

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 25, 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; Rayna Teicheira, Economic Development Director; Jennifer Reyna, Public Works Director; Pat Gruner, Navasota Municipal Judge; Cary Bovey, Legal Counsel; Jon McKay, Graduate Engineer; Michelle Savensky, Executive Administrative Assistant; Lupe Diosdado, Development Services Director; Evette Butler, Grants Coordinator; Mark Butler, Police Officer; Ethan Tyler, Police Officer; Officer Moon, Richard Green, Utility Technician; Maribel Frank, Chief Financial Officer; Officer Krezel and Joe Munoz, Street and Drainage Laborer.

VISITORS: Connie Clements, Deborah Richardson, Mac Vaughn, John Sanders, Michael Medeiros, Kristi Ramsey, Stu Musick, Ronnie Gonzales, Philip Cox, Judge Fauth, Susan Brak, Barbara Walker, Dia Copeland, Monica Guerrer, Emily Nichols, Andrea Bryd, Sinclair Collins, Lonza Feldhans, Kathryn Prevost, Mark Taylor, Joe Falco, Carolyn Medeiros, Stacey Essman, Kathy Harris, Vanikin Leggett, Amy Carpenter, Shannon Taylor and John Battloe.

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 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: None.
4. Staff report:
 - a) Mayor Bert Miller proclaimed October 5, 2023 as World Teacher's Day and encouraged citizens to "Be a light for the Navasota teachers" and express appreciation to our teachers and display a light blue ribbon outside your home

ABSTAIN: None

Mayor Bert Miller announced that the motion carried.

7. Mayor Pro-Tem Bernie Gessner moved to approved the second reading of Ordinance No. 1031-23, amending the Code of Ordinances, Appendix A "Fee Schedule" Article A5.000 adopting the revised water, gas and sewer monthly rates for the City of Navasota, Texas with an effective date of October 1, 2023 seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting aye, the motion carried.

8. Councilmember Josh Fultz moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 1032-23, amending the Code of Ordinances, Appendix A, "Fee Schedule", Article A13.000 adopting the revised Republic Services sanitation rates for the City of Navasota, Texas with an effective date of February 1, 2024, seconded by Councilmember Pattie Pederson and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

9. Councilmember Josh Fultz moved to approve the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Navasota and Grimes County for fire protection in the unincorporated areas of the County for FY 2023-2024, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Bernie Gessner and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

10. Councilmember Josh Fultz moved to approve the Catastrophic Leave Pool policy for the City of Navasota employees as a new benefit, seconded by Councilmember Pattie Pederson and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

11. Councilmember Pattie Pederson moved to approve the Certification Pay Policy for City of Navasota employees as a new benefit to be effective January 1, 2024, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

12. Councilmember Josh Fultz moved to approve the proposed Paid Parental Leave Policy for the City of Navasota employees a new benefit, seconded by Councilmember Pattie Pederson and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

13. Mayor Pro-Tem Bernie Gessner moved to approve the Tuition Reimbursement Policy for City of Navasota employees as a new benefit, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

14. Councilmember Josh Fultz moved to approve the Strategic Plan for Fiscal Year 2023-2024, seconded by Councilmember Pattie Pederson and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

15. Councilmember Pattie Pederson moved to approve Change Order No. 1 to the contract between the City of Navasota and LDC, LLC in the amount of \$7,635.00, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

16. Councilmember Josh Fultz moved to approve Resolution No. 748-23, designating the persons authorized to sign checks and authorizing designated persons to access bank accounts for certain purposes, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Bernie Gessner and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

18. Mayor Bert Miller moved to appoint Scott Beddingfield, Mac Vaughn, Roger Lawrence and Bobbie Gentry to the Airport Advisory Board for a two-year term ending in September 2025, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

Mayor Bert Miller moved to appoint James Hammie and Connie Clements to the Board of Adjustments for a two-year term ending in September 2025, seconded by Councilmember Pattie Pederson and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

Councilmember Josh Fultz moved to appoint Bert Miller, Kathy Prescott, Dillon Hughes and Kevin Clark to the Navasota Economic Development Corporation for a two-year term ending in September 2025, seconded by Councilmember James Harris and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

Councilmember Josh Fultz moved to appoint Vaniken Leggett, Brittany Bay, Naomi Wallace, Kritina Palmer, Elizabeth Corpus, and Tauwonna Curtis-Whitfield to the Keep Navasota Beautiful Commission for a two-year term ending in September 2025, seconded by Councilmember James Harris and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

Councilmember Josh Fultz moved to appoint Brent Cahill and Deborah Richardson to the Library Advisory Board for a two-year term ending in September 2025, seconded by Councilmember James Harris and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

Councilmember James Harris moved to appoint Carol Garnett and Diana Westmoreland to the Navasota Housing Authority to a two-year term ending in

September 2025, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Bernie Gessner and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

Mayor Pro-Tem Bernie Gessner moved to appoint Brandi Tejada, Michael Medeiro and John Fabian to the Parks and Recreation Board for a two-year term ending in September 2025, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

17. City Manager Jason Weeks briefly went over the petition the City received from Pecan Hill Acquisition LLC requesting to be released from the City's ETJ (extra territorial jurisdiction) and how being released from the City's ETJ could affect the City's future plans.

Councilmember Pattie Pederson moved to go into Executive Session, seconded by Councilmember Josh Fultz and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried. Mayor Bert Miller read the following: The City Council will conduct an Executive Session in accordance with Section 551.071, Texas Government Code – Consultation with Attorney – Consultation with legal counsel regarding petition received from Pecan Hill Acquisition LLC requesting to be released from the City's Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) and associated matters.

The time was 7:27p.m.


The City Council reconvened in open session at 8:01 p.m.

No action was taken on the Executive Session.

19. Mayor Bert Miller adjourned the meeting at 8:01 p.m.


BERT MILLER, MAYOR

ATTEST:


SUSIE M. HOMEYER, CITY SECRETARY

