

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 26, 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
Bert Miller, Mayor, Place # 4
James Harris, Councilmember, Place # 5**

(Josh M. Fultz, Councilmember, Place # 3 was absent)

Thus constituting a quorum.

STAFF PRESENT: Jason Weeks, City Manager; Susie M. Homeyer, City Secretary; Michael Mize, Police Chief; Jennifer Reyna, Public Works Director; Cary Bovey, Legal Counsel; Jon MacKay, Graduate Engineer; Lloyd Lively, Marketing and Communications Director; Lupe Diosdado, Development Services Director; Peggy Johnson, HR Director; Jason Katkoski, Fire Chief/EMC; Maribel Frank, Chief Financial Officer; Jose Coronilla, Assistant Public Works Director; Jerry Hirsch, Police Officer/SRO; Martin Solis, Water/Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator I; and Donald Mason, Jr., Natural Gas Technician.

VISITORS: John Sanders, Connie Clements, Dia Copeland, Brenda Minor, Inez Quarles, Deborah Richardson, Kenneth Stevens, Michael Medeiros, Phillip Cox, Betty Tompkins, Amy Bar and others.

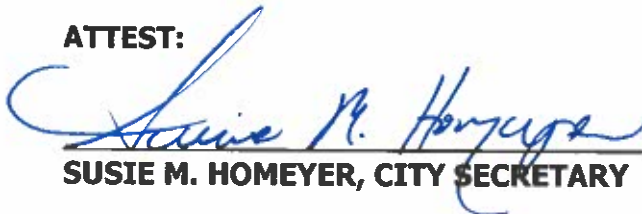
THE ITEMS ON THE AGENDA WERE TAKEN UP IN DUE ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

1. Mayor Bert Miller called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. Invocation was given by Bettye Tompkins, Salem House of Blessings. 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: Brenda Minor and Inez Quarles addressed the City Council about the zoning for manufactured homes. Ms. Quarles wants to put a mobile home on Sauls Street.
4. Staff report:
 - (a) Peggy Johnson, HR Director introduced the following new employees: Jerry Hirsch (Police Officer/SRO); Martin Solis (Water/Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator I) and Donald Mason, Jr. (Natural Gas Technician).

- (b) Jon MacKay, Graduate Engineer, gave an update on the CIP projects.
- (c) Councilmember Pattie Pederson and City Manager Jason Weeks gave an update on the latest Parks and Recreation meeting.
- (d) Councilmember and staff informed the audience about upcoming events.
5. Mayor Bert Miller moved to approve Resolution No. 761-24, to become a participant of the Local Government Investment Cooperative (LOGIC) pool, seconded by Councilmember Pattie Pederson and with each Councilmember present voting AYE, the motion carried.
6. Mayor Pro-Tem Bernie Gessner moved to approve the second 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 James Harris and with each Councilmember present voting AYE, the motion carried.
7. Councilmember Pattie Pederson moved to approve Resolution No. 760-24, authorizing the submission of an application to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for the Community Facilities Direct Loan, Grants and Guarantee Loans 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 USDA Rural Development Program, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Bernie Gessner and with each Councilmember present voting AYE, the motion carried.
8. Mayor Bert Miller moved to refer the Parks and Recreation Department Facility Use Policy to the subcommittee of Councilmember Pederson and Councilmember Fultz for further review, seconded by Councilmember Pattie Pederson and with each Councilmember that was present voting AYE, the motion carried.
9. Mayor Bert Miller adjourned the meeting at 6:38 p.m.


BERT MILLER, MAYOR

ATTEST:


SUSIE M. HOMEYER, CITY SECRETARY

