

Called Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Commissioners

March 16, 2020

Date of Approval: April 20, 2020

Approved by Commissioners: Baker and Watkins

Call to Order: A Called Meeting of the City of Niota Board of Commissioners and Mayor was held in the Niota Memorial Building Fellowship Hall, Niota, Tennessee on March 16, 2020. The meeting convened at 6:00 P.M., Mayor Preece presiding, Jeannie Anderson as City Recorder.

Members in attendance: Commissioner's Baker, Wallace and Watkins

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION:

BUDGET

- WATER DEPT –
 - COVID 19- PREVENTATIVE MEASURES TAKEN, PAYMENTS/OFFICE PROCEDURES OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS.
 - a. Jen Cagle will be putting a temporary policy in place to be placed in the paper and on the webpage and on FaceBook.
 - b. The Water Department will be closed to the public, accepting payments by dropbox, mail, bank and online.
 - c. New or Closed Services will be done by fax and/or email.

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to accept the temporary office procedures due to COVID-19, Commissioner Wallace seconded, all voted aye, motion passed.

- PUNCH AND TAP FEES TO BE RAISED TO \$850 EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY
Commissioner Watkins made a motion to approve the raise in the punch and tap fees to \$850 effective immediately, Commissioner Baker seconded the motion, all voted aye, motion passed.

- LIBRARY
 - FUTURE – Patricia Eikess presented the numbers for how many people had utilized the library of the last 6 months confirming that the expenditures for the library are far more than the profit. Discussion was held as to the process for the closure and will be researched further so that it is done properly.

STREET CLOSURES – Renee Brakebill, 216 Mt. Harmony Rd. stated that it is difficult for her daughter to park or pull out coming from the direction that would be required if Shultz Street is closed. Several options were discussed and the issue was tabled until further research can be done on finding a solution. Police will be requested to monitor the street heavier over the next few weeks.

DOG ORDINANCE – New Ordinance will be presented at the next meeting in April.

CITY COURT ORD. 2ND READING -

Ordinance 20-5: Amending Title 3: Municipal Court. Chapter 2: Court Administration of the Niota Municipal Code of Ordinances. The following text shall be added: b) Court cost \$133.75+ per violation and...

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to approve the 2nd reading of the City Court Ordinance 20-5, Commissioner Wallace seconded the motion, all voted aye, motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT: Commissioner Watkins made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30p.m., Commissioner Baker seconded, all voted aye, motion passed.

City Recorder

Mayor