

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 12, 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; Cary Bovey, Legal Counsel; Bobbie Ullrich, Marketing and Communication Director; Mike Mize, Police Chief; Jose Coronilla, Director of Streets and Sanitation, Lupe Diosdado, Development Services Director; Jason Katkoski, Fire Chief/EMC; Peggy Johnson, HR Director; Victoria Gochnour, Police Officer; Evan Peterson, Police Officer, Todd Moon, Police Officer and Paige Saylor, Communication Operator.

VISITORS: Connie Clements, Deborah Richardson, Mac Vaughn, Johnny McNally, Lise' McNally, Meribeth Shimshack, Michael Dearing and Yolanda Fultz.

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) HR Director Peggy Johnson introduced the following new employees:
Todd Moon and Paige Saylor.

- b) Michael Dearing, owner of Spinner Aviation, gave an annual update on the airport. Some of the highlights for 2022 are listed below:

Airport occupancy

2022: Approximately 77 airplanes based on the airport
6 Twin engine
7 Turboprop or Jet powered
3 People building their own planes

Fuel volumes

56% Jet fuel
44% Avgas
Increased approximately 15% over 2021
Tripled since 2017

Usage Includes

Local residents, business travel, shoppers, charter operators, construction contractors, attorneys, bankers, weddings, family visits

Weather Station

Concrete pad and fence in place, electrical service being run

Spinner Flying Club

Currently provides 9 members with access to lower cost aviation

Spinner Aviation

Now offering aircraft rental and instruction, and members of the community can come learn to fly or take a few lessons without needing any special resources.

Employing local youth part time

Valuable experience performing technical work, odd jobs, washing airplanes etc.
Good pay for the work performed

Community involvement

Young Eagles flights – over a dozen taken on flights this year
Airport tenants donated to Navasota High School Robotics
Airport tenants donated to Civil Air Patrol
Volunteer pilots mentor Navasota High School Tango Flight program in which kids learn engineering skills and build a full size airplane.
Navasota pilots volunteer for Angel Flight, transporting medical patients in need to their place of treatment. – 45,000 miles by Navasota pilots in 2022

Civil Air Patrol is hosting their winter encampment in Navasota and Camp Allen. They expect to bring 10 planes and approximately 50 cadets and teach flying, communication, and search and rescue.

- c) City Manager Jason Weeks gave an update on the Soccer 2022 season;
- d) Mayor Bert Miller honored Retiring Navasota/Grimes County Chamber Executive Director Johnny McNally with a proclamation on his retirement.
- e) Councilmember Pattie Pederson gave an update on the latest Planning and Zoning meeting; and
- f) Councilmembers and staff informed the audience about upcoming events.

5. Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt moved to approve the proposed compensation pay plan and the philosophy of administering the wage adjustments of 1) bringing all employees to at least minimum of proposed pay grades, 2) across-the-board 3.5% wage increase to move employees further into the new pay grades, and 3) make necessary adjustments for time in position to account for internal equity, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

6. Legal Counsel Cary Bovey informed the City Council that Councilmember Bernie Gessner will not participate in the discussion for the engineering/surveying service provider to complete the Brosig Avenue Pedestrian improvements and that he had completed the affidavit of conflict of interest form. Councilmember Josh Fultz moved to enter into a professional services agreement with Goodwin Lasiter Strong for the City of Navasota's 2021 TxDOT TA Project: Brosig Avenue Pedestrian Improvements, seconded by Councilmember Pattie Pederson. The following votes were recorded:

AYES: Mayor Bert Miller, Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt, Councilmember Josh Fultz and Councilmember Pattie Pederson

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: Councilmember Bernie Gessner

Mayor Bert Miller announced that the motion carried.

7. Councilmember Pattie Pederson moved to appoint Lucy Ybarra to the Navasota Economic Development Corporation with a term ending in September

2024, seconded by Councilmember Bernie Gessner and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt moved to appoint the Navasota City Council as the active Board of Directors for the Navasota TIRZ Zone 1 and the Mayor as Chairman of the Board for one year, seconded by Councilmember Berne Gessner and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

8. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to approve the consent agenda items which include the minutes and expenditures for the month of November 2022 and the Municipal Court report for the month of November 2022, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

9. The City Council met in Executive Session in accordance with Texas Government Code, Section 551.086, Utility Competitive Matters – City of Navasota Gas Utility System – Gas Supply and Transportation Arrangements and Agreements and Associated Matters. The time was 6:52 p.m.

10. The City Council reconvened in open session at 7:22 p.m.

11. Mayor Bert Miller adjourned the meeting at 7:22 p.m.


BERT MILLER, MAYOR

ATTEST:


SUSIE M. HOMEYER, CITY SECRETARY

