navasota and the Kiwanis Club.

12. The amendment to the firm transportation and storage agreement with Atmos Pipeline-Texas will be held in Executive Session (further down in the meeting) in accordance with Section 551.086, Texas Government Code – Utility Competitive Matters.

13. The City Council skipped Item Number 13 (Appointments to Boards and Commissions) and went to Item Number 14 and will come back to Item Number 13.

14. Councilmember Bernie Gessner made a motion to select the proposal from Brand It Graphix to contract event planning services for the 2022 Texas Birthday Bash, subject to a contract, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

13. Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt moved to appoint Bert Miller, Kathy Prescott, Kevin Clark and Dillon Hughes to the Economic Development Corporation with a term ending in September 2023, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to appoint James Harris, Todd Wisner, Randy Peters and Debbie Hancock to the Planning and Zoning Commission with a term ending in September 2023, seconded by Councilmember Pattie Pederson and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

Mayor Bert Miller moved to appoint James Hammie, Taylor Perry, Judy Duncan, Connie Clements to the Board of Adjustments with term ending in September 2023 and Megan Barcak as an alternate with a term ending in September 2023 and Mac Vaughn as an alternate with a term ending in September 2022, seconded by Councilmember Bernie Gessner and with Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

Mayor Bert Miller moved to appoint Scott Beddingfield, Mac Vaughn, Roger Lawrence, Todd Matthews and Steve Discher to the Airport Advisory Board with a term ending in

September 2023, seconded by Councilmember Bernie Gessner and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

Mayor Bert Miller moved to appoint Vanikin Leggett, Brittany Bay, Elizabeth Corpus, Naomi Wallace and Katrina Mock-Palmer to the Keep Navasota Beautiful Commisison with a term ending in September 2023, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

Mayor Bert Miller moved to appoint Myra Dickson and Diana Westmoreland to the Navasota Housing Authority Board with a term ending in September 2023, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

Mayor Bert Miller moved to appoint Ethan Barcak to the Parks and Recreation Board with a term ending in September 2023, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

Councilmember Josh Fultz moved to appoint Martha Green, Shannon Goetz and Brent Cahill to the Library Advisory Board with a term expiring in September 2023, seconded by Councilmember Bernie Gessner and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

12. Executive Session: The City Council will conduct an Executive Session in accordance with Section 551.086, Texas Government Code – Utility Competitive Matters – City of Navasota Gas Utility System – Consideration and possible action on amendment to the firm transportation and storage agreement with Atmos Pipeline - Texas.

15. Executive Session: The City Council will conduct an Executive Session in accordance with Section 551.072, Texas Government Code, deliberation regarding real property and discussion regarding the potential sale and/or value of City-owned property.

16. Executive Session: The City Council shall meet 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.

The time was 8:11 p.m.

17. The City Council reconvened in open session at 9:18 p.m.

18. Councilmember Pattie Pederson moved to approve the Competitive Sealed Proposal alternative delivery method, pursuant to Texas Government Code Chapter 2269, Subchapter D, As the best-value procurement method for construction of the Public Works facility, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

19. Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt moved to authorize the City Manager to negotiate the settlement with Symmetry Energy Solutions LLC in the range discussed in Executive Session, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

20. Mayor Bert Miller adjourned the meeting at 9:22 p.m.


BERT MILER, MAYOR

ATTEST:


SUSIE M. HOMEYER, CITY SECRETARY

