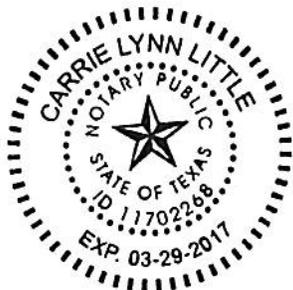


Affidavit of Publication

The State of Texas

County of Grimes

Before me, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared Anthony Farkas of the Navasota Examiner, who being by me duly sworn, upon oath deposes and says: that the attached notice was published in the Navasota Examiner; a newspaper published in the English language and of general circulation in Grimes County, Texas for more than one year prior to the date of first publication of said notice in the issue(s) of February 15 2017 and that the attached newspaper clipping is true and correct copy of said published notice.



Signed Anthony Farkas

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 15th

day of February 2017.

Carrie L Little

Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

CITY ORDINANCES FACE REVISION IN 2017

BY CONNIE CLEMENTS

Examiner reporter

The Navasota City Council took action on several items at Monday's meeting that included a request for tree removal tabled in September 2016 and approving a 90-day moratorium on LED sign permits.

City to remove tree

A request from the resident at 903 E. Washington St. to have a dead tree removed from the right of way was approved and work will be done at the city's expense. The 2016 request was tabled at the Sept. 26 council meeting to determine if the tree was on city or state ROW. The TXDOT survey took several months to complete because platting information dated back to 1887 but once complete, it was

found to be on TXDOT ROW.

However, council had previously approved a maintenance agreement with TXDOT prompted by drought conditions for the city to maintain the debris and dead brush on the ROW of uncontrolled access highways contrary to a city ordinance stating homeowners are responsible for maintenance of the ROW. Rather than initiate a bid process, the city will seek best price but in addition, council recommended city staff revisit the practices of other cities, review the verbiage of the ordinance as well make necessary adjustments to the budget.

LED sign permits on hold

City council approved the first reading of an ordinance to place a 90-day moratorium on the processing, consideration,

approval and issuance of digital light emitting diode and electronic sign permit applications and sign permits, citywide. The request was prompted by conflict surrounding the installation of an LED sign on the front of a business in the Central Business District.

City Manager Brad Stafford said, "In staff's opinion it met city code. In other opinions, it did not. Once again it shows there are conflicts in our sign ordinance and the difficulty that we have as staff in enforcing and interpreting the sign ordinance, and other people's interpretations as well."

The moratorium would provide the Planning and Zoning Commission and city staff an opportunity to speed up the process of reviewing the sign ordinance.

Voicing his disapproval and that of some other citizens of the Navasota

Theatre Alliance's new LED sign, council member Geoff Horn said, "The basic tenet of our sign ordinance is that the signs have to be in harmony with the buildings and character of where they are. We are talking about our downtown central business district which is on the National Registry of Historic places."

Horn discounted neon as new technology and described the sign as a flat panel monitor saying the sign ordinance "flatly prohibits" flat panel signs anywhere in the city.

Mayor Pro Tem Grant Holt countered that he's heard negative comments from only one person besides Horn and resident comments to him favor what has been done to the theater.

NTA attracts

1,138 theatergoers
In its Oct.-Dec. 2016

quarterly report, the Arts Council reported attendance of 1,138 persons at three productions of the Navasota Theatre Alliance (NTA) with an estimated 261 persons eating in local restaurants and 19 utilizing local motels. The NTA, Blues Fest and Washington and Washing-

ton on the Brazos State Park Association receive funding from hotel/motel taxes administered by the Arts Council. Blues Fest had no events during the quarter but WOB reported 13,888 persons attended the Texas Independence Day Celebration with an estimated 9,027 persons eating at restaurants and 3,500 staying in hotels/motels.

The figures are provided by the recipients to show impact of funding with the restaurant and lodging figures based on patron survey responses. The Arts Council distributed \$5,000 to the NTA

and \$1,913 to WOB during the first quarter.

Mobilitie urging 120-foot poles

Kyle Edge of Mobilitie gave a lengthy presentation urging city staff and council members to consider allowing Mobilitie to install 75-foot and 120-foot poles at various locations in the city right of way. Edge explained the purpose was to improve cell communications and connectivity for some users, specifically Cricket, Sprint and T-Mobile.

City council members inquired in what areas of Navasota Mobilitie's study found poor reception, how many users are the non-Verizon or non AT&T alleged to benefit from the poles, and why existing poles could not be used and Edge's responses did not appear to answer their questions. Stafford informed Edge that if council wanted to pursue the contract, he would be contacted for follow-up.

State Highway 6 closures set

Special to The Examiner

GRIMES COUNTY
— Beginning today, State Highway 6 southbound will be closed at State Highway 105 East/Spur 515.

All traffic will be detoured to use the exit ramp for State Highway 105 East/Spur 515, follow the frontage road, and use the

next entrance ramp to return to State Highway 6 southbound. This will be a daily closure to facilitate switching the traffic control for the next phase of the southbound bridge work.

Then beginning Thursday, Feb. 16, State Highway 6 northbound will be closed at State Highway 105 East/Spur 515. All

traffic will be detoured to use the exit ramp for State Highway 105 East / Spur 515, follow the frontage road, and use the next entrance ramp to return to State Highway 6 northbound. This will be a daily closure to facilitate switching the traffic control for the next phase of the northbound bridge work.

These closures are part

of the \$800,000 project to upgrade the bridge rail on the State Highway 6 overpasses over State Highway 105 East. This work is contracted to Knife River and began in June 2016. This entire project should be complete in spring of 2017.

For information, contact Bobby Colwell@tx-dot.gov or (979) 778-9764.

NOTICE

This is to give notice of intent to introduce in the

85th Legislature, Regular

Session, a bill to be entitled an Act relating to the creation

of a county court at law in Grimes County.