

**CITY OF NIOTA
MINUTES
Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Commissioners
October 6, 2020**

Date of Approval: November 9, 2020

Approved by Commissioners: Mayor Preece and Dilbeck

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 October 6, 2020. The meeting convened at 6:00 P.M., Mayor Preece presiding, Jeannie Anderson as City Recorder.

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

Invocation: Todd Baker

Pledge of Allegiance: Scott Wallace

Reading of the Regular Minutes:

Commissioner Wallace made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on September 14, 2020 as read. Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion passed.

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to approve the minutes from the emergency called meeting held on September 15, 2020 as read. Commissioner Wallace seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion passed.

Reports from Members of the Governing Body:

Depot Committee: Plans to reseal the deck, steps and ramp on the Depot are underway. Also, there are plans of adding landscaping to the front of the Depot.

Finance report: Jeannie Anderson reported that we are staying within the budget on revenues and expenditures. TCRS began on Oct 1, 2020. TCAMS was submitted for refunding of the police department payroll during the COVID-19 pandemic as they are deemed by the state as the city's frontline emergency personnel.

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

Police report: Commissioner Watkins gave the Police report stats for August: 11 arrests, 10 calls for medical, 55 traffic citations, 128 dispatched calls, 52 traffic stops. Police Dept was awarded the THSO grant for 20-21.

Fire Department report: Fire Chief Slack reported 12 calls, 1 structure fire, 1 vehicle fire, 1 assist call, a small airplane crash and the rest for EMS.

Sewer Department report: Mayor gave the report that the sewer is going well with no violations. The Infrastructure work begins on Oct. 19, 2020 down Hwy 11. This grant work is to camera the sewer lines to discover any potential problem areas then the CDBG grant will cover to make needed repairs.

Street Department report: Commissioner Wallace said that there was no report at this time. A community service letter was sent to the youth who helped in cleaning up the park.

Water Department report: Commissioner Dilbeck reported that new meters are continue to be installed and getting programmed. Jen Cagle is doing a great job on getting the meters entered into the system. Fire hydrants are being repaired. The new pump that was installed does not work and will need to go from a 5hp to a 10hp. Byrd's will make up the money spent due to it not working properly since they had advised to go with the 5hp. Richie is also doing a great job on catching things up that have needed to be done for quite some time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Ordinance 20-17: Unclaimed Property – second reading:

Commissioner Dilbeck made a motion to accept the second reading on Ordinance 20-17 on Unclaimed Property, Commissioner Watins seconded the motion, all voted aye, motion passed.

Ordinance 5-502: Purchasing and Procedures – second reading:

Mayor Preece made a motion to accept the second reading of Ordinance 5-502: Purchasing and Procedures, Commissioner Dilbeck seconded the motion, all voted aye, motion passed.

Building Inspector -

Gene McConkey accepted the position as the City of Niota's Building Inspector. Commissioner Baker made a motion to hire Gene McConkey as the City of Niota's Building Inspector at the rate of \$27/hr. Commissioner Watkins seconded the motions, all voted aye, motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Dilbeck reported that the old Ferris mower was no longer in use and repairs would cost \$1500-\$2000. He feels we need to purchase a new mower to be used at the WWTP.

Water Dept: Hiring of Brad Anderson for the Water Dept. at 10/hr.

Commissioner Dilbeck made a motion to hire Brad Anderson for the Water Dept. at \$10/hr. Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion, all voted aye, motion passed.

Water Dept: Jeanette Brown – 90 day review and \$1/hr raise.

Commissioner Dilbeck made a motion to give Jeanette Brown a \$1/hr raise after her 90 day review. Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion, all voted aye, motion passed.

WWTP: Randy Dunlop would like to purchase the surplus land that borders the WWTP and his property. Appraisal will need to be done and paid for by Mr. Dunlop.

Commissioner Dilbeck made a motion to proceed with the sale of the surplus land that borders the WWTP

and Randy Dunlops' property after receiving an appraisal paid for by Mr. Dunlop. Commissioner Baker seconded the motion, all voted aye, motion passed.

Resolution 20-18: PEP Property Grant

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to approve Resolution 20-18 for the Property Safety Grant offered by Public Entity Partners, Commissioner Dilbeck seconded the motion, all voted aye, motion passed.

Announcements:

- a. Next meeting will be held Monday, November 9, 2020
- b. Nov. 21st and Dec 5th – Holiday Botique, Car Show and Book Sale

Adjournment:

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

CITY RECORDER

MAYOR