

**CITY OF NIOTA
MINUTES
Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Commissioners
April 12, 2022**

Date of Approval: May 9, 2022

Approved by Commissioners: Dilbeck and Watkins

Call to Order: A meeting of the City of Niota Board of Commissioners and Mayor was held in the Niota City Municipal Building, Niota, Tennessee, on April 12, 2022. The meeting convened at 6:00 P.M., Mayor Preece presiding, Jeannie Anderson as City Recorder.

Members in attendance: Commissioner's Baker, Brakebill, Dilbeck and Watkins

Invocation: Commissioner Todd Baker

Pledge of Allegiance: Chief Slack

Reading of the Regular Minutes:

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on March 7, 2022 as read. Commissioner Baker seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion passed.

Reports from the Commissioners, Members of the Governing Body and Other Officers:

Depot Committee – No report at this time.

Reports from Members of the Governing Body:

Finance report: Jeannie Anderson gave the budget report that we are at 75% of the 21-22 budget and all is going well. The 2022-23 budget is underway, request that all department heads turn in their proposed budgets as soon as possible. City received a PEP insurance premium in the amount of \$8,348.00 and both PEP Grants, Safety and Security came in.

Commissioner Baker made a motion to accept the Finance reports as read, Commissioner Dilbeck seconded, all voted aye, motion passed.

Police report: Mayor Preece gave the Police report stats for:

March: 2 arrest, 24 traffic stops, 12 traffic citations, 2 medical calls, 78 dispatched calls.

A total of \$6187.50 was paid in citations for the month.

East Tennessee Warehouse has 2 weeks to take action or they will be cited into court.

Fire Department report: Chief Slack gave report on the following: 21 calls, 1 structure fire, 7 vehicle accidents, 2 debris fire, 2 grass, 1 med assists, 1 assists, 7 misc.

Sewer Department report: No violations or overflows this past month. Zach Young hurt his hand on the job, will be okay.

Street Department report:

Two new employees were hired, James Tupper, full-time and Danny Ballew, part-time with the potential for going to full time. Sidewalk work is out for bids.

Water Department report: Commissioner Dilbeck reported that they are continuing to work on leaks and working toward extensions of lines. All fire plugs have been flushed for the ISO reporting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a) **Building Permit Fees:** A workshop will be held on May 9, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.
- b) **Building Inspector Report:** Tony Wilson, Building Inspector inspected 6 structures with 5 different owners, including East TN. Warehouse.
- c) **Sidewalk Repairs:** Three bids are out should have them by next month's meeting for review.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a) **Budget Amendment 22-34:** Amendment to the 21-22 budget to increase expenditure lines due to the rising costs of fuel and materials.
Mayor made a motion to accept Budget Amendment 22-24 to increase expenditures for fuel and materials, Commissioner Dilbeck seconded the motion, all voted aye, motion passed.
- b) **Jeannie will be attending TAMCAR conference April 27-29:**
Mayor made a motion to accept sending Jeannie Anderson to the TAMCAR conference April 27-29, Commissioner Dilbeck seconded the motion, all voted aye, motion passed.
- c) **Niota Police Dept request additional officers:** Chief Davis presented a letter to the Board requesting 2 more officers due to the county not responding to calls as much as they normally do. This will be decided upon during the next fiscal year.
- d) **City Stage:** Renderings are completed and ready to start receiving bids.
- e) **Paving of Main Street Bids:** Three bids have been submitted to City Hall for the paving of Main Street. The bid received from Boswell Paving, the company that has been previously doing the other city streets came in at the lowest amount at \$69,000 with a guarantee to not raise the price unless there becomes a major difference in oil prices between now and the start date. Additionally, the bid was also the most inclusive for what we asked to be done.

Commissioner Brakebill made a motion to approve the bid for the street paving from Boswell Paving in the amount of \$69,000., Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion, all voted aye, motion passed.
- f) **Water Dept emergency utility truck purchase:** The Niota Water Dept. had to make an unplanned purchase of a 2016 Utility Truck in an emergency situation due to the Ranger becoming inoperable.

Commissioner Dilbeck made a motion to approve the emergency purchase of a 2016 Utility truck for the Water Dept., Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion, all voted aye, motion passed.

g) Water Dept – Flagger Certification Course: The Niota Water Dept. requests sending Brad Anderson, Eric Brown and James Tupper to a Flagger Certification Course in Murfreesboro, TN on June 1, 2022. The cost will be \$135 each plus hotel accommodations.

Mayor made the motion to approve the Brad Anderson, Eric Brown and James Tupper to attend a Flagger Certification Course in Murfreesboro, TN on June 1, 2022. Commissioner Brakebill seconded the motion, all voted aye, motion approved.

Announcements:

- a. Next meeting will be held on Monday, May 9, 2022
- b. Budget work session will be held on Monday, May 9, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.
- c. Easter Egg Hunt – April 16, 2022
- d. Train Show – April 30-May 1, 2022

Adjournment:

Commissioner Dilbeck made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Watkins, all voted aye, meeting adjourned.

CITY RECORDER

MAYOR