

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 22, 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, Mayor Pro-Tem, Place # 1
Josh M. Fultz, Councilmember, Place # 3
Bert Miller, Mayor, Place # 4
James Harris, Councilmember, Place # 5**

(Pattie Pederson, Councilmember, Place # 2 was absent)

Thus constituting a quorum.

STAFF PRESENT: Jason Katkoski, Acting City Manager; Susie M. Homeyer, City Secretary; Cary Bovey, Legal Counsel; Jennifer Reyna, Director of Utilities; Mike Mize, Police Chief; James Byrd, Police Officer; Evette Fannin, Grants Coordinator; Pat Gruner, Municipal Judge; Michelle Savensky, Executive Administrative Assistant; Hector Olguin, Jr., Police Officer; Maribel Franks, Chief Financial Officer; Peggy Johnson, Director of Public Works, Rodrigo Hernandez, Street and Sanitation Laborer; Jose Coronilla, Assistant Public Works Director and Tiffany Byers, Library Director.

VISITORS: Connie Clements, Mac Vaughn, Jon C. Fultz, Ethan Barcak, Megan Barcak, Michelle Bobo, Deborah Richardson, Roosevelt Ellis, Chandler Ardan, Leanne Byers, Becky Byers, David Byers, Georgian Molitor, Phillip Cox, Michael Medeiros, Jill Conlin, Jennifer Fredericks, Michele Sullivan, Mason Sullivan, Buck Sullivan, Scotty McDonald, Michele Steinhauser, Louis Vidotto, Jennifer Ramirez, Tonya Britton, David Ramirez, Mark Rudolph and Ed Murphy.

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: Roosevelt Ellis addressed the City Council and filed a complaint against the City of Navasota for a violation of a City Zoning Ordinance, Exhibit 14A, Zoning Ordinance 5.3 concerning building setbacks and side setbacks. This pertains to the property adjacent to 700 McNair Street, Navasota, Texas 77868.

4. Staff report:

- a) Mayor Bert Miller presented the Navasota Citizens University graduates with a Certificate of Completion. The graduating candidates were: Greg Andersen(not present), Megan Barcak, Tonya Britton, James Harris, Sharon Hudson(not present), Sabrina Killingsworth, Ernest McCraw, Scotty McDonald, Michael Medeiros, Ed Murphy, Alan Phillips(not present), David Ramirez, Jennifer Ramirez, Michelle Steinhauser, Monica Thompson(not present) and Louis Vidotta.
- b) Mayor Bert Miller proclaimed May 27, 2023 as VFW "Buddy" Poppy Day and urged all patriotic citizens to wear a Buddy Poppy as evidence of our gratitude to the men and women of this country who have risked their lives in defense of the freedom which we continue to enjoy as American citizens.
- c) Peggy Johnson, HR Director, recognized Tiffany Byers as the Above and Beyond recipient and Rodrigo Hernandez as the Customer Hero Award recipient for the new quarterly employee awards.
- d) Peggy Johnson, HR Director, introduced Hector Olguin, Jr. as a new police officer.
- e) Jennifer Reyna, Public Works Director, gave an update on the CIP Projects. She gave an update on the Fire Hydrant Replacement Project, Hollister Natural Gas Regulator Station Replacement, FY 21 -22 Street Maintenance Project, Repairs for Water Well # 4 and # 7, the AWOS system at the airport, the natural gas line extension and loop project and the 2020 Street and Utilities CIP project.
- f) There was not an update on Boards and Commissions; and
- g) Councilmembers and staff informed the audience about upcoming events.

5. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to nominate Bert Miller as Mayor and all nominations cease, seconded by Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember present voting AYE, the motion carried.

6. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to nominate Pattie Pederson as Mayor Pro-Tem. Motion died from lack of a second. Councilmember James Harris moved to nominate Bernie Gessner as Mayor Pro-Tem, seconded by Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember present voting AYE, the motion carried.

7. A public hearing was held regarding the voluntary annexation petition submitted by Stanley Kettler and Jeannette Welch for a 1.909 acre tract of land located in the Jesse B. McNealy Survey, A-44, in Grimes County, Texas 77868. Mayor Bert Miller opened the public hearing at 6:36 p.m. With no comments from the public, Mayor Bert Miller closed the public hearing at 6:38 p.m.

Mayor Pro-Tem Bernie Gessner moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 1023-23, annexing a 1.909 acre tract of land located in the Jesse B. McNealy Survey, A-44, in Grimes County, Texas 77868, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember present voting AYE, the motion carried.

