

CITY OF NIOTA

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Commissioners

April 15, 2019

Date of Approval: May 13, 2019

Approved by Commissioners: Mayor and Watkins

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 April 15, 2019. The meeting convened at 7:00 P.M., Mayor Preece presiding, Jeannie Anderson as City Recorder.

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

Invocation: David Dilbeck

Pledge of Allegiance: Tabitha Bates

Reading of the Minutes:

Mayor Preece made a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on March 11, 2019 as read. Commissioner Watkins seconded motion. All voted aye, motion passed.

Mayor Preece made a motion to approve the minutes from the Work Session held on March 11, 2019 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 March 28, 2019 as read. Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion passed.

Reports from Members of the Governing Body:

Depot Committee: Mayor Preece stated that the new floor is in and the lighting is in progress. Should be completed by May 3, 2019.

Library report: Mayor Preece is rotating off the McMinn County Library Board and recommends Patricia Ekiss to replace her.

Mayor made the motion to nominate Patricia Ekiss to represent the City of Niota on the McMinn County Library Board. Commissioner Watkins seconded, all voted aye, motion passed.

Finance report: Jeannie Anderson gave the financial summary report for each department.

Mayor made a motion to accept the finance report as read, Commissioner Dilbeck seconded, all voted aye, motion passed.

Police report: Commissioner Watkins the gave report: 37 stops, 7 arrests, 4 medical, 36 traffic citations issued, 90 dispatched calls. Grants are being applied for the Police Department equipment. Body armor has been supplied to all officers.

Fire Department report: No report

Sewer Department report: Commissioner Baker states that the Clarifiers are still in progress. The sewer line has a block due to a mop head in the lines which repairs will cost between \$15-\$20K.

Street Department report: Commissioner Dilbeck stated that the streets are being patched and repaired.

Water Department report: Commissioner Dilbeck stated that the rough areas in the streets around town are where lines are being upgraded and that the streets will be fixed soon. New meters will hopefully be going in over the next few weeks.

UNFINISHED BUS:

Condemning of City Residences: Attorney Will Estes states that the title searches are done. Final letters need to be sent from the inspector and a notice to be placed in the DPA for a public hearing.

Niota Textile Building: Attorney Will Estes with the owners. Someone is interested in purchasing the building. He suggests to move forward with the slum clearance act. Next steps would be to have the inspector go through it.

Metal roof for the playground/library pavilion: Mayor Preece states that the inmates can possibly estimate the cost of material and do the labor.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resignation of Street Commissioner Adam Reed: Mayor Preece read the resignation letter for Adam Reed.

Mayor Preece made a motion to accept Mr. Reed's letter of resignation as the Streets Commissioner. Commissioner Watkins, seconded the motion, all voted aye, motion passed.

Plastic Industries: Last payment was June 14, 2017 in the amount of \$196.32. Water was shut off. Water Dept. will put a camera in the lines for the sewer. They cannot have a septic system installed per both TDEC in Chattanooga and State Comptroller's Office. Question was raised if a lien could be placed on property? Attorney Estes said "yes, but it is not very affective." He sent a letter on March 13, 2019 stating our intent to shut off sewer services.

Closing time for Ball Park: Mel Cagle said he will be speaking to the Niota Youth Association Board regarding this matter. Niota Police Dept. wants to be able to enforce after hours curfew to keep people from staying overnight at the ball field.

Tennessee Campground sewer possibilities: More research needs to be done to verify if they can hook into the sewer system, and if possible, the specifics on how that will need to be done.

Auditor Contract Renewal: It was brought before the Board that the contract for our Auditors, Mitchell, Everett and Hill was renewed for the 2019-20 fiscal year.

Tiffani Denton to attend Crime Insight Training: Tiffani Denton requested to be sent to the Crime Insight training on May 21, 2019 in Nashville. Only expense will be the travel and meals.

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to approve and send Mrs. Denton to the Crime Insight Training to be held on May 21, 2019 in Nashville. Commissioner Baker seconded the motion, all voted aye, motion passed.

Police Department Radios: The current police radios are not functioning well. A digital repeater system is needed. It will be placed on the water tower. Top price is \$600 for a site evaluation. Then Fine Communications will provide a cost for a new system.

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to proceed with an evaluation from Fine Communications regarding a new digital repeater system for the police radios and to get a price for a new system. Commissioner Baker seconded the motion, all voted aye, motion passed.

Hiring seasonal help for the Streets Dept:

Commissioner Dilbeck made a motion to hire a part time person (up to 30 hrs) at the rate of \$9 per hour to help out the Streets Dept over the summer. Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion, all voted aye, motion passed.

Announcements:

Easter Egg Hunt – April 20th

Clean Up Week – April 22nd -27th

Train Show – May 4th -5th

Next Meeting – May 13th

People requesting to speak:

Tom Short – wants 3 water meters installed at Rarity Meadows on Co Rd 350. Commissioner Dilbeck stated that he and Water Superintendent Jackie Riden would go out and check to see if this is possible. Not sure that we are able to provide water as this was supposed to be serviced off of a water tower for that community.

Adjournment:

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