

CITY OF NIOTA

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Commissioners

June 11, 2019

Date of Approval: July 8, 2019

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 Memorial Building Fellowship Hall, Niota Tennessee on June 11, 2019. The meeting convened at 7:00 P.M., Mayor Preece presiding, Jeannie Anderson as City Recorder.

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

Invocation: David Dilbeck

Pledge of Allegiance: Officer Davis

Presentation from Fine Communications: Eric Franks of Fine Communications spoke on the radio repeaters for the police department. Board asked for 3 quotes. Mr. Franks guaranteed that their quote would be good for 60 days so that we can have time to get the other quotes. Documentation provided and included with this report.

Reading of the Minutes:

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on May 13, 2019 as read. Commissioner Dilbeck seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion passed.

Reports from Members of the Governing Body:

Depot Committee: No report

Library report: Change in summer hours due to summer reading program: Wed 10-3, Fri 12:30-3:30

Finance report: Jeannie Anderson gave the financial summary report for each department.

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

Police report: Commissioner Watkins gave report to: 28 stops, 5 arrests, 2 medical, 54 traffic citations issued, 116 dispatched calls.

Chief Davis proposed a new schedule and pay policy: 48/36 hours weekly (12 hour shifts) with 171 total monthly hours before overtime will be applied.

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to accept the new time/pay policy. Mayor Preece seconded. All voted aye, motion passed.

Fire Department report: Harrison Slack gave report that the VFD had responded to 20 calls. Also, ISO responded on June 3, 2019 to our report and plan for revisions. They indicated that if all the revisions are completed it would bring us to a better classification than the 5 previously held by the fire department.

Sewer Department report: A letter has been sent to Barge/State with all the improvements that are being done.

Street Department report: Commissioner Dilbeck reported that quotes are being gathered for paving some of the worst streets in town. The street truck is currently being repaired.

Water Department report: Commissioner Dilbeck stated that their have been no major water leaks and that they are getting ready for the ARM's to be installed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Tourism Grant: Niota was not awarded this grant.

Plastic Industries: Unknown activities are going on, port-a-potty's have been brought in for the employees and it appears that they are possibly installing a septic system on their property. We are monitoring their sewer line for activity. TDEC has been notified of their non-compliance.

NEW BUSINESS:

Fine Communications: See previous report on presentation given.

Chief of Police taking patrol car home during off hours:

Commissioner Baker made the motion that the Chief of Police is allowed to take his patrol car home

and that any other patrol car taken home by the city officers if they live in the city, is at the discretion of the Chief of Police. Commissioner Watkins seconded. All voted aye, motion passed.

1st Budget Amendments reading:

1st reading of the Budget amendments passed.

Commissioner Dilbeck made a motion to pass the proposed budget amendments for the Fiscal Year 2018-19. Commissioner Baker seconded. All voted aye, motion passed.

1st 2019-20 Proposed Budget Reading:

The 1st reading of the 2019-20 Proposed Budget passed including a \$.20 property tax increase.

Mayor Preece made a motion to accept the 1st reading of the 2019-20 Budget with the \$.20 property tax rate increase. Commissioner Dilbeck seconded. All voted aye, motion passed.

Announcements:

Next Meeting – June 25, 2019, Called Meeting for the 2nd reading of the 2019-20 Budget.

Utility Board training in July

People requesting to speak:

Adjournment:

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

CITY RECORDER

MAYOR