8. A public hearing was held regarding the voluntary annexation petition submitted by Jinx M. Lee for a 0.336 acre tract of land located in the Jesse B. McNealy Survey, A-44, in Grimes County, Texas 77868. Mayor Bert Miller opened the public hearing at 6:40 p.m. With no comments from the public, Mayor Bert Miller closed the public hearing at 6:41 p.m.

Councilmember Josh Fultz moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 1024-23, annexing a 0.336 acre tract of land located in the Jesse B. McNealy Survey, A-44, in Grimes County, Texas 77868, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Bernie Gessner and with each Councilmember present voting AYE, the motion carried.

9. A public hearing was held regarding the voluntary annexation petition submitted by Grimes Altamira, LLC for a 96.618 acre tract of land located in the Jesse B. McNealy Survey, A-44, in Grimes County, Texas 77868. Mayor Bert Miller opened the public hearing at 6:42 p.m. Chandler Arden addressed the City Council and briefly went over his plans for the property. With no other comments, Mayor Bert Miller closed the public hearing at 6:45 p.m. Councilmember Josh Fultz moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 1025-23, annexing a 96.618 acre tract of land located in the Jesse B. McNealy Survey, A-44, in Grimes County, Texas 77868, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Bernie Gessner and with each Councilmember present voting AYE, the motion carried.

10. Councilmember Josh Fultz moved to approve Resolution No. 740-23, authorizing the hiring of GrantWorks for grant administration services related to the Natural Gas Distribution Safety and Modernization Grant Program, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Bernie Gessner and with each Councilmember present voting AYE, the motion carried.

11. Councilmember Josh Fultz moved to approve Resolution No. 741-23, authorizing the hiring of Strand and Associates for engineering services related to the Natural Gas Distribution Safety and Modernization Grant Program, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Bernie Gessner and with each Councilmember present voting AYE, the motion carried.

12. Councilmember Josh Fultz moved to approve Resolution No. 742-23, supporting the City of Navasota's application to the Texas Department of Transportation's 2023 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TA) call for projects, specifically Blackshear/Piedmont (FM 3090) from SH 6 frontage to Union Pacific Railroad, seconded by Councilmember James Harris and with each Councilmember present voting AYE, the motion carried.

13. Mayor Pro-Tem Bernie Gessner moved to approve Resolution No. 743-23, supporting the City of Navasota's application to the Texas Department of Transportation's 2023 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TA) call for projects, specifically Fifth Street/BNSF Railroad South along FM 379 to FM 379, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember present voting AYE, the motion carried.

14. Mayor Pro-Tem Bernie Gessner moved to approve Resolution No. 744-23, supporting the City of Navasota's application to the Texas Department of Transportation's 2023 Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TA) call for projects, specifically LaSalle (SH Business 6 South) from Spur 516 to Boulder Street, seconded

by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember present voting AYE, the motion carried.

15. Councilmember Josh Fultz made a motion to appoint Jill Conlin to the Planning and Zoning Commission. The motion died from a lack of a second. Mayor Pro-Tem Bernie Gessner moved to appoint Ethan Barcak to the unexpired term of Position # 1 on the Planning and Zoning Commission, seconded by Councilmember James Harris and with each Councilmember present voting AYE, the motion carried.

Councilmember Josh Fultz moved to appoint Robert Goldstein to the vacancy of the unexpired term of Position # 4 on the Navasota Housing Authority, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Bernie Gessner and with each Councilmember present voting AYE, the motion carried.

16. Mayor Pro-Tem Bernie Gessner moved to approve the consent agenda items which include the second reading of Ordinance No. 1020-23, to abandon a twenty foot (20') public alleyway located in Block 66 of the H & TC RR Addition, in Navasota, Texas; the second reading of Ordinance No. 1021-23, amending the Code of Ordinances, Appendix A Fee Schedule, Article A4.000 Parks and Recreation, Section A4.009 adopting the revised Parks and Recreation Municipal Pool fees, for the City of Navasota, Texas with an effective date of May 22, 2023; amending the Code of Ordinances, Appendix A with the addition of Article A6.000 Miscellaneous Fees, Section A6.001(f) credit card processing fees, to cover cost of credit card processing fees with an effective date of May 22, 2023; and approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 1022-23, authorizing settlement of the proposed rate increase by Entergy Texas, Inc, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember present voting AYE, the motion carried.

17. Mayor Bert Miller adjourned the meeting at 7:09 p.m.



BERT MILLER, MAYOR

ATTEST:



SUSIE M. HOMEYER, CITY SECRETARY

