

**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 8, 2024**

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  
Pattie Pederson, Councilmember, Place # 2  
Josh M. Fultz, Councilmember, Place # 3  
Bert Miller, Mayor, Place # 4  
James Harris, Councilmember, Place # 5**

Thus constituting a quorum.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Jason Weeks, City Manager; Susie M. Homeyer, City Secretary; Jason Katkoski, Fire Chief/EMC; Michael Mize, Police Chief; Jennifer Reyna, Public Works Director; Cary Bovey, Legal Counsel; Kristin Gauthier, Assistant City Manager; Maribel Frank, Chief Financial Officer; Jon MacKay, Graduate Engineer; and Lloyd Lively, Marketing and Communications Director.

**VISITORS:** Lucy Ybarra, Deborah Richardson, Mac Vaughn, Boy Scout Troop 361, Jace Julian, Jace Lee, Patrick Price, John Sanders, Matthew Armatys and Aaron Mendez.

**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 Pastor 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: Navasota/Grimes County Chamber of Commerce Director Lucy Ybarra addressed the City Council about the State of the City Address that will be held on January 10<sup>th</sup>; the blood drive on January 17<sup>th</sup>; and coffee with the Chamber with Work Force Solutions on February 14<sup>th</sup>.
4. Staff report:
  - a) Jon MacKay, Graduate Engineer, gave an update on the CIP projects.

- b) Susie Homeyer, City Secretary, gave an update on the May 4, 2024 City Election.
- c) Mayor Bert Miller gave an update on the latest Planning and Zoning meeting.
- d) Councilmember and staff informed the audience about upcoming events.

5. Mayor Pro-Tem Bernie Gessner moved to approve option 2 on the design options for the directional signs in Phase I of the City-Wide Wayfinding Phase I project, seconded by Councilmember Pattie Pederson and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

6. Councilmember Josh Fultz moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 1038-24, authorizing participation with other Entergy service area cities in matters concerning Entergy Texas, Inc. at the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("PUCT") IN 2024; authorizing the hiring of lawyers and rate experts; and authorizing the City of Navasota's participation to the full extent permitted by law at the PUCT, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Bernie Gessner and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

7. Councilmember Josh Fultz moved to approve Resolution No. 755-24, authorizing the submission of an application to the Texas General Land Office for Community Development Block Grant – Mitigation ("CDBG-MIT") Program and authorize the mayor and city manager to act as the City's executive officer and authorized representative in all matters pertaining to the City's participation in the CDBG-MIT Program, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Bernie Gessner and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

8. Mayor Pro-Tem Bernie Gessner moved to approve the consent agenda items which include the second reading of Ordinance No. 1037-23, amending the Wastewater Fund budget for Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2023 and ending September 30, 2024, in the amount not to exceed \$ 112,500.00, the minutes from the month of December 2023 and the Municipal Court report from the month of December 2023, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

9. The City Council met in Executive Session, as authorized by Section 551.071, Texas Government Code, for the purpose of consultation with legal counsel concerning possible revision of the variance granted to M&P Adventures, LLC for an erected off-premises outdoor advertising sign located at 9530 Highway 6, Navasota, Texas.

The City Council met in Executive Session in accordance with Texas Government Code, Section 551.074, Personnel Matters, concerning the annual evaluation of the City Manager and possible amendment to the employment agreement for the City Manager.

The City Council met in Executive Session in accordance with Texas Government Code, Section 551.074, Personnel Matters, concerning the evaluation of Legal Counsel for the City of Navasota, and associated matters. The time was 6:38 p.m.

10. The City Council reconvened in open session at 8:34 p.m.

11. The City Council did not take action on the variance granted to M & P Adventure, LLC for an erected off-premise outdoor advertising sign located at 9530 Highway 6, Navasota, Texas.

12. Councilmember Pattie Pederson moved that Mayor Miller be authorized to approve the revisions to the City Manager's contract as discussed in Executive Session, and further, that Mayor Miller be authorized to execute any necessary documentation related to the revised contract, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

13. The City Council did not take any action on an updated engagement agreement with Legal Counsel for the City of Navasota and associated issues.

17. Mayor Bert Miller adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

  
**BERT MILLER, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

  
**SUSIE M. HOMEYER, CITY SECRETARY**

