

CITY OF NIOTA

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Commissioners

September 9, 2019

Date of Approval: October 7, 2019

Approved by Commissioners: Watkins and Wallace

Call to Order: A meeting of the City of Niota Board of Commissioners and Mayor was held in the Niota Memorial Building Fellowship Hall, Niota Tennessee on September 9, 2019. The meeting convened at 7:00 P.M., Mayor Preece presiding, Jeannie Anderson as City Recorder.

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

Invocation: Todd Baker

Pledge of Allegiance: Mr. Stephens - citizen

Reading of the Minutes:

Mayor Preece made a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on August 12, 2019 as read. Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion passed.

Reports from Members of the Governing Body:

Depot Committee: FGTF begins on September 13, 2019 with Bingo and a movie, and continues on Saturday, September 14, 2019 from 9a.m.-5p.m.

Library report: Mayor makes a motion to continue with the regular contribution of \$13,500.00 to the Maintenance of Effort of McMinn County. Commissioner Baker, seconded the motion all voted aye, motion passed.

Finance report: Jeannie Anderson gave the financial summary report for each department. Additionally, Ms. Anderson presented that the City has 3 CD's coming due and would like to reinvest them into the LGIP due to a better interest rate and having an access turn around time of less than 24 hours.

Mayor made a motion to accept the finance report as read, Commissioner Watkins seconded, all voted aye, motion passed.

Mayor made a motion to approve the transfer of the CD's to the LGIP, seconded by Commissioner Wallace, all vote aye, motion passed.

Police report: Commissioner Watkins gave report to: 29 stops, 3 arrests, 4 medical, 19 traffic citations issued, 103 dispatched calls.

Fire Department report: Only minor calls have been received this month.

Sewer Department report: Looking into filing an insurance claim on the damage done by Pilot and there were no violations found this month. One of the clarifier arms had to be repaired.

Street Department report: Commissioner Wallace reports that all is going well with the Streets Dept. Brush is being picked up as quickly as possible and the City is looking good.

Water Department report: Commissioner Dilbeck stated the ARM's have been installed and a few issues are being resolved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Burn Road Bridge: Commissioner Wallace states that repair work will begin on the bridge as soon as both men are back at work as Mr. Dawson has been on vacation.

Truck Route: Commissioner Wallace states that signs need to be ordered to establish routes.

Holes on 309: Commissioner Wallace states that the holes have been filled.

USDA Loan Update: Ms. Anderson gave a report from speaking with the USDA and moving forward with increasing the monthly payments to \$3,150.07 in order to pay the loan off within 5 yrs.

Mayor made a motion to accept the new loan agreement, seconded by Commissioner Wallace. All voted aye, motion passed.

TNECD Grant Submitted: The City has submitted for the grant to camera the sewer lines since it is to be utilized as a planning grant.

TAMCAR Scholarship: Ms. Anderson reported that she was granted a scholarship to attend the TAMCAR Municipal Clerk Institute.

Update on Condemned Houses: Attorney Will Estes states that he is waiting on the letters from Chris Ingram.

Mowing at 1 E Main Street: Chief Davis states that the yard has become very overgrown and needs mowing asap. Suggests that we hire Dean Campbell to take care of it.

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to hire Dean Campbell to mow 1 E. Main Street, Commissioner Wallace seconded the motion, all voted aye, motion passed.

Update on Fine Communications: Chief Davis reports that the Police Dept. has received their FCC license.

NEW BUSINESS:

Shultz Street and Knox Street Closures: Commissioner Wallace and others discuss options. Shultz Street to be closed with barriers that can be moved in case of emergency. Knox Street will be closed with a gate so that the utility company has access. MTAS and 911 to be contacted.

Amendments – Ordinance 19-3, 1st reading: Budget Amendment 19-3 was read and passed. This amendment adds budget line items for the 19th Amendment events, ABC Mural Grant and the New Stage contributions. Additionally, provides for fund balance to be transferred into Capital Outlay for new computer software for the Finance Dept and for the increase in interest on the revised USDA loan in the Water Dept budget.

Mayor makes a motion to accept the new Ordinance 19-3, Amendment to the 2019-20 Budget. Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion, all voted aye, motion passed.

Announcements:

a.) FGTF – 3 day event:

Thursday, Sept. 12 – Economic Development Group: 11:30 a.m.

Bicentennial Lunch Time Talk, Tour of Crescent

Friday, Sept. 13 – Festival setup begins at 5 p.m., BINGO at 7 p.m., Movie at 8 p.m.

Saturday, Sept 14 – Festival 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

b.) Next meeting – October 7, 2019

Adjournment:

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Baker seconded. All voted aye, meeting adjourned.

CITY RECORDER

MAYOR