

**CITY OF NIOTA  
MINUTES  
Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Commissioners  
July 10, 2023**

**Date of Approval: Aug 14, 2023**

**Approved by Commissioners: Manney and Ward**

**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 July 10, 2023. The meeting convened at 6:00 P.M., Mayor Preece presiding, Jeannie Anderson as City Recorder.

**Members in attendance:** Commissioner's Brakebill, Dilbeck and Ward were present.

**Invocation:** Commissioner Dilbeck

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Commissioner Brakebill

**Reading of the Regular Minutes:**

**Commissioner Brakebill made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on June 8, 2023 as read. Commissioner Dilbeck, seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion approved.**

**Reading of the Called Meeting Minutes:**

**Commissioner Manney made a motion to approve the minutes from the called meeting held on June 27, 2023 on the topic of: To approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Ordinance 23-54, Budget 2023-24, and to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Ordinance 23-55, Budget Amendments 2022-23. Mayor Preece seconded the motion, all voted aye, motion approved.**

**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 finance report that we are now 100% complete of the 2022-23 budget year and the new 2023-2024 has been approved by the Board.

**Commissioner Manney made a motion to accept the Finance reports as read, Commissioner Brakebill seconded, all voted aye, motion approved.**

**Police report:** Commissioner Ward gave the Police report stats for:

**June:** 3 arrests, 20 traffic stops, 22 traffic citations, 2 medical calls, 70 dispatched calls.

A total of \$1001.25 was paid in citations for the month.

Officer Greenlaw graduated from the academy on June 23, 2023. He will also be cross training for investigations.

**Fire Department report:** Asst. Chief Slack reported that for the month of June there were 7 medical assists, 6 accidents with injuries, 8 misc. calls.

**Sewer Department report:** Mayor reported that there have been no violations incurred. The contractor will have to pay for the sludge removal.

**Street Department report:**

Commissioner Brakebill reported that the F350 is in for repairs as well as the 6x6 side by side.

**Water Department report:** Commissioner Dilbeck had no report at this time.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- a. **Police Dept: 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance 23-53** raise in Court fees from \$138.75 to \$150.00 and Failure to Appear fee \$50.

**Commissioner Ward made the motion to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance 23-53 for the rate increase in the Court fees from \$138.75 to \$150 and the implementation of Failure to Appear fees in the amount of \$50, Commissioner Manney seconded the motion, all voted aye, motion approved.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. **Water Department:** Water rates increase for 2023-24. The water\sewer rate will have a 3% increase beginning July 1, 2023. Additional rate increases within the water department will be as follows:  
Availability Fee will increase from \$2.00 to \$2.50  
A ¾" Tap Fee will increase from \$1200 to \$1500  
A 1" Tap Fee will increase from \$1500 to \$2000  
Tampering Fee will increase from \$150 to \$300  
**Commissioner Dilbeck made a motion to accept the raise in water rate and other associated fees, Commissioner Ward seconded the motion, all voted aye, motion approved.**
- b. **Annexation plan review** - Plans given to Commissioners for their review prior to vote at next meeting.
- c. **Annexation of Dale Cooks property** - Discussion was held prior to vote at next meeting.
- d. **Street Department: Willson Street Sign** - looking into other options.
- e. **Local Government - Cyber Security** – looking into other sources.
- f. **Bingo – Legislative Initiative** – to pursue the legalization of playing Bingo as a fund raiser for municipalities.  
**Mayor Preece made a motion to pursue the legalization of playing Bingo as a fund raiser for municipalities, Commissioner Ward seconded the motion, all voted aye, motion approved.**
- g. **Work Session on Aug. 8, 2023 at 5:00p.m. regarding the Personnel Policies and Procedures.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- a. August 11, 2023 – Food Truck Night on Main Street
- b. August 14, 2023 – Next Board Meeting
- c. August 28, 2023 – Golf Tournament at Springbrook
- d. September 8-9, 2023 – Fried Green Tomato Festival

**Adjournment:**

**Commissioner Manney made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Brakebill, all voted aye, meeting adjourned.**

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**CITY RECORDER**

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**MAYOR**