

**CITY OF NIOTA
MINUTES
Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Commissioners
February 8, 2020**

Date of Approval: March 8, 2021

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 Hall, Niota, Tennessee, on February 8, 2021, via electronic/phone, due to COVID-19 restrictions. 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: David Dilbeck

Pledge of Allegiance: N/A

Guest – Rob Cunningham: Development group is interested in purchasing 44 acres behind Victory Baptist Church on Hwy 11. Land would be developed into 55-60 single family home lots. City would annex property to include inside city limits. Water and sewer would need to be extended. Commissioner Dilbeck requests site plans for further research.

Reading of the Regular Minutes:

Commissioner Dilbeck made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on January 11, 2021 as read. Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion passed.

Reports from Members of the Governing Body:

Finance report: Jeannie Anderson reported that we are staying on budget with revenues and expenditures. Ms. Anderson also stated that she will be starting to work on the 2021-22 budget and asked that the department heads and Commissioners please come in and talk over what they need in the next year's budget.

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

Police report: Commissioner Watkins gave the Police report stats for December: 7 arrests, 3 calls for medical, 41 traffic citations, 83 dispatched calls, 43 traffic stops.
Chief Davis reports that they are working on more grants and that the McMinn County Jail is still closed due to COVID-19.

Fire Department report: Chief Slack stated no report this month.

Sewer Department report: Meeting with Barge regarding the CDBG on 2/9/2021. Will be discussing when the construction will begin and end. It is currently set to begin in July and if it will be done by the end of the year the City can apply for the next CDBG in February of 2022.

Street Department report: Commissioner Brakebill reported that she has been driving through the city to see what needs to be done. Nothing to report at this time.

Water Department report: Commissioner Dilbeck reported that 900+ ARMS are in the ground and working. The AWWA score was 82/100 with water loss at 24.3%. This is a significant reduction since Commissioner Dilbeck first began when it was at 49.695%

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: There was no unfinished business to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS:

Water Department: Budget Amendment 21-22 for Additional meters to be installed.

Commissioner Dilbeck made a motion to approve the first reading of Budget Amendment 21-22 to allow for more ARM's to be purchased, Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion, all voted aye, motion passed.

Ordinance 13-108 revision to streamline the process of getting lots cleaned up in a timely manner.

Mayor made the motion to proceed with changes, Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion, all voted aye, motion passed.

Library Phone/Internet: Friends of the Library did not donate the remaining money to the Library to cover the phone and internet charges. It is now costing the City and there is no benefit to the community for these services at this time.

Motion was made by Commissioner Brakebill to discontinue the services, Commissioner Dilbeck seconded the motion, all voted aye, motion passed.

Announcements:

- a. Next meeting will be held March 8, 2021
- b. March 27, 2021 (April 3rd rain date) will be the Community Easter Egg Hunt led by Maria Humphrey.

Request to Speak:

- Kim Matthews – requests extension to clean up property. Given until March 15, 2021 to have a dumpster on site and clean up must be completed by April 1, 2021. If not done by this date fines will begin.

Adjournment:

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

CITY RECORDER

MAYOR