

**CITY OF NIOTA**

**MINUTES**

**Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Commissioners**

**January 13, 2020**

**Date of Approval: February 10, 2020**

**Approved by Commissioners: Watkins and Wallace**

**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 January 13, 2019. The meeting convened at 6:00 P.M., Mayor Preece presiding, Jeannie Anderson as City Recorder.

**Members in attendance:** Commissioner's Baker, Wallace and Watkins

**Invocation:** Todd Baker

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Fire Chief Harrison Slack

**Reading of the Minutes:**

**Commissioner Watkins made a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on December 16, 2019 as read. Commissioner Wallace seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion passed.**

**Reports from Members of the Governing Body:**

**Depot Committee:** No report at this time.

**Library report:** The Library will be hosting an informational energy saving program on January 27, 2020.

**Finance report:** Jeannie Anderson reported that we are half way through our fiscal year and on track in our budget.

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

**Police report:** No stats were presented at this meeting.

**Fire Department report:** Fire truck had to be taken in for repair and maintenance. Should be around \$300 to repair.

**Sewer Department report:** Commissioner Baker gave report that Rotor Rooter had to be called in for a blockage on Hwy 11 and the cost would be \$650.00. Also, a pump went out and is being repaired.

**Commissioner Baker made a motion to pay for Rotor Rooters services, Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion, all voted aye, motion passed.**

**Street Department report:** Lee and Willson Street have a large hole at the drain that needs repairing in addition to a drain by People's Bank. Bridge is being repaired on N. Burn Street. Gregg Millsaps will not be coming to work for the City.

**Water Department report:** Several meters are being repaired or replaced. The instructor from National Meter will be coming to train on the new meters January 22-24, 2020.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Shultz and Knox Street Closures:** Second reading of Ordinance 19-11 was presented.

**Commissioner made a motion to accept Ordinance 19-11 to close Shultz and Knox Streets as read, Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion, all voted aye, motion passed.**

**Condemned Houses:** Attorney Will Estes discussed the possibility of needing court orders to take the houses down. Discussion on if this was really needed as the City would incur substantial costs in order to do this. There are only 2 houses left on the condemned list. More information will be gathered on next steps.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Jeannie Anderson received her CMFO certification on November 30, 2019.**

**Hiring Cynthia Campbell** as part time Water Dept. Clerk at \$10/hr.

**Commissioner Watkins made a motion to hire Ms. Campbell as a part time water clerk starting at \$10/hr. Commissioner Wallace seconded the motion, all voted aye, motion passed.**

**Local Government to host City email** – Jeannie Anderson requested that the City allow Local Government to host the City email accounts as her email had been hacked over the Holidays and the City is vulnerable to future hacks. The LG hosting is a much more secure system and many City use their services. The annual cost of \$756 will be divided up by departments making it affordable.

**Mayor made the motion to allow Local Government to host the City email system in order to provide a much more secure email system for the City at the annual cost of \$756 split between departments. Commissioner Baker seconded the motion, all voted aye, motion passed.**

**Paving of Farrell Street** – Jeannie Anderson presented the possibility of the City taking a loan from the Niota Water Department to the General Fund. More research will be done but wanted to get the approval to move forward.

**Mayor Preece made a motion to move forward in looking into the option of the City taking a loan from the Niota Water Department in order to pave Farrell Street. Commissioner Wallace seconded the motion, all voted aye motion passed.**

**Mayor made a motion to approve Resolution 20-1-20 City of Niota 2020 CBDG Grant Application for Waste Water Treatment Plant Improvements Project. Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion, all voted aye, motions passed.**

**Barge Design was chosen as the CBDG Grant engineers for the new Infrastructure Grant.**

**Mayor made the motion to accept Barge Design as the CBDG grant engineers for the new Infrastructure Grant for the sewer plant. Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion, all voted aye, motion passed.**

**Announcements:**

a.) January 31<sup>st</sup> and February 1<sup>st</sup> will be the 100 Anniversary of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment celebration.

b.) Next meeting will be held February 10, 2020

**Adjournment:**

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

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**CITY RECORDER**

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**MAYOR**