

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 23, 2023**

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; Jason Katkoski, Fire Chief/EMC; Michael Mize, Police Chief; Peggy Johnson, HR Director; Jennifer Reyna, Public Works Director; Cary Bovey, Legal Counsel; Kristin Gauthier, Assistant City Manager; Michelle Savensky, Executive Administrative Assistant; Pat Gruner, Navasota Municipal Judge; Lloyd Lively, Marketing and Communications Director; Jon MacKay, Graduate Civil Engineer; Hung Mai, IT Specialist; Maribel Frank, Chief Financial Officer; Rochelle Jessie, Municipal Court Clerk; and Andrew Drake, Police Officer.

VISITORS: Connie Clements, Deborah Richardson, T. J. Green 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, First Baptist Church. 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: None.
4. Staff report:
 - a) Mayor Bert Miller proclaimed November 6-10, 2023 as "Municipal Court Week" in recognition of the fair and impartial justice offered to our citizens by the Municipal Court of Navasota.

b) Peggy Johnson, H. R. Director, introduced the following new employees: Lloyd Lively, Marketing and Communications Director; and Andrew Drake, Police Officer.

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

d) There was not an update on Boards and Commissions.

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

5. Councilmember Pattie Pederson moved to approve Resolution No. 750-23, authorizing the City Manager to approve contract change orders that are up to \$25,000.00 as long as the project is within budget, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Bernie Gessner and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

6. Councilmember Josh Fultz moved to approve a contract between the City of Navasota and Teal Services, LLC in the amount of \$123,070.00 for the purchase and installation of materials and associated items related to emergency repairs to one of the Digester Blowers at the City's Wastewater Treatment Plant, as authorized by Section 252.022(a) (3), Texas Local Government Code, as a procurement necessary because of unforeseen damage to public machinery, equipment or other property, seconded by Councilmember Pattie Pederson and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

7. Mayor Pro-Tem Bernie Gessner moved to approve the consent agenda which includes the minutes for the month of September 2023, Municipal Court Report for September 2023 and the second reading of Ordinance No. 1033-23, approving the Project Plan and Financing for City of Navasota Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone Number 1, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

8. Mayor Bert Miller adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.~


BERT MILLER, MAYOR

ATTEST:


SUSIE M. HOMEYER, CITY SECRETARY

