

**CITY OF NIOTA
MINUTES
Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Commissioners
May 9, 2022**

Date of Approval: June 13, 2022

Approved by Commissioners: Watkins 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 May 9, 2022. 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: City Attorney, Chuck Pope

Mayor made a motion to allow Richard Hill from Mitchell, Emert and Hill, our city auditors to speak out of order to present the 2020-2021 completed audit. Commissioner Dilbeck seconded the motion, all voted aye, motion passed.

The City of Niota, 2020-2021 annual audit was found to be a clean audit with no findings.

Reading of the Regular Minutes:

Commissioner Dilbeck made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on April 12, 2022 as read. Commissioner Watkins, seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion passed.

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 budget report that we are at 83.33% of the 21-22 budget and all is going well. The 2022-23 budget is in progress and we are on schedule for a June 13th, 1st reading.

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

Police report: Mayor Preece gave the Police report stats for:

April: 8 arrests, 42 traffic stops, 42 traffic citations, 8 medical calls, 132 dispatched calls.

A total of \$3531.25 was paid in citations for the month.

Officer Ordmandy's 90 day probation is complete with an evaluation turned in.

1 stolen vehicle recovered, 1 stolen firearm recovered.

Fire Department report: Chief Slack gave report on the following: 25 calls, 0 structure fire, 2 vehicle fire, 9 vehicle accidents, 3 debris fire, 3 med assists, 8 misc.

Sewer Department report: A pump was repaired however, there were no violations or overflows this past month.

Street Department report:

Commissioner Brakebill reported that the Street's Dept had a successful clean up week.

Water Department report: Commissioner Dilbeck reported that they only had a few leaks this month and they are still working toward extensions of lines. Waiting on the model from RYE engineering and a little over 2/3 of the ARM meters are installed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

a) **Budget Amendment 22-34 Second Reading:** Amendment to the 21-22 budget to increase expenditure lines due to the rising costs of fuel and materials.

Commissioner Watkins, made a motion to accept the second reading of the Budget Amendment 22-24 to increase expenditures for fuel and materials, Commissioner Dilbeck seconded the motion, all voted aye, motion passed.

b) **Sidewalk Repairs:** Bid from Paul Medina, Berh/Elaine Construction was accepted for the amount of \$26,808.32 for all repairs needed.

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to accept the bid from Paul Medina, Berh/Elaine Construction for the amount of \$26,808.32 for all repairs needed, Commissioner Brakebill seconded the motion, all voted aye, motion approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

a) **Building Inspector** – professional practices of entry of homes. Building Inspector enters only with permission of the owner/tenant.

b) **New Mobile Home** – Mr. John Malone is requesting approval to replace his mother's old single-wide mobile home with a newer more up to date model that will be safer for her to live in and will be a better home site for the City.

Commissioner Dilbeck made a motion to make an exception to the ordinance stating that there can be no new single-wide mobile homes inside the City limits. This mobile home is replacing an existing one to upgrade for the safety of the elderly tenant and will be a significant improvement of the home site. Commissioner Baker seconded the motion, all voted aye, motion approved.

c) **Water Department:** 601 W. Main Street building roof repairs received the best bid being \$30,000.

Commissioner Dilbeck made a motion to accept the bid of \$30,000 to replace the roof on a side building at the 601 W. Main Street warehouse location. Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion, all voted aye, motion approved.

- d) **Dogs Running Loose:** Send out ordinance to inform the residents of the City laws regarding animals running loose.
- e) **Building Inspector Fees:** Permission was given for the City Recorder to compose a scale to adopt using the same scale that Sweetwater, TN is currently using.

Commissioner Dilbeck made a motion for the City Recorder to compose a Building Inspector Fee Scale to be adopted for the City to use, Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion, all voted aye, motion approved.

- f) **Niota Police Dept –** Officer Shaun Ordmandy has completed his first 90 days and Chief Davis is requesting a \$.50/per hr pay raise.

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to approve the request for a \$.50 per/hr pay raise for Officer Ordmandy for the completion of his first 90 days. Commissioner Brakebill seconded the motion, all voted aye, motion approved.

Request to Speak:

- a) **Richard Hill – Mitchell, Emert and Hill, City Auditor**

- b) **Hector Jaramillo and Wes Jones – Reed Farm Developers, Builders – D.R. Horton**

Need letter for annexation, adoption of R2 zoning, approx. 530 homes, 85-100 completed at a time, will be under a HOA, cost \$300-350K , break ground around Aug-Sept 2022 with housing available around June-Oct 2023, 3rd phase is to include a pool pavilion, dog park and common area.

Announcements:

- a. Next meeting will be held on Monday, June 13, 2022
- b. June 18, 2022 – Tea at the Depot
- c. June 24, 2022 – City Workshop Day – Mayor, Commissioners and Dept. Heads

Adjournment:

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

CITY RECORDER

MAYOR