

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 13, 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; Jennifer Reyna, Utility Director; Lance Hall, Finance Director; Lupe Diosdado, Development Services Director; Rayna Teicheira, Economic Development Director, Cary Bovey, Legal Counsel; Bobbie Ullrich, Marketing and Communications Director; Jose Coronilla, Director of Streets and Sanitation; Michael Mize, Interim Police Chief; Kay Peavy, Grants Coordinator; Jennifer Reyna, Director of Utilities; Chris Watson, Police Officer and Jonathan Hadley, Police Officer.

VISITORS: Connie Clements, Ethan Barcak, Chris Tucker, Phillip Cox, Mac Vaughn, David Aguilar, Deborah Richardson, John Henry, Doris Sauls, R. J. Sauls, Audrey Sauls, Sawn Mangum, Steve Scheve, Steve Duncan and others.

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) Director of Utilities Jennifer Reyna gave an update on the Capital Improvements Project;

- b) City Manager Jason Weeks addressed some comments from the last City Council meeting concerning a Fire Annex on the West side of town, the funding of Grace Park and sidewalks on the West side of town.
- c) City Manager Jason Weeks announced that the City Council and staff will begin having monthly workshops prior to the fourth Monday Council meeting;
- d) Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt gave an update on the latest Planning and Zoning meeting;
- e) Councilmembers and staff informed the audience about upcoming events.

5. A discussion was held on the "Clean the Curb" project. Citizen Connie Clements addressed the City Council concerning this project. She felt this was a service being taken away and wanted to know if citizens would get a discount on their utility rates. Councilmember Bernie Gessner made a motion to move forward with the "Clean the Curb" campaign, allowing residents to continue to utilize the curbside bulk on-call service until August 1, 2022, while beginning the bulk drop-off operations at the recycling center, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

6. Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt moved to award the professional service agreement for the 2022 East Side Water Plant Project to Bleyl Engineering for an amount not to exceed \$350,000.00, seconded by Councilmember Bernie Gessner and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

7. Councilmember Pattie Pederson made a motion to approve the purchase of Motorola radios for the Navasota Police Department at a cost of \$195,125.02 and Navasota Fire Department at a cost of \$92,948.83 as presented and approve the Municipal Lease Agreement with Motorola Solutions, Inc. (including Lessee Resolution document) to finance the purchase of the radios over seven (7) years for a total of \$288,073.85, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

8. A discussion was held on the 2022 City of Navasota Water Tower Policy. The following residents spoke on this item: Chris Tucker, Ethan Barcak and Mac Vaughn. Councilmember Pattie Pederson made a motion to approve the 2022 City of Navasota Water Tower Policy, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz. The following votes were recorded:

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

NAYS: Councilmember Bernie Gessner

ABSTAIN: None

Mayor Bert Miller announced that the motion carried.

9. A discussion was held on designating the alleyway located between W. Washington Avenue and W. McAlpine Street in the H & TC Addition, Block 83 as a one-way alleyway. The following citizens, Chris Tucker and Steve Scheve, addressed the City Council on this item. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 996-22, designating the alleyway located between W. Washington Avenue and W. McAlpine Street in the H & TC RR Addition, Block 83, as a one-way alleyway allowing northbound traffic only, prohibiting through traffic, and prohibiting parking in the alleyway except temporarily for delivery vehicles only: authorizing the installation and placement of signage, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

10. Councilmember Josh Fultz moved to approve Resolution No. 715-22, regarding the requested annexation of a 2.875 acre tract of land submitted by Miriah Caskey, Power of Attorney for Anthony Cunneen in the Daniel Tyler Survey, A-55, Navasota, Grimes County, Texas setting a date, time and place for a public hearing on a proposed annexation of said property by the City of Navasota, seconded by Councilmember Pattie Pederson and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

11. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to approve Resolution No. 713-22, authorizing the submission of a Texas Community Block Grant application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for the Downtown Revitalization Fund, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

12. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to approve Resolution No. 714-22, determining that an area of the City of Navasota contains conditions which are detrimental to the public health, safety and welfare of the community and, therefore, are declared to constitute a blighted area, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

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

14. The City Council conducted an Executive Session in accordance with Section 551.071, Texas Government Code, Consultation with Attorney – Consultation with Legal Counsel regarding legal issues concerning the following matters:

1. Heritage Meadows Subdivision – Sanitary Sewer Improvements and associated matters;
2. Downtown Revitalization Project – W. Washington Avenue – 8th Street to 10th Street and associated matters; and
3. Ameresco – Installation of gas registers and associated matters.

Mayor Bert Miller announced the time as being 8:32 p.m.

15. The City Council reconvened in open session at 9:24 p.m.

16. The City Council did not take any action regarding legal issues concerning Heritage Meadows Subdivision – Sanitary Sewer Improvements and associated matters.

17. Councilmember Pattie Pederson made a motion to allow Legal Counsel authority to give the Surety Company notice that the City of Navasota is considering declaring the contractor in default of contract in regards to the Downtown Revitalization Project – W. Washington Avenue – 8th Street – 10th Street and associated matters, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt and with each Councilmember present voting AYE, the motion carried.

18. The City Council did not take any action on Ameresco – Installation of gas registers and associated matters.

19. Mayor Bert Miller adjourned the meeting at 9:27 p.m.



BERT MILLER, MAYOR

ATTEST:



SUSIE M. HOMEYER, CITY SECRETARY

