MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 28, 2015

The City Council of the City of Navasota, Grimes County, Texas met in 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, Councilmember, Place # 1
Geoff Horn, Councilmember, Place # 2
Peter Canney, Mayor Pro-Tem, Place # 3
Bert Miller, Mayor, Place # 4
Grant E. Holt, Councilmember, Place # 5

Thus constituting a quorum.

STAFF PRESENT: Brad Stafford, City Manager; Susie M. Homeyer, City Secretary; Justin Leeth, Lieutenant; Jeff Greer, Director of Utilities; Kathrine Thogersen, Administrative Assistant; Corey Johnson, Marketing and Communication Director; Shelby Green, Program Coordinator; Jason Katkoski, Fire Chief/EMC; Guadalupe Diosdado, IT Specialist; Cary Bovey, Legal Counsel; ReAna Williams, Communications Operator; Joe Munoz, Gas Maintenance Laborer; Justin Carpenter, Part-time Firefighter; David Kearney, Part-time Firefighter; Sain Sanchez, Street Maintenance Laborer.

VISITORS: Connie Clements, Johnny McNally, Vicki Spiess, John Cooley, Harriett Bellmyer, Lynn Hilderbrandt, Andrea Edwards, Roger D. Lawrence and Steve Knots.

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 Councilmember Grant Holt. 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. City Manager Report:

   (a) There was not an update on the Boards and Commissions.

   (b) Lieutenant Justin Leeth presented an update on National Night Out.

(c) Chris Dyer, from the Arts Council, introduced the artist from the Artist in Residence Program at the Horlock House.

(d) City Manager Brad Stafford presented an update on the extension of waste tire collection program.

(e) Marketing and Communications Director Corey Johnson presented an update on the Lions Club Car Show.

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(g) City Manager Brad Stafford presented an update on the meetings with engineers on flooding issues.

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

5. Mayor Bert Miller read a proclamation proclaiming October 6, 2015 as "National Night Out" and encouraged Navasota citizens to get involved in National Night Out by hosting or attending a block party. He then presented the proclamation to the Navasota Police Department and Fire Department.

6. The City Council recognized the following individuals for their hard work and dedication to the City of Navasota:

   Administration Department: Shelby Green and Steven Rosario
   Police Department: ReAna Williams
   Public Works Department: Sain Sanchez and Joe Munoz
   Fire Department: Justin Carpenter and David Kearney

7. Guadalupe Diosdado was recognized with the "Excellence Award" for the third quarter of 2015.

8. Mayor Pro-Tem Peter Canney moved to approve the request from the Christian Community Services Center for assistance with utility payments for the Fiscal Year 2015-2016 up to $200.00 each month, seconded by Councilmember Geoff Horn and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

9. A public hearing was held on the proposed budget for the City of Navasota for Fiscal Year 2015-2016. Mayor Bert Miller opened the public hearing at 6:35 p.m.

The City Council briefly discussed the proposed budget. With no comments from the public, Mayor Bert Miller closed the public hearing at 6:43 p.m.

10. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 765-15, adopting the budget for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2015 and ending September 30, 2016, seconded by Councilmember Grant Holt. The following votes were recorded by a show of hands:

    AYES: Mayor Bert Miller, Mayor Pro-Tem Peter Canney, Councilmember Bernie Gessner, Councilmember Grant Holt and Councilmember Geoff Horn

    NAYS:

    ABSTAIN:

    Mayor Bert Miller announced that the motion carried.

11. Councilmember Grant Holt moved that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of $.5500 which is effectively a 4.2 percent increase in the tax rate and approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 766-15, levying taxes for the City of Navasota and establishing the rate of taxation and the percentage of actual value of the property to be used for and during the 2015 tax year, seconded by Councilmember Bernie Gessner. The following votes were recorded by a show of hands:

    AYES: Mayor Bert Miller, Mayor Pro-Tem Peter Canney, Councilmember Bernie Gessner, Councilmember Grant Holt and Councilmember Geoff Horn

    NAYS:

    ABSTAIN:

    Mayor Bert Miller announced that the motion carried.

12. Councilmember Grant Holt moved to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 768-15, amending Appendix A, Article A5.000 Public Works, and Article A13.000 Sanitation Rates and Charges of the Code of Ordinances, of the City of Navasota, Texas regarding utility rates, garbage rates and other fees, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Peter Canney and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

13. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to approve the first reading of Resolution No. 581-15, to approve an expenditure of $25,000 to fund a Business Improvement Grant Program administered by the Navasota Economic Development Corporation, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Peter Canney and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

14. Mayor Pro-Tem Peter Canney moved to approve the first reading of Resolution No. 580-15, approving the budget for the Navasota Economic Development Corporation for Fiscal Year 2015-2016, seconded by Councilmember Bernie Gessner and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

15. The agenda item to approve the second reading of Ordinance No. 767-15, rezoning five tracts out of the D. Arnold Survey (approximately 15.499 acres) from R-1A to B-1 to a Planned Unit Development known as Stone Ridge PUD 1 was tabled.

16. Councilmember Geoff Horn moved to approve Resolution No. 582-15, approval of Texas Home Investment Partnership Program application, seconded by Councilmember Grant Holt and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

17. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to approve Resolution No. 583-15 establishing the boundaries of the Historic Commercial District (as described in the Code of Ordinances) of the City for the purpose of applying for financial assistance from the Texas Department of Agriculture's Texas Capital Fund – Downtown Revitalization Program, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Peter Canney and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

18. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to approve Resolution No. 584-15, a resolution of the City of Navasota, Texas, finding that conditions exist within the designated Historic Commercial District of the City which are detrimental to the public health, safety and welfare of the community and, therefore, are declared to constitute a blighted area, seconded by Councilmember Geoff Horn and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

19. Councilmember Geoff Horn moved to approve Resolution No. 585-15, a resolution authorizing submission of an application for funding through the Texas Downtown Revitalization Program for street and handicap accessibility improvements and authorizing the Mayor to act as the City's Executive Officer

and authorized Representative in all matters pertaining to the City's participation in the Texas Capital Fund Program, seconded by Councilmember Grant Holt and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

20. Councilmember Bernie Gessner moved to approve Resolution No. 586-15, a resolution adopting a public access plan for use during construction of public infrastructure projects funded through the Texas Capital Fund – Downtown Revitalization Program, seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Peter Canney and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

21. Councilmember Grant Holt moved to approve Resolution No. 587-15, a resolution of the City of Navasota, Texas, establishing procedures to be followed during implementation of Texas Capital Fund projects funded through the Texas Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program, seconded by Councilmember Geoff Horn and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

22. Councilmember Grant Holt moved to approve an interlocal agreement with Grimes County for fire protection services for the proposed payment of $93,241 for Fiscal Year 2015-2016, seconded by Councilmember Geoff Horn and with each Councilmember voting AYE, the motion carried.

23. Mayor Bert Miller adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

BERT MILLER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

SUSIE M. HOMEYER, CITY SECRETARY

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