

**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
OCTOBER 24, 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; Lupe Diosdado, Development Services Director; Cary Bovey, Legal Counsel; Bobbie Ullrich, Marketing and Communications Director; Jennifer Reyna, Director of Utilities; Rayna Teicheira, Economic Development Director; Jason Katkoski, Fire Chief/EMC; Mike Mize, Police Chief; Michelle Savensky, Executive Administrative Assistant; Pat Gruner, Municipal Judge; Rochelle Jessie, Municipal Court Clerk; and Mark Butler, Police Officer.

**VISITORS:** Connie Clements, Deborah Richardson, Mac Vaughn, Ethan Barcak; Michelle Steinhauser, Mark Frnka, Paul Stankiewicz, James Harris and Dia Copeland.

**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: Dia Copeland addressed the City Council and complimented Utility Billing Manager Melody Binford and Meter Technician Alan Somers on the way they handled a water leak she had at her home while she was out state.
4. Staff report:
  - a) Mayor Bert Miller proclaimed November 7-11, 2022 as "Municipal Court Week"; October 23-31, 2022 as "Red Ribbon Week" and November 14-20, 2022 as "National Apprenticeship Week".

- b) There were not any updates on Boards and Commissions; and
- c) Councilmembers and staff informed the audience about upcoming events.

5. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to adopt Resolution No. 721-22, ratifying the publication of the notice of intention to issue certificates of obligation in a newspaper of general circulation in the City, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

6. Councilmember Josh Fultz moved to appoint Mike Harris, Johnny McNally and Roger Lawrence to the Economic Development Board for a two-year term ending in September 2024, seconded by Councilmember Pattie Pederson and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

Councilmember Pattie Pederson moved to appoint John Walla, Carolyn Katkoski and Dia Copeland to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a two-year term ending in September 2024, seconded by Councilmember Bernie Gessner and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt moved to appoint Ethan Barcak and Paul Stankiewicz as full time members of the Board of Adjustment and Nancy Vidotto and Mac Vaughn as alternates of the Board of Adjustment for a two-year period ending in September 2024, seconded by Councilmember Pattie Pederson and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt moved to appoint Michael Dearing, Martha Newsome and Mark Frnka to the Airport Advisory Board for a two-year period ending in September 2024, seconded by Councilmember Pattie Pederson and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

Councilmember Josh Fultz moved to appoint Megan Barcak and Rebecca Cole to Keep Navasota Beautiful Committee for a two-year term ending in September 2024, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt moved to appoint David Tullos, Deborah Grimes, Margaret Eppler and Jessica Matthews to the Library Advisory Board for a two-year term ending in September 2024, seconded by Councilmember Pattie Pederson and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to appoint Mac Vaughn, Richard Grimes and Debra McGregor to the Navasota Housing Authority Board for a two-year term ending in September 2024, seconded by Councilmember Pattie Pederson and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt moved to appoint Barry Colbert, Rebecca Cole, Jessica Matthews and Michele Steinhauser to the Parks and Recreation Board for a two-year period ending in September 2024, seconded by Councilmember Bernie Gessner and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

7. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to approve the consent agenda items which include the expenditures for the month of September 2022, the second reading of Ordinance No. 1009-22, denying Entergy Texas, Inc's statement of intent and application for authority to change rates filed on July 1, 2022; and Change Order No. 2 in the amount of \$5,380.00 for the Navasota Street and Utilities CIP – 2022 Downtown Watermain Replacement on LaSalle and Washington Avenue, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

8. The City Council met in Executive Session in accordance with Texas Government Code, Section 551.072, deliberations regarding real property, for the purpose of discussion and deliberation regarding the City of Navasota's potential acquisition of real property for City projects/purposes. The time was 6:55 p.m.

9. The City Council reconvened in open session at 7:14 p.m.

10. Councilmember Pattie Pederson moved that the City Manager, or his designee, be authorized to participate in the tax foreclosure sale bidding process to attempt to acquire the property identified in Executive Session and authorize the City Manager to execute any necessary documentation.

11. Mayor Bert Miller adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

  
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**BERT MILLER, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

  
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**SUSIE M. HOMEYER, CITY SECRETARY**

