

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 27, 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
Josh M. Fultz, Councilmember, Place # 3
Bert Miller, Mayor, Place # 4
Grant E. Holt, Mayor Pro-Tem, Place # 5**

(Pattie Pederson, Councilmember, Place # 2 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; Maribel Frank, Chief Financial Officer, Jennifer Reyna, Public Works Director and Officer Byrd.

VISITORS: Connie Clements, Deborah Richardson, Brad Stafford, James Harris, Jonathan Vacante, Adi Hajcullaj and W. J. Sauls.

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 Grant Holt. 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) Public Works Director Jennifer Reyna gave an update on the Capital Improvement Projects (Utility CIP, Street Maintenance, AWOS, Fire Hydrant, Natural Gas Regulator, Looped Natural Gas, Warehouse and Sidewalk Project).

- b) Bobbie Ullrich, Marketing and Communication Director gave an update on upcoming Texas Birthday Bash.
- c) Mayor Bert Miller gave an update on latest Board of Adjustment meeting and the latest Planning and Zoning meeting; and
- d) Councilmembers and staff informed the audience about upcoming events.

5. Mayor Bert Miller moved to approve a sign variance application submitted by Joe's Italian Restaurant & Pizza from Chapter 3 Building Regulations, Signs, related to Free Standing Signs, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember that was present voting AYE, the motion carried.

6. Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt moved to approve a variance application submitted by Navasota Welding Supply from Chapter 3 Building Regulations, Signs, related to Pylon signs, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember that was present voting AYE, the motion carried.

7. Councilmember Josh Fultz moved to award bid to LDC, LLC for the Hollister Street Regulator Station Replacement project in the amount of \$173,815.00, seconded by Councilmember Bernie Gessner and with each Councilmember that was present voting AYE, the motion carried.

8. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to approve the consent agenda items which include the (a) second reading of Ordinance No. 1016-23, authorizing participation with other Entergy service area cities in matters concerning Entergy, Texas 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 of Texas; (b) the second 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; and (c) Change Order No. 2 in the amount of \$38,046.54 on the contract with Green Dream International, LLC for the Downtown Revitalization Program – W. Washington Avenue – 8th Street to 10th Street, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmembers that was present voting AYE, the motion carried.

9. The City Council met in Executive Session in accordance with Texas Government Code, Section 551.071, Consultation with Attorney – Consultation with legal counsel regarding City of Navasota water and sewer utility service area(s) and associated matters. The time was 6:34 p.m.

10. The City Council reconvened in open session at 7:04 p.m.

11. Mayor Pro-Tem Grant Holt moved that the City of Navasota retain Mike Gershon and the Lloyd Gosselink Law Firm to represent and provide legal counsel to the City regarding its water and wastewater service area, including but not limited to matters involving G & W Water Supply Corporation; and I further move to approve the proposed engagement agreement with Lloyd Gosselink Law Firm, and authorize the Mayor to execute any necessary documentation, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember that was present voting AYE, the motion carried.

12. Mayor Bert Miller adjourned the meeting at 7:10 p.m.


BERT MILLER, MAYOR

ATTEST:


SUSIE M. HOMEYER, CITY SECRETARY

