

**CITY OF NIOTA
MINUTES
Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Commissioners
October 11, 2021**

Date of Approval: November 8, 2021

Approved by Commissioners: Dilbeck and Brakebill

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 October 11, 2021. The meeting convened at 6:00 P.M., Mayor Preece presiding, Jeannie Anderson as City Recorder.

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

Invocation: Commissioner Todd Baker

Pledge of Allegiance: Officer Bates

Reading of the Regular Minutes:

Commissioner Dilbeck made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on September 13, 2021 as read. Commissioner Baker seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion passed.

Reports from the Commissioners, Members of the Governing Body and Other Officers:

Depot Committee – FGTF cleared over \$4,000 and we are close to \$8000 for the City Stage

Reports from Members of the Governing Body:

Finance report: Jeannie Anderson gave the budget report that we are at 25% of the 21-22 budget. Property taxes began on Oct. 4, 2021.

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

Police report: Mayor Preece gave the Police report stats for September: 7 arrests, 5 calls for medical, 29 traffic citations, 78 dispatched calls, 21 citations paid.

A total of \$3893.75 was paid in citations for the month.

Adam Cook finished FTO class.

Samantha Hall completed the 2021 Court Clerk law review class.

Fire Department report: Chief Slack reported that they received 21 calls, 3 accidents, 2 vehicle fire, 1 structure fires and 3 medical assists.

Sewer Department report: No violations this past month. Sampler is in need of repair. It will cost \$750 to have the repair looked at and assessed. This may not be the full amount for the repairs.

Mayor Preece made a motion to approve the amount of \$750 to have the Sampler at the WWTP assessed. Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion, all voted aye, motion passed.

Street Department report:

Commissioner Brakebill stated that there was an issue with water flowing over the road at the Cobbles Knob entry. Marty Stephens was contacted and has corrected the issue.

Water Department report: Commissioner Dilbeck reported that all is going well in the water department.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Sewer Department: Discussion was held on the need to raise the sewer tap fees from \$950 to \$1050 to match the new fees for the water taps.

Mayor Preece made a motion to raise the WWTP tap fees from \$950 to \$1050 in order to match the new water tap fees. Commissioner Dilbeck seconded the motion, all voted aye, motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Finance Dept: TDOT has sent a contract for acceptance of the funding of the street paving at the Green St. crossing. We will have our own contracted paving company, Boswell Paving, to perform the work as directed by TDOT.

Commissioner Dilbeck made a motion to accept the TDOT contract for acceptance of the funding for the street paving at the Green St crossing, Commissioner Brakebill seconded the motion, all voted aye, motion passed.

City Charter: Discussion of any changes needed to the City Charter. Mayor requested each Commissioner to look it over and it would be discussed again.

Water Dept: Commissioner Dilbeck states that Brad Anderson has been with the City for one year and has done very well. He requests that Brad be given a \$1/hr raise for his annual review.

Commissioner Dilbeck made a motion to give Brad Anderson his one year, \$1/hr raise, Commissioner Brakebill seconded the motion, all voted aye, motion passed.

Water Dept: Commissioner Dilbeck stated that it seems discussion was held numerous months ago regarding the water department driving the utility trucks home, however, it doesn't appear to have been voted on at that time.

Commissioner Dilbeck makes a motion to allow the water department (Richie Layman and Dean Campbell) to take their city utility trucks home, Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion, all voted aye, motion passed.

Hiring of a Building Inspector: The City of Niota would like to hire, Ray Madden, at \$25 per hour as needed.

Mayor Preece made a motion to approve hiring Ray Madden as the City Building Inspector, Commissioner Dilbeck seconded the motion, all voted aye, motion passed.

Antique Fair: Shannon Brock would like to “rent the City property” to hold an antique fair in the Spring. The City will look into the requirements and make a decision on whether this is doable and desired by the City.

City Pavilion Repairs: The City is looking into repairing the 2 pavilions. The one by the old library is in really bad shape and the one in the park is in need of repairs. Quotes are being obtained.

Announcements:

- a. Next meeting will be held on Monday, December 13, 2021
- b. Car, Truck and Motorcycle Show – Nov. 13th
- c. Christmas Boutique and Parade - Dec. 4th

Adjournment:

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

CITY RECORDER

MAYOR