

MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING - WORKSHOP
APRIL 22, 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 4:30 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; Jennifer Reyna, Public Works Director; Cary Bovey, Legal Counsel; Jon MacKay, Graduate Engineer; Lupe Diosdado, Development Services Director; Jason Katkoski, Fire Chief/EMC; Mike Mize, Chief of Police; Jose Coronilla, Assistant Public Works Director and Michael Lopez, Parks and Recreation Maintenance Crew Leader.

VISITORS: Connie Clements, Deborah Richardson, Dia Copeland, Betsy Lehnert, Julie Horn, Julie Peters, Kathy Wells, Kyle Moncrief (by zoom); Betty Dunn, Lucy Ybarra, Anne Marie Wood, Pat Arden and Sherry Gillespie.

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

1. Mayor Bert Miller called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.
2. Remarks of visitors: Citizen Julie Peters addressed the City Council concerning the Horlock House. She stated that it was an investment to the community and a good link to the Navasota History. Navasota/Grimes County Chamber of Commerce Director Lucy Ybarra addressed the City Council also concerning the Horlock House. She doesn't want the Horlock House wasted, nor does she want city monies wasted either. She asked that the City Council consider an organization that would keep it open on a regular basis.
3. A workshop was held on the Horlock House Art Gallery and History Museum. City Manager Jason Weeks briefly went over the repairs needed at the Horlock House. Kyle Moncrief, a representative of Phoenix I Restoration and Construction Company, went over a detailed list, along with cost estimates, of what it would approximately cost the City to repair the Horlock House. Mr. Moncrief informed the City Council that the City really needed a design team to

give a true estimate of the repairs. He also suggested that the house not be occupied until repairs were made.


Mayor Pro-Tem Bernie Gessner went over the history of the Horlock House.

It was the consensus of the City Council for the City Manager to prepare a Request for Qualifications for architectural and engineering services. Mayor Pro-Tem Bernie Gessner also suggested forming a committee after the May 4, 2024 election.

4. Mayor Bert Miller adjourned the meeting at 5:52 p.m.


BERT MILLER, MAYOR

ATTEST:


SUSIE M. HOMEYER, CITY SECRETARY

