

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 9, 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, Luke Cochran, Legal Counsel; Bobbie Ullrich, Marketing and Communications Director; Ethan Tyler, Police Officer, Tiffany Sammon, Librarian, Pat Gruner, Municipal Judge; Geralyn Backhus, Records Clerk; Michael Mize, Interim Police Chief; Peggy Johnson, HR Director; Karolina Krozel, Police Officer; and James Byrd, Police Officer.

VISITORS: Mac Vaughn, Todd Wisner, Deborah Richardson, Cody Sechelski, Marco Castaneda, Ana Cosino, Dell Martinez, Linda Walicek, Liz Olden, Jon McKay, Zachery Votar, Matt Morse, Nancy Vidotto and Lewis Vidotto.

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) The City Council and HR Director Peggy Johnson presented years of service awards to Geralyn Backhus (20 years); and Susie Homeyer (40 years).
 - b) Director of Utilities Jennifer Reyna gave an update on the Capital Improvements Project;
 - c) Librarian Tiffany Sammon gave an update on the library events;
 - d) Mayor Bert Miller presented the following proclamations: Economic Development Week – May 9 – 13, 2022; National Public Works Week – May 15 – 21, 2022; Public

Service Recognition Week – May 1 – 7, 2022; and National Police Week – May 11 – 17, 2022;

e) Councilmember Bernie Gessner gave an update on the latest Planning and Zoning Meeting; and

f) Councilmembers and staff informed the audience about upcoming events.

5. A discussion 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).

Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to approve the revised development plan submitted by Marco Castaneda on behalf of Angel's Car Wash for the installation of a wrought iron style fence, seconded by Councilmember Pattie Pederson and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

6. A public hearing was held regarding a sign variance request submitted by the First Presbyterian Church for the property located at 302 Nolan Street, Navasota, Grimes County, Texas 77868. The variance request is to allow thirty-two (32) square feet LED programmable sign versus the allowed twenty-four (24) square feet. The property affected is legally described as H & TC, Block 109, Lot 1 thru ½ of 8. Mayor Bert Miller opened the public hearing at 6:38 p.m. The following citizens, Todd Wisner and Deborah Richardson, spoke at the hearing on this topic. With no other comments, Mayor Bert Miller closed the public hearing at 6:58 p.m.

7. Councilmember Josh Fultz moved to deny a sign variance request submitted by the First Presbyterian Church for the property located at 302 Nolan Street, Navasota, Grimes County, Texas 77868. The variance request is to allow thirty-two (32) square feet LED programmable sign versus the allowed twenty-four (24) square feet. The property affected is legally described as H & TC, Block 109, Lot 1 thru ½ of 8, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt. The following votes were recorded:

AYES: Councilmember Josh Fultz

NAYS: Councilmember Bernie Gessner, Councilmember Pattie Pederson, Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt and Mayor Bert Miler

Mayor Bert Miller announced that the motion failed

Mayor Bert Miller moved to approve the sign variance request submitted by the First Presbyterian Church for the property located at 302 Nolan Street, Navasota, Grimes County, Texas 77868. The variance request is to allow thirty-two (32) square feet LED programmable sign versus the allowed twenty-four (24) square feet. The property

affected is legally described as H & TC, Block 109, Lot 1 thru 1/2 of 8, seconded by Councilmember Bernie Gessner. The following votes were recorded:

AYES: Councilmember Bernie Gessner, Councilmember Pattie Pederson, Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt and Mayor Bert Miler

NAYS: Councilmember Josh Fultz

Mayor Bert Miller announced that the motion carried.

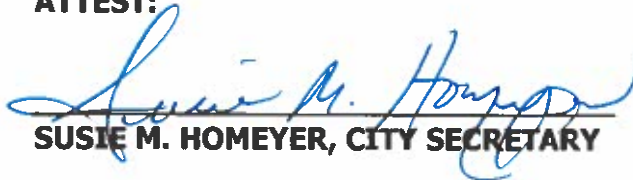
8. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to approve the consent agenda items which include the minutes and expenditures from April 2022 and the second reading of Ordinance No. 995-22, approving a zoning change application submitted to the City of Navasota by Anton Drabek, for the properties located at 808 Farquhar Street, Navasota, Grimes County, TX, 77868. The zoning change application requests to change the zoning from R-1A: High Density, Single Dwelling Unit, 7,000 Square Foot Lot, Residential District to M-1: Light Industrial District, for the operation of a warehousing and distribution use. The properties affected are legally described as Camp IM, Block 5, Lot 9, 8(1/2) & Camp IM, Block 5, Lot 6,7, 8(1/2), seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember that was present voting AYE, the motion carried.

14. Mayor Bert Miller adjourned the meeting at 7:03 p.m.



BERT MILLER, MAYOR

ATTEST:



SUSIE M. HOMEYER, CITY SECRETARY

