

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 27, 2023**

The City Council of the City of Navasota, Grimes County, Texas met at a Regular Meeting 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; 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; Luke Cochran, Legal Counsel; Michael Moya, Meter Service Technician; and Ethan Tyler, Police Officer.

VISITORS: Connie Clements, Deborah Richardson, John Nicks, Tim Wolff, Zachary Votaw, Mark Rudolph, Mac Vaughn, Patti Sexton and James Harris.

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

1. Mayor Bert Miller called the meeting to order at 6:10 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 concerning more Police presence on Highway 6 for speeders; that the City should tell TxDOT no on some of their projects and make all parks accessible to everyone.

Deborah Richardson addressed the City Council about the maintenance of the proposed Way-finding signs.

4. Staff Report:

- (a) Peggy Johnson, HR Director, introduced Ryan Hendricks as the new Parks and Recreation Manager and Michael Moya as the new Meter Service Technician.
 - (b) Jennifer Reyna, Public Works Director, gave an update on the CIP Projects. On March 16, 2023 there was bid opening for the fire hydrant replacement project. Received a total of 8 bids. Bids came in lower than the budgeted amount. The annual street project will open bids on April 17, 2023 and make an award at the April 24, 2023 Council meeting. The final walk-through on the Sidewalk project was performed on March 24, 2023. All items should be corrected in a couple of weeks except the light poles which are on back order until the fall. Staff is working with RSI Net to install the NADIN System (Weather Data Service) on the AWOS system.
 - (c) The Mayor proclaimed the month of April 2023 as Child Abuse Prevention Month. Patti Sexton, representing the Grimes County Child Welfare Board, accepted the proclamation.
 - (d) Mayor Bert Miller gave an update on the latest Planning and Zoning Commission meeting.
 - (e) Councilmembers and staff informed the audience about upcoming events.
5. Councilmember Josh Fultz moved to award the bid to Kieschnich General Contractors for the Fire Hydrant Replacement project in the amount of \$440,250.00, seconded by Councilmember Pattie Pederson and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.
 6. Councilmember Josh Fultz moved to approve the City of Navasota entering into an agreement with Strand and Associates, Inc. to provide engineering services for the Natural Gas Main System Loop and Extension capital improvement project in the amount of \$210,000.00, seconded by Councilmember Bernie Gessner and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.
 7. Councilmember Bernie Gessner asked the City Council to separate the consent items so that a discussion can be held on them. Councilmember Pattie Pederson moved to approve the interlocal agreement between Harris County Department of Education and the City of Navasota for the Choice

Partners Cooperative, seconded by Councilmember Bernie Gessner and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to approve a letter of support for T-Mobile Hometown Grant application, seconded by Councilmember Pattie Pederson and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

10. Mayor Bert Miller adjourned the meeting at 6:53 p.m.


BERT MILLER, MAYOR

ATTEST:


SUSIE M. HOMEYER, CITY SECRETARY

