

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 26, 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; Lance Hall, Finance Director; 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, Interim Police Chief; Ethan Tyler, Police Officer; Evan Pederson, Police Officer; Mark Butler, Police Officer, Karolina Krozel, Police Officer, Pat Gruner, Municipal Judge; Chris Watson, Police Officer; Michael Garcia, Police Officer; Jose Coronilla, Director of Streets and Sanitation; Jacob Tielke, Investigator; Sementra Cosino, Records Clerk; Sarah Moon, Communication Supervisor; Michael Stover, Police Officer, Marla Gurka, Executive Assistant and John Shoemaker, Investigator.

VISITORS: Connie Clements, Deborah Richardson, Mac Vaughn, Ana Cosino, Max Brand, B. J. Gruner, Philip Cox, Jonathan Vacante, James Gilley, Lauri Glameyer, Bill Glameyer, Jim Hassell, Dorothy Hassell, Travis Higginbotham, Sierra Higginbotham, Jennifer Ramirez, Paul Hofmann, James Harris, Martha Smith, Michael Schott, Makenna Schott, Annie Williams, Charles Tompkins, Marva Grice, Shon Mangum, Veronica Johnson, Eloise Morris, David Porter, Jose Cosino, Angela Scurlock, Ruby Nolan, Chris Miller, Martha and Jorge Navillo, Susie Knowles, Pearl Rowland and Melody Hudspeth.

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) Mayor Bert Miller proclaimed October 5, 2022 as Navasota Teachers' Day in Navasota and encouraged members of our community to "Be a light for Navasota teachers' and personal express appreciation to our teachers and display a blue ribbon outside your homes or businesses the week of October 5th as a symbol of support for our educators; and Mayor Bert Miller recognized Ellwood Texas Forge Navasota on its 50th anniversary and was proud to have them as part of the community;
 - b) Economic Development Director Rayna Teicheria and Mayor Bert Miller accepted a bronze award from the International Economic Development Council for the Navasota Works Program;
 - c) Mayor Bert Miller gave an update on the latest Planning and Zoning Commission meeting; and
 - d) Councilmembers and staff informed the audience about upcoming events. City Manager Jason Weeks announced that Mike Mize will be the new Police Chief for the City of Navasota.
5. Councilmember Josh Fultz moved to nominate Grant Holt to serve on the Board of Trustees for TML Health Benefits Pool for Regin 14 and submit his resume for consideration, seconded by Councilmember Pattie Pederson and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.
6. Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 1005-22, adopting the budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2023 and ending September 30, 2023, seconded by Councilmember Pattie Pederson and with each Councilmember voting AYE, by a show of hands, the motion carried.
7. Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt moved that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of \$0.5560, which is effectively a 12.14 percent increase in the tax rate and approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 1006-22 establishing the tax rate of \$0.5560 per \$100 assessed valuation for fiscal year 2022-2023, seconded by Councilmember Bernie Gessner and with each Councilmember voting AYE, by a show of hands, the motion carried.
8. Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 1007-22, amending the Code of Ordinances Appendix A "Fee Schedule" Article A13.000 adopting the revised Republic Services sanitation rates for the City of Navasota, Texas with an effective date of February 1, 2023;

amending Appendix A with addition of Section A4.011 Soccer Registration League Fees and revising Article A9.600 Building & Construction to cover the cost of third-party plans examiner/inspection services with an effective date of October 1, 2022, seconded by Councilmember Pattie Pederson and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

9. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to approve Resolution No. 720-22, directing publication of notice of intention to issue certificate of obligation, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

10. Councilmember Josh Fultz moved to approve Resolution No. 719-22, accepting street, water, natural gas, sewer and underground storm infrastructure for Hidden Hills Phase 1 Subdivision, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

11. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to approve the variance request submitted by J & H Development, LLC from Chapter 3 Building Regulations, Article 3.07 Streets and Sidewalks, Division 2. Street Development for the construction of Pecan Lakes Drive, a minor collector located in Navasota, Grimes County, Texas 77868, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

15. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to approve the consent agenda items which include the second reading of Ordinance No. 1002-22, approving a conditional use permit application submitted by TCL Holdings, Inc. for the property located at 7908 Highway 6 Loop, Navasota, Grimes County, Texas 77868. The conditional use permit application request to allow the operation of a place of worship use, a conditional use under the property's current zoning, B-1: General Business District. The property affected is legally described as Valvaldi Subdivision, Block 1, Lot 2R; the second reading of Ordinance No. 1003-22, approving a zoning change application submitted by Masterbuilt Ministries, Inc. and Salem House of Blessings Ministries, Inc. for the property located at 1100 Manley Street, Navasota, Grimes County, Texas 77868. The zoning change application requests to change the zoning from the current PU: Public Use District to R-1C: low density, single dwelling unit, 2-acre lot or larger, residential district. The property affected is legally described as A0055-5 D.Tyler, Tract 5, Pa 32-1, Acres 2.55; the second reading of Ordinance No. 1004-22, approving a conditional use permit application submitted by Masterbuilt, Inc. and Salem House of Blessings Ministries, Inc., for the property located at 1100 Manley Street, Navasota, Grimes County, Texas 77868; and the second reading of Ordinance No. 1008-22, declining to approve the change in rates requested in Entergy Texas, Inc.'s statement of intent filed with the City on July 1, 2022, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

12. The City Council held an Executive Session 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 6:51 p.m.

13. The City Council reconvened in open session at 7:12 p.m.

14. Councilmember Josh Fultz moved to award the bid for RFP # 202202 City of Navasota Wastewater Treatment Plant to Panni DaBaby LLC and authorize the Mayor to execute contracts and any documentation, seconded by Councilmember Bernie Gessner and with each Councilmembers voting AYE, the motion carried.

16. Appointments to Boards and Commissions will be considered at the October 24, 2022 City Council meeting.

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


BERT MILLER, MAYOR

ATTEST:


SUSIE M. HOMEYER, CITY SECRETARY

