

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 8, 2022**

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: Jason Weeks, City Manager; Susie M. Homeyer, City Secretary; Lance Hall, Finance Director; Lupe Diosdado, Development Services Director; Cary Bovey, Legal Counsel; Bobbie Ullrich, Marketing and Communications Director; Jennifer Reyna, Director of Utilities; Rayna Teicheira, Economic Development Director; Matt Bowman, Budget Analysis; Victoria Gochnor, Police Officer; Jason Katkoski, Fire Chief/EMC and Mike Mize, Interim Police Chief.

VISITORS: Connie Clements, Deborah Richardson, Mac Vaughn, Lara Meece, Phillis Allen, Harlen Jochen, Joette Jochen, Jared Patout, John Patout, Krystal Patout, Kathy Prescott; Farron Eickenhorst, Steve Scheve, Nancy Hock, Georgia Mae Molitor, Janis Frenzel, Velma Smith, Frank Smith, Nancy Franch, Chelsea Murray, Jeff Murray, Pastor Henry Sanders, Allyson Sweeney and David Sweeney.

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) Mayor Bert Miller announced that City Manager Jason Weeks earned his "Credentialed Manager" certification through the International City Managers Association (ICMA). He was given a round of applause from everyone present.

- b) City Manager Jason Weeks provided the City Council with a brief update on the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 proposed budget.
 - c) Councilmember Bernie Gessner gave an update on the latest Board of Adjustment meeting;
 - d) Councilmembers and staff informed the audience about upcoming events.
5. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to approve the annual report and funding disbursement of \$6,000.00 to the Grimes Health Resource Center for FY 2021-2022, seconded by Councilmember Pattie Pederson and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.
6. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to adopt the tax rate of \$0.5560/\$100 for the tax year 2022 and hold a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. on September 12, 2022 at the City Council Chambers located at 200 East McAlpine Street and a meeting to adopt the tax rate on first reading at 6:00 p.m. on September 12, 2022, at the City Council chambers located at 200 E. McAlpine Street and at 6:00 p.m. on September 26, 2022 at the City Council chambers located at 200 E. McAlpine Street, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, by a show of hands, the motion carried.
7. Councilmember Pattie Pederson moved to appoint Deborah Grimes to fill the vacancy on the Library Advisory Board with the term ending September 2022, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.
8. Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt moved to approve a Master Service Interlocal Agreement with Brazos Valley Council of Governments (BVCOG) for fiber internet services, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.
9. Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt moved to approve a Chapter 380 Agreement with RAM Navasota, LLC for a reimbursement of construction cost in the amount not to exceed \$73,333.33, along with the widening of Durden Street, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.
10. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to approve the minutes and expenditures for the month of July 2022 and the second reading of Ordinance No. 1000-22, approving a voluntary annexation request submitted by James C. Hassell for a 1.310 acre tract of land in the James Whitesides Survey, A-62, and a second voluntary annexation request submitted by J & H Development, for a 1.567 acre tract of land in the Daniel Tyler Survey, A-55, Navasota, Texas, Grimes County, Texas, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

11. An Executive Session was held as permitted by Section 551.071, Texas Government Code – Consultation with Attorney – Consultation with Legal Counsel regarding legal issues concerning the contract with Green Dream International, LLC for the Downtown Revitalization Program – W. Washington Avenue – 8th Street to 10th Street, and associated matters. The time was 6:52 p.m.

12. An Executive Session was held as permitted by Section 551.072, Texas Government Code, deliberation regarding real property and discussion regarding the potential sale and/or value of City-owned property. The time was 6:52 p.m.

13. The City Council reconvened in open session at 7:35 p.m.

14. Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt moved to approve Change Order No. 1 on the W. Washington Avenue – 8th Street to 10th Street Revitalization Program in the amount of \$25,629.00 to Green Dream International, LLC, seconded by Councilmember Bernie Gessner and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

15. Councilmember Pattie Pederson moved to award RFP No. 202201 to WyldFlyer Mead and Beer, based on it's proposal being the most advantageous and best value to the City, and authorize the Mayor to execute any necessary documentation, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

16. Mayor Bert Miller adjourned the meeting at 7:36 p.m.


BERT MILLER, MAYOR

ATTEST:


SUSIE M. HOMEYER, CITY SECRETARY

