

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 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**

Thus constituting a quorum.

STAFF PRESENT: Jason Weeks, City Manager; Susie M. Homeyer, City Secretary; Bobbie Ullrich, Marketing and Communication Director; 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; Officer Byrd, Douglas Franklin, Heavy Equipment Operator; Roberto Soberon, Natural Gas Technician; and Rany Awara, Cadet Police Officer.

VISITORS: Connie Clements, Deborah Richardson, Mac Vaughn, James Harris and John Nicks.

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: John Nicks addressed the City Council about putting additional patrol out on Highway 6 due to the excessive speeds in a 60 mph zone.
4. Staff report:
 - a) Peggy Johnson, HR Director, introduced the following new employees: Roberto Soberon, Natural Gas Technician and Rany Awara, Cadet Police Officer. Jonathan Collins, Firefighter was not present to be introduced.
 - b) Peggy Johnson, HR Director along with the City Council, recognized Heavy Equipment Operator Douglas Franklin for twenty (20) years of service. Police

Officer Michael Garcia was not present to receive his twenty-five (25) years of service award.

- c) Jennifer Reyna, Public Works Director, gave an update on the following CIP projects:

Streets and Utilities: Bid opening scheduled for March 30th and a bid award on April 10th;

WWTP: Large clarifier emergency repairs estimated to be completed in July or August of this year; Engineers will be submitting a professional service agreement this week for the two rotors and a generator;

Fire Hydrant Project: Bid opening on March 16th with a bid award on March 27th; Sidewalk Project – Concrete will be poured this week for the four (4) tree wells, Drainage work to be completed this week for two locations, sidewalk corrections in front of Treasures will begin this week as well as handrail installations;

Street Maintenance Project should hopefully begin advertising next week and the

AWOS tower will be installed at the end of this week and the system should be broadcasting by March 24th.

- d) There were not any board and commission updates.


- e) Councilmembers and staff informed the audience about upcoming events.

5. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to approve the consent agenda items which include the minutes from February 2023 and the Municipal Court Report from February 2023, and the quarterly investment report ending September 30, 2022, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

6. Mayor Bert Miller adjourned the meeting at 6:18 p.m.


BERT MILLER, MAYOR

ATTEST:


SUSIE M. HOMEYER, CITY SECRETARY

