

**MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
MARCH 27, 2023**

The City Council of the City of Navasota, Grimes County, Texas and the Parks and Recreation Board met for a Joint Meeting at the City Council Chambers, Room No. 161, located at 200 E. McAlpine Street at 4:30 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; Erik Covarrubias, Code Enforcement Officer; Rayna Teicheira, Economic Development Director; Ryan Hendricks, Parks and Recreation Manager; Michael Mize, Police Chief; Jason Katkoski, Fire Chief/EMC; and Luke Cochran, Legal Counsel.

PARKS BOARD MEMBERS: Barry Colbert, Rebecca Cole, B. J. Moody, Brandi Tejeda and Ethan Barcak.

VISITORS: Connie Clements, Deborah Richardson and Stephen Fleming.

THE ITEMS ON THE AGENDA WERE TAKEN UP IN DUE ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

1. Mayor Bert Miller called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. B. J. Moody also called the Parks and Recreation meeting to order as well.
2. Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and the Texas Flag were both dispensed.
3. Remarks of visitors: None.
4. Rayna Teicheria, Economic Development Director, introduced Ryan Hendricks as the new Parks and Recreation Manager.

5. A workshop was held to consider the conveyance of two parcels of land, totaling 1.11.407 acres, from the Navasota Kiwanis Club. Staff is recommending, since this location is a crime haven, that ample playground equipment be installed to allow for the area to become a drug free zone. By being a drug free zone, it will enhance the punishment sentence as well as aid our law enforcement and DA the tools needed for enforcement.

6. A workshop was held on the creation of a new park on the property owned by St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Navasota, Texas. In January 2023 the church contacted the City about entering into a long-term agreement (20+years) for the development and maintenance of an open-space park located on their vacant property at the corner of McAlpine Street and Nolan. The church is requesting the City to maintain the property, update the sidewalk area, and install benches and tables. There would be no playground equipment or water features.

7. A workshop was held on the Wayfinding signage project. City staff has been in contact with National Signs, LLC to develop a design for city-wide directional and parks and facilities signage, and a downtown wayfinding design. National Signs LLC has provided design services free of charge and has allowed staff to make many revisions necessary over the last several months to ensure that the City had a design that fits our needs and standards. The project will be divided into three phases. National Sign LLC is part of the Choice Partners Cooperative which allows them to enter directly into the bidding process for government work.

8. A workshop was held on the expansion of Cedar Creek/Mance Lipscomb Park. City Staff has been working with KTL Engineering to design a proposal for Phase 1 and Phase 2 of the project. The plan is to bring life to this area by reconstructing the existing parking lot between LaSalle Avenue and the Union Pacific Railroad with a pedestrian bridge and trail system to connect the bridge to Cedar Creek Park. Funding for this type of project would most likely consist of issuance of debt, general fund dollars and grants.

9. A workshop was held to discuss the Parks and Recreation programming and activities such as pickleball, skate park, soccer and swimming just to list a few. The main focus, after this discussion, was to complete the projects that have already been started before starting more.

10. Mayor Bert Miller adjourned the meeting at 5:57 p.m.


BERT MILLER, MAYOR

ATTEST:


SUSIE M. HOMEYER, CITY SECRETARY

