

**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 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  
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 Willenbrink, Economic Development Director, Cary Bovey, Legal Counsel; Bobbie Ullrich, Marketing and Communications Director; Courtney Suarez, Receptionist and Jason Katkoski, Fire Chief/EMC.

**VISITORS:** Connie Clements, Mac Vaughn, Chris Tucker, Ethan Barcak, Deborah Richardson, Gary Fuqua, Sylvia Harrison, Marco Castaneda, Nathan Vogg, Truman Smucker, Evelyn Smucker and John Smucker.

**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) Finance Director Lance Hall introduced Courtney Suarez as the new receptionist.
  - b) Marketing and Communications Director Bobbie Ullrich gave an update on the results for the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Texas Birthday Bash;

- c) Director of Utilities, Jennifer Reyna gave an update on the TxDOT Crosswalk CIP project;
- (d) Mayor Bert Miller proclaimed the month of March as "Youth Art Month";
- (e) There were not any Board and Commission updates; and
- (f) Councilmembers and staff informed the audience about upcoming events.

5. A public hearing was held regarding a development plan application submitted by Marco Castaneda on behalf of Angel's Car Wash for the property located at 804 E. Washington Avenue, Navasota, Grimes County, Texas 77868. The development plan application requests to allow for the sale of vehicles on the property as a secondary use, vehicular sales are a permitted use under the property's current B-1: General Business zoning district, however a development plan application and approval is required for all mixed use and business uses in the OD: Overlay District. The property is legally described as Jones, H & TC, Block 90, Lot 1,2,3(W/2). Mayor Bert Miller opened the public hearing at 6:22 p.m. Marco Castaneda and Deborah Richardson both spoke on this item. With no further comments from the public, Mayor Bert Miller closed the public hearing at 6:57 p.m.

6. Councilmember Josh Fultz moved to deny the development application submitted by Marco Castaneda, seconded by Councilmember Bernie Gessner. The following votes were recorded:

**AYES: Councilmember Josh Fultz and Councilmember Pattie Pederson**

**NAYS: Councilmember Bernie Gessner, Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt and Mayor Bert Miller**

Mayor Bert Miller announced that the motion failed.

Councilmember Bernie Gessner made a motion to approve the development application to allow 6 cars/vehicles and a fence of some sort surrounding the vehicles, seconded by Mayor Bert Miller. More discussion was held by the City Council on this topic. Councilmember Bernie Gessner made a motion to withdraw his motion and put this item back on the first meeting in April, 2022 and for Marco Castaneda to work with staff on the requirements for Navasota, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

7. The City Council did not take any action on the idea of allowing third-party vendors access to the City's water towers for equipment installation.

8. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to approve the consent agenda items which include the minutes and expenditures from February 2022, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

9. Mayor Bert Miller adjourned the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

  
**BERT MILLER, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

  
**SUSIE M. HOMEYER, CITY SECRETARY**

