

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 10, 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; Jennifer Reyna, Administrative Assistant; Lance Hall, Finance Director; Lupe Diosdado, Development Services Director; Shawn Myatt, Police Chief/Assistant City Manager; Rayna Willenbrink, Economic Development Specialist; Jason Katkoski, Fire Chief/EMC; Jack Kelso, Building Inspector; Jose Coronilla, Director of Streets and Sanitation; Peggy Johnson, Director of Human Resources; Jessica Glass, Communications Operator; Jonathan Hadley, Police Officer; James Connell, Police Officer and Karolina Krozel, Police Officer.

VISITORS: John McKay, Tim Wolff, John Henry, Connie Clements, David Aguilar, Mac Vaughn, Audrey Sauls, Philip Cox, Shon Mangum, Diana Westmoreland, Deborah Richardson, Terri Bates, Charles Young, Archie Sauls and Kyle Kacal.

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: Connie Clements addressed the City Council about the Crime Stoppers awards dinner on January 15, 2022 and announce the Grimes County Republican party candidate forum on January 16, 2022 and January 30, 2022.

Audrey Sauls read an open letter to the City Council.

4. Staff report:

- a) Mayor Bert Miller introduced State Representative Kyle Kacal;
- b) Police Chief Shawn Myatt and Mayor Bert Miller introduced some new employees;
- (c) John Henry gave an update on the Capital Improvements Project;
- (d) Navasota Housing Authority Director Terri Tates and board member Diana Westmoreland gave an annual update;
- (e) Finance Director Lance Hall gave a Library update;
- (f) Economic Development Specialist Rayna Willenbrink gave an EDC update;
- (g) There was not an update on the Blue Santa event;
- (h) There was not a Boards and Commission update; and
- (i) Councilmembers and staff informed the audience about upcoming events.

5. Councilmember Josh Fultz moved to approve the contract, with the noted changes, with Republic Services for solid waste collection for five years from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2027, seconded by Councilmember Bernie Gessner and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

6. Councilmember Josh Fultz moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 988-22, amending Chapter 3 Building Regulations, Article 3.02 Technical and Construction Codes and Standards, of the City of Navasota Code of Ordinances, adopting 2021 International Building Codes, seconded by Councilmember Bernie Gessner and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

7. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 989-22, amending Chapter 5 Fire Prevention and Protection, Article 5.04 Fire Prevention Code, of the City of Navasota Code of Ordinances, adopting 2021 International Fire Codes, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

8. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to approve Change Order No. 2 for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement Project in the amount of \$4,569.00, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

9. Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt moved to recommend the purchase of the software upgrade from Tyler Technologies for additional annual fees of \$22,748.00, seconded by Councilmember Pattie Pederson and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

10. Councilmember Josh Fultz moved to approve Resolution No. 707-22, designating the persons authorized to sign checks and authorizing designated persons to access bank accounts for certain purposes, seconded by Councilmember Bernie Gessner and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

11. Mayor Pro-Tem Bert Miller moved to authorize the seal bid method, for City-owned property, with an appraisal completed and the cost built into the minimum price, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

12. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to approve the minutes and expenditures for the month of December 2021, the second reading of Ordinance No. 985-21, approving a zoning change application submitted by James C Hassell for the properties located in the A0062 J Whitesides Abstract. The zoning change application requests to change the zoning from A/O: Agriculture/Open Space District to Pecan Lakes Estates Phase IV PUD, a planned unit development, for the development of a 63.55-acre single dwelling unit subdivision. The properties affected are legally described as A0062 J Whitesides, Tract 17-2, Acres 31.76, A0062 J Whitesides, Tract 17, Acres 31.79, located in Navasota, Grimes County, Texas; the second reading of Ordinance No. 986-21, amending Chapter 3 Building Regulations, Article 3.06 Signs, Section 3.06.013 Signs on Public Property, for the purpose of allowing and regulating signs on public property owned or controlled by a governmental entity; and the second reading of Ordinance No. 987-21, approving an application submitted by Serafin Estupinan to the City of Navasota requesting to abandon a twenty foot (20') public alleyway located in Block H of the Park Place Addition, in the City of Navasota, Grimes County, Texas.

13. An Executive Session was held 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. The time was 7:08 p.m.

14. An Executive Session was held in accordance with Section 551.086, Texas Government Code, Utility Competitive Matters, City of Navasota Gas Utility System, Natural Gas Supply Agreements, Arrangements and Associated Matters. The time was 7:09 p.m.

15. The City Council reconvened in open session at 7:49 p.m.

16. The City Council did not take any action on the sale of City-owned real property.

17. Mayor Bert Miller adjourned the meeting at 7:51 p.m.


BERT MILLER, MAYOR

ATTEST:


SUSIE M. HOMEYER, CITY SECRETARY

