

**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 12, 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; Michael Mize, Police Chief; Jennifer Reyna, Public Works Director; Luke Cochran, Legal Counsel; Kristin Gauthier, Assistant City Manager; Jon MacKay, Graduate Engineer; Lloyd Lively, Marketing and Communications Director; Lupe Diosdado, Development Services Director; Peggy Johnson, HR Director and Ernest Menefee, Utility Technician.

**VISITORS:** John Sanders, Greg Backhus, Mac Vaughn, Connie Clements, Phillip Cox, Deborah Richardson, Barbara Walker, Tim Smith, John Sanders, Theresa Sanders, Jeff Backhus and Ernest McCraw.

**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: John Sanders addressed the City Council concerning the drainage ditch on Clayton Street.
4. Staff report:
  - (a) Peggy Johnson, HR Director introduced Kaitlyn Billings as the new Animal Control Officer in the Police Department.
  - (b) Peggy Johnson, HR Director recognized Ernest Menefee, Utility Technician, for his twenty years of service to the City of Navasota.
  - (c) Jon MacKay, Graduate Engineer, gave an update on the CIP projects.
  - (d) Councilmember Josh Fultz gave an update on the latest Planning and Zoning meeting.

(e) Councilmember and staff informed the audience about upcoming events.

5. A public hearing was held regarding the abandonment and closure of a thirty-three (33') foot portion of Horlock Avenue right-of-way within Block 1 of the Felder Addition located at 1210 Kettler Street, Navasota, Grimes County, Texas. Mayor Bert Miller opened the public hearing at 6:28 p.m. With no comments from the public, Mayor Bert Miller closed the public hearing at 6:31 p.m. Mayor Pro-Tem Bernie Gessner moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 1039-24, closing a thirty-three (33') foot portion of Horlock Avenue right-of-way within Block 1 of the Felder Addition located at 1210 Kettler Street, Navasota, Grimes County, Texas, seconded by Councilmember Pattie Pederson and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

6. Councilmember Josh Fultz moved to approve Resolution No. 758-24, in support for the application of Navasota Manor APTS to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for the 2024 Competitive Nine-Percent Housing Tax Credits to rehabilitate affordable rental housing in connection with Navasota Manor, seconded by Councilmember Pattie Pederson and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

7. Mayor Pro-Tem Bernie Gessner moved to award the sale of city owned properties to the sealed bidders as listed below, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

R20706	\$63,000.00	Norma Alvarado	402 Lincoln Street
R24889	\$26,000.00	Norma Alvarado	416 Baker Street
R26434	\$51,000.00	Ernest & Barbara McCraw	Schumacher/Jones Street
R20949	\$17,000.00	Jonathan Vacante	Davis Street

8. Councilmember Josh Fultz moved to approve Change Order No. 1 for the Pecan Lakes Natural Gas Line Extension project in the amount of \$38,490.00, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Bernie Gessner and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

9. Councilmember Josh Fultz moved to approve Resolution No. 759-24, approving the 2024 Joint Election Contract between the City of Navasota, Texas Grimes County, Texas and Navasota Independent School District, seconded by Councilmember James Harris and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

10. Councilmember Josh Fultz moved to approve the Order of Election for the May 4, 2024 general election to elect three City Councilmembers to Positions 1, 2 and 3 on the Navasota City Council, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Bernie Gessner and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

11. The City Council did not take any action on the approval of order for a special election on May 4, 2024 for propositions for the amendment of the Navasota Home Rule Charter.

12. Councilmember Josh Fultz moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 1040-24, ordering a special election on proposed amendments to the Home Rule Charter of the City of Navasota to be held on May 4, 2024, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Bernie Gessner and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

13. Mayor Pro-Tem Bernie Gessner moved to accept the Navasota Police Department's 2023 Racial Profiling Data Report, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

14. Chief Mike Mize presented an annual update of the Navasota Police Department to the City Council. The report contained information about staffing, service calls, bicycle patrol, drone unit, grants received, State seizure funds, traffic unit, special investigations unit, parking lot, website links, animal nuisance complaints and a fraud supplement packet.

15. Mayor Pro-Tem Bernie Gessner moved to approve the consent agenda items which included the minutes from the month of January 2024, the Municipal Court Report for January 2024 and the expenditures for the month of January 2024, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

16. Mayor Bert Miller adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

  
**BERT MILLER, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

  
**SUSIE M. HOMEYER, CITY SECRETARY**

