

**CITY OF NIOTA
MINUTES
Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Commissioners
May 10, 2021**

Date of Approval: June 14, 2021

Approved by Commissioners: Mayor Preece 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 May 10, 2021. The meeting convened at 6:00 P.M., Mayor Preece presiding, Jeannie Anderson as City Recorder.

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

Invocation: Commissioner David Dilbeck

Pledge of Allegiance: Commissioner Renee Brakebill

Reading of the Regular Minutes:

Mayor Preece made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on April 12, 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. Continuing to work on 21-22 budget.

Commissioner Dilbeck 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 March: 4 arrests, 2 calls for medical, 31 traffic citations, 86 dispatched calls, 28 traffic stops. Chief Davis states that letters were sent out on impounded vehicles and ordinance violation letters will be sent out to car lots and residences with too many cars in their yard. There will be a E911 meeting on May 19, 2021 and the issue of why our rates are going up will be addressed.

Fire Department report: Chief Slack reported that there were no fires within the city limits in the month of May. Assistance was given to McMinn and Monroe County. There were numerous medical calls.

Sewer Department report: Environmental Management Services' contract comes up for renewal in June 2021. **Mayor made a motion to renew Environmental Management Services' contract until June 2026, Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion, all voted aye, motion passed.**

Street Department report: Commissioner Brakebill reported that 13,120 lbs of garbage was taken out of the city during clean up week.

Water Department report: Commissioner Dilbeck had no new report at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Update on land development: Developer Rob Cunningham is following through with his due diligence and proceeding with the land purchase.

105 Magnolia Street: Auction will be held Saturday, June 19, 2021 at 12p.m.. Bidding will start at \$20,000.

Plastic Industries: Attorney Chuck Pope sent out a letter to PI on May 15, 2021 giving them until June 15, 2021, to comply with the Back Flow inspection.

NEW BUSINESS:

Water Dept: The Water Dept will be raising the water rates by 1% which equals to approximately \$.39 on a standard bill.

Commissioner Dilbeck made a motion to raise the Niota Waterworks water rates by 1% beginning the new fiscal year on July 1, 2021. Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion, all voted aye, motion passed.

Street Department: Quotes have been submitted for paving to be done throughout the city. Boswell Paving was chosen to provide paving services beginning in June. The city will do several rounds of paving beginning with the worst streets and progressing to others as funds allow. All paving should be completed by the end of summer.

Commissioner Brakebill made the motion to pave the city streets and to proceed with Boswell Paving company to provide the paving services for the city. Commissioner Dilbeck seconded the motion, all voted aye, motion passed.

Street Department: Hiring of Hayden Davis for seasonal help.

Commissioner Brakebill made the motion to hire Hayden Davis, at \$10/hr for seasonal help, Mayor Preece seconded the motion, all voted aye, motion passed.

Announcements:

- a. Next meeting will be held June 14, 2021

Adjournment:

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

CITY RECORDER

MAYOR