

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 13, 2023**

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 was absent)

Thus constituting a quorum.

STAFF PRESENT: Jason Weeks, City Manager; Susie M. Homeyer, City Secretary; Cary Bovey, Legal Counsel; Bobbie Ullrich, Marketing and Communication Director; Mike Mize, Police Chief; Lupe Diosdado, Development Services Director; Peggy Johnson, HR Director; Maribel Frank, Chief Financial Officer; Jennifer Reyna, Public Works Director; Jose Coronilla, Assistant Public Works Director; Rayna Teicheria, Economic Development Director; Raushan Nygmet, Finance Analyst; Rodrigo Hernandez, Street and Sanitation Maintenance Laborer; Marla Gurka, Office Supervisor-PD and Travis Mullins, Investigator.

VISITORS: Connie Clements, Deborah Richardson, Mac Vaughn, Doris Sauls, Jim and Dorothy Hassell, Ana Cosino, James Harris, Harry Walker, Tasha Nichols, Carol Medeiros, Michael Medeiros, Dennis Saathoff, Kay Saathoff, Matt Price, Burt Bearden, Annette Kyle, Barney Rodriguez, Yvonne Gerhart, John Gerhart, Anel Blanchard, Erin Wilhite and Michele Steinhauser.

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: Doris Sauls addressed the City Council and requested \$3,000,000 be considered for the West Side of town improvements with a \$1,000,000 going for Grace Park, \$1,000,000 for dilapidated housing and \$100,000,000 for sidewalks on both sides of the street from Baylor Lumber to the VFW.
4. Staff report:
 - a) Connie Clements, with Crime Stoppers, presented a traveling plaque to Police Chief Mike Mize. The plaque will remain with the Navasota Police Department for

a year until the next Grimes County Crime Stoppers annual awards banquet in 2024. Travis Mullins was awarded the Office of the year while Marla Gurka was awarded the Meritorious Service Award.

- b) Peggy Johnson, HR Director, introduced two new employees, Raushan Nygmet, Finance Analyst and Keith Bitz, Police Officer.
- c) Peggy Johnson, HR Director, and the City Council recognized Rodrigo Hernandez for ten years of dedicated service to the City of Navasota.
- d) Councilmember Pattie Pederson gave an update on the latest KNB meeting and Councilmember Bernie Gessner gave an update on the latest airport meeting.
- e) Councilmembers and staff informed the audience about upcoming events.

5. A public hearing was held for the purpose of receiving public comments regarding an annexation request submitted by James C. Hassell for a 1.310 acre tract of land in the James Whitesides Survey, A-62, Navasota, Grimes County, Texas 77868. Mayor Bert Miller opened the public hearing at 6:18 p.m. Erin Wilhite spoke concerning the 11 acres Mr. Hassell is donating for a park in this area. Depending on who develops the park, could mean who all could use the park or if HOA fees will go up. The following individuals, John Gerhart, Michael Medeiros, Matt Price, and Burt Bearden, all spoke about the annexation and their main concerns were about lot sizes, the cul-de-sac design, traffic and the style of homes that will be put there that could possibly affect their appraised values. With no other comments, Mayor Bert Miller closed the public hearing at 6:42 p.m.

6. Councilmember Josh Fultz moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 1017-23, approving an annexation request submitted by James C. Hassell for a 1.310 acre tract of land in the James Whitesides Survey, A-62, Navasota, Grimes County, Texas 77868, seconded by Councilmember Bernie Gessner and with each Councilmember that was present voting AYE, the motion carried.

7. Councilmember Josh Fultz moved to approve the interlocal cooperation agreement between the City of Navasota, Grimes County and J & H Navasota Development, LLC for the improvement of County Road 424, seconded by Councilmember Bernie Gessner and with each Councilmember that was present voting AYE, the motion carried.

8. Councilmember Josh Fultz moved to approve Resolution No. 729-23, in support for the application of Navasota Manor APTS to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for the 2023 Competitive Nine-Percent Housing Tax Credits to rehabilitate affordable rental housing in connection with Navasota Manor, seconded by Councilmember Bernie Gessner and with each Councilmember that was present voting AYE, the motion carried.

9. Councilmember Josh Fultz moved to approve the Order of Election for the May 6, 2023 election to elect two City Councilmembers to Positions 4 and 5, seconded by

Councilmember Bernie Gessner and with each Councilmember that was present voting AYE, the motion carried.

10. Councilmember Josh Fultz moved to approve Resolution No. 730-23, approving the 2023 Joint Election Contract between the City of Navasota, Texas, Grimes County, Texas and Navasota Independent School District, seconded by Councilmember Bernie Gessner and with each Councilmember that was present voting AYE, the motion carried.

11. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to approve the consent agenda items which include the minutes and Municipal Court Report for January 2023; the second reading of Ordinance No. 1014-23, rezoning 35.13 acres, more particularly described as A0044-0 D. Tyler, Tract 4, from A/O: Agriculture Open Space district to "Pecan Grove Estate PUD" a planned unit development; the second reading of Ordinance No. 1015-23, amending Chapter 3 Building Regulations, Article 3.06 Signs related to Freeway and Freestanding Signs; and the first reading of Ordinance No. 1016-23, authorizing participation with other Entergy service area in matters concerning Entergy, Texas, Inc. at the Public Utility Commission of Texas in 2023, authorizing the hiring of lawyers and rate experts, and authorizing the City's participation to the full extent permitted by law at the Public Utility Commission, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember that was present voting AYE, the motion carried.

17. Mayor Bert Miller adjourned the meeting at 6:58 p.m.


BERT MILLER, MAYOR

ATTEST:


SUSIE M. HOMEYER, CITY SECRETARY

