

**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 28, 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  
Kenneth Stevens, 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; Jon MacKay, Graduate Engineer; Lupe Diosdado, Development Services Director; Kristin Gauthier, Assistant City Manager; Pat Gruner, Municipal Judge, Jose Coronilla, Assistant Public Works Director; Mike Mize, Police Chief; Maribel Frank, Chief Financial Officer; Heaven Dominguez, Accounting Manager and Jason Katkoski, Fire Chief/EMC.

**VISITORS:** Connie Clements, Deborah Richardson, Mac Vaughn, Ethan Barcak, Pattie Pederson, Mike Pederson, Luke Pederson, Kristi Ramsey, Nicole Zimmerman, Neil Martensen, Dia Copeland, Mary Mable, Brandon Goodyk, Kirk Lowe, Chris Nobles, Natalie Nobles, Stephanie Autry, Livia Perez, Matthew Sosa, Mary Mable, Isela Palacios, Lissette Palacios 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 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: Dia Copeland addressed the City Council about all the parks the City owns and if the public is aware of all these parks. She also inquired about the balance of the park fund that is collected from the utility bills.
4. Pat Gruner addressed the City Council to thank Pattie Pederson for her years of service as a Councilmember. Mayor Miller then presented Pattie with a special gift for her years of service from November 2020 to May 2024.
5. Staff report:
  - (a) Mayor Bert Miller recognized the NISD High School top ten students for 2023-2024;

(b) Mayor Bert Miller recognized Natalie Nobles for her 3<sup>rd</sup> place finish in the UIL State Golf Tournament;

(c) Jon MacKay, Graduate Engineer, gave an update on the CIP projects.

(d) Councilmember James Harris updated the City Council on the latest Board of Adjustment meeting. Mayor Pro-Tem Bernie Gessner updated the City Council on the latest P & Z Meeting; and

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

6. Mayor Pro-Tem Bernie Gessner moved to approve the quarterly investment reports for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of FY 2023-2024, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

7. Councilmember Josh Fultz moved to approve Resolution No. 769-24, adopting the Grimes County 2024 Hazard Mitigation Plan to take effect immediately upon final approval of the plan by FEMA, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Bernie Gessner and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

8. A public hearing was held regarding a specific use permit application submitted to the City of Navasota by Neil Martensen with Neilius, LLC, for the property located at 202 Holland Street, Navasota, Grimes County, TX 77868. The specific use permit application requests to allow for the operation of a vendor market. The property affected is legally described as H&TC, Block 108, Lot 1, 2. Mayor Bert Miller opened the public hearing at 6:43 p.m. Citizen Deborah Richardson addressed the City Council and she said she agreed with Councilmember James Harris, that both vendor markets should be held on the same day. With no other comments from the public, Mayor Bert Miller closed the hearing at 7:04 p.m. Councilmember Josh Fultz moved to approve Ordinance No. 1048-24, with the addition of adding a twelve (12) month renewal clause with the option to renew and to remove the sentence that states he can't operate on the second Saturday of the month, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Bernie Gessner and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

9. A public hearing to receive public comment and testimony regarding a zoning amendment application submitted to the City of Navasota by Crosstrails Development, LLC for the property located in the A0055-0 D Tyler Abstract adjacent to Pecan Lakes Estates Phase 2. The zoning amendment application requests to amend the existing regulations outlined within the Pecan Groves Estates PUD, a planned unit development, additional design guidelines related to home design standards, street design standards, and parkland requirements. The property affected is legally described as A0055-0 D Tyler, Tract 4, Acres 35.13, located in Navasota, Grimes County, Texas 77868. Mayor Bert Miller opened the public hearing at 7:07 p.m. Resident Ethan Barcak addressed the City Council letting them know that he voted against 380 agreements between the City and developers. The City should focus on the community and not roof-tops.

Citizen Connie Clemens also addressed the City Council. She said that we need to focus on quality not quantity. The City should not bend the rules and regulations. With no other comments from the public, Mayor Bert Miller closed the public hearing at 7:52 p.m. Mayor Bert Miller moved to postpone this item, including Ordinance No. 1047-24, until June 10, 2024, seconded by Councilmember Kenneth Stevens and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

10. Mayor Bert Miller moved to postpone the Chapter 380 Development Agreement, with Crosstrails Development, until June 10, 2024, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

11. Councilmember Josh Fultz moved to approve the Cisco Collaboration Flex Plan contract with DataVox, upgrading the City Hall Phone System not to exceed \$55,406.13, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Bernie Gessner and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

12. The City Council did not take any action on Ordinance No. 1049-24, providing for the deannexation of 32.948 Acres from the A0046 J Moore, Tract 61-9, from the corporate boundaries of the City of Navasota.

13. The City Council did not take any action on Ordinance No. 1050-24, annexing 32.948 acres located in the Extraterritorial Jurisdiction of the City of Navasota, Texas, into the Navasota Industrial District.

14. Mayor Pro-Tem Bernie Gessner moved to approve Resolution No. 770-24, accepting the water, sewer, gas, street and underground storm water drainage improvements in Washington Park, Block J, Lots 1-12, except entrance signage, common areas, detention pond and open channel storm drainage improvements, in the City of Navasota, Texas, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

15. Mayor Pro-Tem Bernie Gessner moved to authorize the City Manager to execute a contract with Hawes Hill & Associates LLP to perform certain professional services with respect to annual reporting and other necessary functions for Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone 1 in Navasota, Texas, seconded by Councilmember Kenneth Stevens and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

16. Chief of Police Mike Mize made a presentation to the City Council on the National Rifle Association (NRA) Grant.

17. Mayor Pro-Tem Bernie Gessner moved to approve the consent agenda items which included the second reading of Ordinance No. 1045-24, relating to speed zones which specifically designates additional areas in the City of Navasota in which rates of speed

of thirty (30) miles per hour or more are authorized; and the second reading of Ordinance No. 1046-24, relating to speed zones which specifically designates additional areas in the City of Navasota in which rates of speed of thirty (30) miles per hour or more are authorized, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

18. The City Council held an Executive Session in accordance with (a) Section 551.071, Texas Government Code – Consultation with Attorney – Consultation with legal counsel regarding City of Navasota water and sewer utility service area(s), including but not limited to Public Utility Commission of Texas Docket No. 54806 re: G & W Water Supply Corporation, and associated matters; and (b) Section 551.071 - Consultation with Attorney - Consultation with Legal Counsel regarding City of Grand Prairie et al v. The State of Texas, Defendant; and 2020 Long Tail Trail Investments, LLC, Intervenor; Cause No. D-1-GN-23-007785; 261st Judicial District Court, Travis County, Texas. The time was 8:21 p.m.

19. The City Council reconvened in open session at 8:50 p.m.

20. Mayor Bert Miller adjourned the meeting at 8:52 p.m.

  
**BERT MILLER, MAYOR**

**ATTEST:**

  
**SUSIE M. HOMEYER, CITY SECRETARY**

