

**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 25, 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:** Kristin Gauthier, Assistant City Manager; Susie M. Homeyer, City Secretary; Jennifer Reyna, Public Works Director; Cary Bovey, Legal Counsel; Jon MacKay, Graduate Engineer; Taylor Hughes, Marketing and Communications Manager; Lupe Diosdado, Development Services Director; Peggy Johnson, HR Director; Pat Gruner, Municipal Judge; Jason Katkoski, Fire Chief/EMC; Tiffany Byers, Library Director; Jesus Santillan, Parks and Recreation Laborer and Maribel Frank, Chief Financial Officer.

**VISITORS:** Connie Clements, Deborah Richardson, Kenneth Stevens, Patti Sexton, John Sexton, Lucy Ybarra, Bobby Gentry, Max Hill, Stephen Scheve, T. J. Green, Alexander Rogers, David Lacour, and John Sanders.

**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 T. J. Green. 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 upcoming events the Chamber was hosting.

Ana Contreras on behalf of her father, Antonio Morelo, addressed the City Council about a flooding issue he is having at 1802 Carver Street.

Max Hill addressed the City Council about speed limit problems in Pecan Lakes. Alexander Rodgers, who came up to the podium with Mr. Hill, addressed the City Council about cars being parked on the street and not allowing emergency vehicles enough room to get by. He also said there is a lighting issue in Pecan Lakes

4. Staff report:

- (a) Peggy Johnson, HR Director introduced Jesus Santillan, Parks and Facilities Maintenance Laborer; and Taylor Hughes, Marketing and Communication Manager.
- (b) Jon MacKay, Graduate Engineer, gave an update on the CIP projects.
- (c) Mayor Bert Miller proclaimed April 2024 as Child Abuse Prevention Month and April 7-13, 2024 as National Library Week.
- (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. Councilmember Josh Fultz moved to approve the revised Interlocal Cooperation Contract for Failure to Appear Program with the Texas Department of Public Safety, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Bernie Gessner and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

6. A Public Hearing was held regarding amending Chapter 10 Subdivision Regulation, Article 10.02 Subdivision Ordinance, Exhibit 10A Subdivision Development, Article 7 Requirements for Improvements, Reservations, and Design, related to streets, utility location standards, and cluster mailbox areas of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Navasota, Grimes County. Mayor Bert Miller opened the public hearing at 6:45 p.m. Development Services Director, Lupe Diosdado, briefly went over the amended ordinance. Citizen Deborah Richardson addressed the City Council and asked why each household couldn't have their own mailbox. Citizen Connie Clements addressed the City Council and stated that a builder should have a pad large enough to accommodate the recycle bin which would be in the plans. With no other comments from the public, Mayor Bert Miller closed the public hearing at 6:58 p.m.

Councilmember Josh Fultz moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 1041-24, amending Chapter 10 Subdivision Regulation, Article 10.02 Subdivision Ordinance, Exhibit 10A Subdivision Development, Article 7 Requirements for

Improvements, Reservations, and Design, related to streets, utility location standards, and cluster mailbox areas of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Navasota, Grimes County, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Bernie Gessner and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

7. Councilmember Josh Fultz moved to approve the Development Agreement between the City of Navasota and P.A. Smith Hotel, LLC related to the sidewalk improvements reimbursement amount, seconded by Councilmember Pattie Pederson and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

8. Mayor Pro-Tem Bernie Gessner moved to approve Resolution No. 762-24, approving and authorizing the execution of an Advance Funding Agreement (AFA) with the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) for a Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TASA) project for FM 3090/Blackshear Street bike/ped improvements, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

9. Councilmember Josh Fultz moved to approve Resolution No. 763-24, approving a Municipal Maintenance Agreement, with changes to "Exhibit A", specifically changing Brazos County Line to Waller County Line to Navasota North city limits to Navasota South city limits, seconded by Councilmember Pattie Pederson and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

10. Councilmember Josh Fultz moved to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 1042-24, amending Ordinance No. 1040-24, ordering a special election on proposed amendments to the Home Rule City Charter of the City of Navasota to be held on May 4, 2024, by assigning a letter of the alphabet to each proposition that corresponds to its order on the ballot, seconded by Councilmember Pattie Pederson and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

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

12. The City Council shall meet in Executive Session in accordance with Section 551.071, Texas Government Code and Section 551.087, Texas Government Code, for the purpose of: 1) consultation with legal counsel concerning legal

matters related to certain Industrial District Agreements; and 2) discussion and deliberation regarding certain Industrial District Agreements providing for the possible offer of a financial or other incentive(s) to business prospects that the City seeks to have locate, stay, or expand in the City's designated Industrial District, and with which the City is conducting economic development negotiations, and associated matters. The time was 7:18 p.m.

13. The City Council reconvened in open session at 7:40 p.m.

14. Mayor Bert Miller adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

  
**BERT MILLER, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

  
**SUSIE M. HOMEYER, CITY SECRETARY**

