

CITY OF NIOTA

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Commissioners

December 10, 2018

Date of Approval: JANUARY 14, 2019

Approved by Commissioners: REED 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 December 10, 2018. The meeting convened at 7:00 P.M., Mayor Preece presiding, Jeannie Anderson as City Recorder.

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

Invocation: Todd Baker

Pledge of Allegiance: Jen Cagle

Reading of the Minutes:

Mayor Preece made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on November 12, 2018 as read. Commissioner Dilbeck seconded motion. All voted aye, motion passed.

Mayor Preece made a motion to approve the minutes from the called meeting of the Mayor and Commissioners held on November 1, 2018 as read. Commissioners Reed and Watkins seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion passed.

Reports from Members of the Governing Body:

Depot Committee: Mayor Preece stated that Arnett Heating and Air was beginning work and anticipates being done by the end of January 2019.

Library report: No report at this time.

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 Dilbeck seconded, all voted aye, motion passed.

Police report: Commissioner Watkins gave report to: 70 stops, 2 arrests, 6 medical, 33 traffic citations issued, 119 dispatched calls,.

Fire Department report: Fire Chief Harrison Slack gave report to: 14 calls for fires, 4 wrecks, 4 EMS and 1 false alarm in November. The Fire Department will be giving out gifts for underprivileged children in the City on December 16th from 2-4 p.m. for over 40+ kids.

Sewer Department report: Mayor Preece states that the sewer plant is in need of some major repairs. After full scope of work needed is determined a Request for Bid Proposals will be released.

Commissioner Baker made a motion to Request for Bid Proposals after scope of work is determined for the sewer plant repairs, Commissioner Dilbeck seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion passed.

Street Department report: Commissioner Reed stated that there was no report at this time.

Water Department report: Commissioner Dilbeck stated that the water department is working on leaks at the sewer plant. Jen Cagle gave a report that Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church is requesting a water bill adjustment due to large leak. Water bill is \$644.27 with adjustment it will be \$165.20.

Commissioner Reed made the motion to adjust the Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church's water bill due to a large leak from \$644.27 to the adjusted amount of \$165.20, seconded by Commissioner Watkins. All voted aye, motion passed.

UNFINISHED BUS:

Mulch for the playground: Inmates may spread it out for the City. It had to be certified mulch which cost \$950 for the amount needed to comply with regulations.

Mayor Preece made a motion to accept the cost of the mulch and to move forward with it, Commissioner Reed seconded the motion, all voted aye, motion passed.

Christmas Bonuses: Mayor Preece stated that at the last meeting the topic of the Christmas "gifts" was voted on but that the amounts were incorrect. It had been budgeted for the full time employees to receive \$200 and for the part time employees to receive \$100.

Commissioner Dilbeck made motion to give City employees Christmas "gifts" in the amounts of \$200 for full time employees, and \$100 for part time employees, seconded by Commissioner Watkins. All voted aye, motion passed.

Street Signal Light: The Street Signal Lights will cost approximately \$14K to replace. The City will request 3 bids for review.

Commissioner Reed made a motion for the City to request 3 bids, Commissioner Dilbeck seconded the motion, all voted aye, motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Lights for City Hall: Mayor Preece stated that the offices in City Hall needed new LED lighting. Estimated cost should be under \$500.00.

Commissioner Dilbeck made a motion to install new lighting in the offices at City Hall, Commissioner Reed seconded the motion, all voted aye, motion passed.

Oath of Office for newly elected officials: Commissioners Baker, Reed and Mayor Preece renewed their Oath of Office.

Electrical bids: Griffin Electric was the only bid submitted for the Depot project.

Mayor made a motion to accept their bid to upgrade the Depot's electrical system for the amount of \$11,695.00. Commissioner Reed seconded the motion, all voted aye, motion passed.

Finance Office Dutch Door: The issue of the door to the finance office needing to be a "Dutch" door was addressed so that the public could not just walk in. Estimated cost should be around \$350.

Commissioner Dilbeck made a motion to install a Dutch Door in the Finance office at City Hall, Commissioner Baker seconded the motion, all voted aye, motion passed.

Announcements:

The City will hold its annual Christmas decoration contest. Anyone inside the City limits can participate. The drawing will be held at the January 14th meeting.

Becky Dawson asked a question of the Board regarding the Old Niota Textile building and if it would be torn down. Commissioners stated that it will be looked into.

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