

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 14, 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
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: Jason Weeks, City Manager; Susie M. Homeyer, City Secretary; Jennifer Reyna, Utility Director; Lance Hall, Finance Director; Lupe Diosdado, Development Services Director; Rayna Willenbrink, Economic Development Director, Shawn Myatt, Police Chief/Assistant City Manager and Cary Bovey, Legal Counsel.

VISITORS: Connie Clements, John Henry, Mac Vaughn, Deborah Richardson, Mary Mable, Steve Scheve, Shon Mangam, Archie Sauls, Leslie Arrington, William Arrington, Lonnie Turner, Kyle Turner, Dylethia King, Mary Sanders, Tina Salters, William Salters, Renae King, Dewayne Strong, Evelyn Ward, Lisa Bassett-Collins and Willie Bassett.

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) Utility Director Jennifer Reyna gave an update on the Capital Improvements Project;
 - (b) Mayor Miller recognized Lessie Arrington for 50 years of service with Navasota Nursing and Rehabilitation and presented her with a proclamation and a rose;

(c) Councilmember Josh Fultz gave an update on the latest Planning and Zoning Commission meeting. Mayor Bert Miller gave an update on the latest Airport meeting; and

(d) Councilmembers and staff informed the audience about upcoming events.

5. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to approve the consent agenda items which included the minutes and expenditures for the month of January, with corrections noted, and the second reading of Ordinance No. 991-22, authorizing participation with Entergy Texas, Inc. at the Public Utility Commission in 2022 and authorizing the hiring of lawyers and rate experts, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember present voting AYE, the motion carried.

6. A public hearing was held regarding a zoning change application submitted by Mary Mable, representing the Navasota George Washington Carver High School Alumni Association for the property located at 1602 S. LaSalle, Navasota, Grimes County, TX 77868. The zoning change application requests to change the zoning from PU: Public Use District to B-1: General Business District, for the operation of a Commercial Day Care Use. The property affected is legally described as S8700 – Woodward, Block 1 & 2, Acres 3.098. Mayor Bert Miller opened the public hearing at 6:22 p.m. Mary Mable spoke on behalf of the Navasota George Washington Carver High School Alumni Association. With no other comments, Mayor Bert Miller closed the public hearing at 6:32 p.m.

7. Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 992-22, regarding a zoning change application submitted by Mary Mable, representing the Navasota George Washington Carver High School Alumni Association for the property located at 1602 S. LaSalle, Navasota, Grimes County, TX 77868. The zoning change application requests to change the zoning from PU: Public Use District to B-1: General Business District, for the operation of a Commercial Day Care Use. The property affected is legally described as S8700 – Woodward, Block 1 & 2, Acres 3.098, seconded by Councilmember Bernie Gessner and with each Councilmember present voting AYE, the motion carried.

8. Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt moved to approve the development agreement with PA Smith Hotel, LLC for the development of sidewalks matching the downtown streetscapes in the 100 block of West Holland Street and 200 Block of South Tenth Street, located in Navasota, Grimes County, Texas in the amount of \$82,375.00 to assist with improvements, seconded by Councilmember Bernie Gessner and with each Councilmember present voting AYE, the motion carried.

9. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to appoint Clarence Lewis, Jr. to the Keep Navasota Beautiful Commission for a two-year term ending in September 2023, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember present voting AYE, the motion carried.

10. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 993-22, declining to approve the change in rates requested in Entergy, Texas, Inc.'s ("ETI" or "Company") Statement of Intent filed with City of Navasota on January 31, 2022, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember present voting AYE, the motion carried.

11. Councilmember Josh Fultz moved to approve the order of election for the May 7, 2022 election to elect three City Councilmembers to Positions 1, 2 and 3, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt and with each Councilmember present voting AYE, the motion carried.

12. Councilmember Josh Fultz moved to approve Resolution No. 710-22, approving a joint election contract with the City of Navasota, Grimes County and the Navasota Independent School District, seconded by Councilmember Bernie Gessner and with each Councilmember present voting AYE, the motion carried.

13. Mayor Bert Miller adjourned the meeting at 6:52 p.m.


BERT MILLER, MAYOR

ATTEST:


SUSIE M. HOMEYER, CITY SECRETARY

