

**CITY OF NIOTA**  
**MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Commissioners**  
**March 8, 2021**

**Date of Approval:** April 12, 2021

**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 Hall, Niota, Tennessee, on March 8, 2021, via electronic/phone, due to COVID-19 restrictions. The meeting convened at 6:00 P.M., Mayor Preece presiding, Jeannie Anderson as City Recorder.

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

**Invocation:** Attorney Chuck Pope

**Pledge of Allegiance:** N/A

Guest speaker: Richard Hill, City auditor spoke on the completion of the 19-20 audit. Very complimentary to the City for its progress in the audit process. The City had NO FINDINGS for the year 19-20.

**Reading of the Regular Minutes:**

**Commissioner Watkins made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on February 8, 2021 as read. Commissioner Brakebill seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion passed.**

**Reports from Members of the Governing Body:**

**Finance report:** Jeannie Anderson reported that we are staying on budget with revenues and expenditures. Continuing to work on 21-22 budget.

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

**Police report:** Commissioner Watkins gave the Police report stats for February: 4 arrests, 2 calls for medical, 30 traffic citations, 82 dispatched calls, 33 traffic stops.

Chief Davis reports that the THSO grant has been applied for along with the COPS grant from the State.

**Fire Department report:** Chief Slack stated that there was only 1 fire in the city on March 7<sup>th</sup>. Also reported that the NVFD is doing training on extraction equipment that the County received.

**Sewer Department report:** The CDBG will hopefully be able to replace all 4 aerators at the WWTP. There have been no overflows or violations.

**Street Department report:** Commissioner Brakebill reported that she met with the Street Dept on March 1<sup>st</sup> to discuss needed projects and any equipment needs. The city portion of the SRTS grant work on Burn road is almost complete.

**Water Department report:** Commissioner Dilbeck was not present to offer a report.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Water Department:** Second reading of Budget Amendment 21-22 for Additional meters to be installed.

**Commissioner Watkins made a motion to approve the second reading of Budget Amendment 21-22 to allow for more ARM's to be purchased, Commissioner Brakebill seconded the motion, all voted aye, motion passed.**

Ordinance 21-23 first reading on revision of Ordinance 13-108 to streamline the process of getting lots cleaned up in a timely manner.

**Commissioner Brakebill made the motion to accept the changes on the first reading Ordinance 21-23 for the revision of Ordinance 13-108 to streamline the process of getting lots cleaned up in a timely manner, Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion, all voted aye, motion passed.**

Update on 105 Magnolia Street: Contents have been cleaned out and given to charity or taken to the landfill. A Title search was strongly recommended by Attorney Pope to be sure it is free and clear for resale. The Title search will cost \$250.00

Update on land development: Developer Rob Cunningham will not be purchasing the 20 acres off of Country Club Lane due to the owners decision to not proceed. Will continue to look for other property around the area, possibly on HWY 309.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Springbrook Country Club: "Statement of Good Business" letter needed to verify to the State that the business is in good standing with the City.

**Mayor made a motion to approve the letter of "Statement of Good Business" for Springbrook Country Club, Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion, all voted aye, motion passed.**

Police Dept: Commissioner Watkins stated that Officer Bates has had her 90 day review. He is requesting a \$.50 raise to be given with retro back to February 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Commissioner Watkins made a motion to give Officer Bates a \$.50 raise after having her 90 day review, Commissioner Brakebill seconded the motion, all voted aye, motion passed.**

Street Dept: Street Department is in need of a place to burn debris, discussion held and actively looking for a space. Also, looking for a part-time employee for the summer months.

**Announcements:**

- a. Next meeting will be held April 12, 2021
- b. March 27, 2021 (April 3<sup>rd</sup> rain date) will be the Community Easter Egg Hunt led by Maria Humphrey.

**Adjournment:**

**Commissioner Watkins 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