

**CITY OF NIOTA
MINUTES
Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Commissioners
September 12, 2022**

Date of Approval: October 10, 2022

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 Municipal Building, Niota, Tennessee, on September 12, 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 Baker

Pledge of Allegiance: Tony Manney

Reading of the Regular Minutes:

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on August 8, 2022 as read. Commissioner Dilbeck, seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion passed.

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

Depot Committee – Great festival! We will be working to make improvements for next year's festival.

Reports from Members of the Governing Body:

Finance report: Jeannie Anderson gave the budget report that we are now 16.67% into the 2022-23 budget year and all is going well.

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

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

August: 4 arrests, 23 traffic stops, 23 traffic citations, 1 medical calls, 87 dispatched calls.

A total of \$3452.50 was paid in citations for the month.

Chief reports that they are working to provide more coverage on Farrell and Green Street.

Fire Department report: Chief Slack reported: 28 calls, 5 vehicle accidents, 10 med assists, 13 misc.

Chief Harrison Slack announced that he is ready to step down and pass the baton to Travis Newberry. Chief Slack will still serve as the Assistant Fire Chief for the City. Travis Newberry was sworn in on September 12, 2022 but his official commission as Chief will begin on October 1, 2022.

Commissioner Dilbeck made a motion to accept Fire Chief Harrison Slack's resignation as Chief and to nominate Travis Newberry as the new Fire Chief for the City with Harrison Slack becoming the Assistant Fire Chief effective October 1, 2022. Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion, all voted aye, motion passed.

Sewer Department report: No violations or overflows, all is going well. We have the notice to proceed for W&O contractors on aerators at the sewer plant has been signed and sent to TDEC.

Street Department report:

Commissioner Brakebill reported that the playground is in need of mulch and sidewalks have been completed.

Water Department report: Commissioner Dilbeck reported that the county will provide \$6,000 for 1 fire hydrant per year.

Commissioner Dilbeck made a motion to accept the County's reimbursement for the fire hydrant, Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion, all voted aye, motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Bids on gutter repair around the Depot and insulating the Depot roof:** Inmates can do the guttering and bids are being gathered for the insulating of the Depot roof.
- b. **Liquor by the Drink:** Will be on the November ballot. The purpose of this is to be able to open the door for larger family restaurants to come to the I-75 exit in Niota.
- c. **Tree removal bids for West Main Street:** Two large trees need to be taken down on W. Main Street.

Commissioner Brakebill made the motion to accept the bid from Newman's Tree Service in the amount of \$1200. Commissioner Baker seconded the motion, all voted aye, motion passed.

- d. **Police Department:** Request permission to bid for a spare vehicle out of the Drug Fund.

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to allow the Police Department to bid on a spare vehicle using the Drug Fund. Commissioner Brakebill, seconded the motion, all voted aye, motion passed.

- e. **Capital Bank Building up for auction:** The old Capital Bank building is up for auction and may be a good fit for the City Hall and Water Department offices as there has been and will continue to be significant growth for both departments. Finance department requests permission to bid if it is found to be acceptable and advantageous for the City. Also requests an amount to be decided upon for bidding.

Commissioner Baker made a motion to allow bidding up to \$80,000 for the old Capital Bank building if it was found to be advantageous to the City, Commissioner Brakebill seconded the motion, all voted aye, motion passed.

- f. **Streets Department Building demo or sell:** Discussion was held regarding either selling the Street Dept. building or taking it down. Commissioner Dilbeck stated that he would speak with a potential buyer and report back if he is interested and what he would offer to the City for its purchase.

On September 19, 2022 a Called Board Meeting was held regarding the Rezoning on N. Burn Road/ Reynolds Property from residential to agricultural. The Ordinance was passed on its first reading. Attendance list will be attached.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. Next Board Meeting/Public Hearing – 6:00p.m. Oct. 10th, 2022
- b. Called Planning Commission Meeting/Public Hearing – 1:30p.m. Sept. 14th, 2022
- c. Called Board Meeting/Public Hearing – 6:00p.m. Sept. 19th, 2022
- d. Bingo at the Depot – Friday, Oct. 14, 2022
- e. Car, Truck and Motorcycle Show - October 15, 2022

Adjournment:

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

CITY RECORDER

MAYOR