

**CITY OF NIOTA
MINUTES
Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Commissioners
June 14, 2021**

Date of Approval: July 12, 2021

Approved by Commissioners: Watkins and Dilbeck

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 June 14, 2021. 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: Commissioner Todd Baker

Pledge of Allegiance: Officer Adam Cook

Reading of the Regular Minutes:

Mayor Preece made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on May 10, 2021 as read. Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion passed.

Reports from the Commissioners, Members of the Governing Body and Other Officers:

Depot Committee – FGTF has been given to the City and all proceeds will go to the purchasing the City Stage.

Reports from Members of the Governing Body:

Finance report: Jeannie Anderson reported that the 20-21 budget year closed out well within the budget, additionally, the 2021-2022 budget is done and will have the first reading later in the meeting.

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 May: 7 arrests, 2 calls for medical, 21 traffic citations, 80 dispatched calls, 26 traffic stops. Chief Davis reports that the 2 impounded vehicles will be going up for auction on GovDeal.com. June 22 is the deadline for the COPS grant to be applied for.

Fire Department report: Chief Slack reported that they received 28 calls above the monthly average.

Sewer Department report: No violations this past month. Eric Price has left and Zach Young has taken his place and he will be getting his license. The inspection by the State went well and all is in order. Bid opening on the CDBG grant (replacement of aerators) will be held July 1, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

Street Department report: Commissioner Brakebill reported that the tractor is in for repair @ Dooley's. Commissioner Dilbeck is working with them to speed up the repairs. Also, Adrian Schimdt has requested that the City pay for half of the cost to purchase tiles to put on her property due to the water run off from the hill behind her house. The City is inquiring about the costs but no agreement has been made with Ms. Schimdt.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Update on land development: Developer Rob Cunningham reports that the contracts are being signed and the annexation cannot begin until all property is in his name.

City Street Paving: Several streets have been paved or patched and we are looking to pave Farrell from East Niota Baptist Church to the City limits at the end of July and then continue with more of the smaller streets in August.

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

Mayor made a motion to deem 105 Magnolia Street as City surplus property, Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion, all voted aye, motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Finance Dept: Budget 2021-22 was read for the 1st reading and there will be a called meeting on June 28th at 5pm for the 2nd reading.

Commissioner Dilbeck made the motion to approve the 1st reading of the 2021-22 budget, Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion, all voted aye, motion passed.

Water Dept: The Water Dept will be doing water line maintenance and repairs at the Pilot station in the amount of approximately \$5000.00.

Commissioner Dilbeck made a motion to approve the expenditures of approximately \$5000.00 for water line repairs and maintenance at the Pilot station. Commissioner Brakebill seconded the motion, all voted aye, motion passed.

Water Department: \$1/hr raise for Brad Anderson obtaining his Back Flow certification in April.

Commissioner Dilbeck made the motion to approve a \$1/hr raise for Brad Anderson for obtaining his Back Flow certification in April. Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion, all voted aye, motion passed.

Requests to Speak:

James Boggess and Troy Walden – both citizens spoke regarding the Junk Yard compliance to cleanup and provide some form of screening on their business properties to hide junk cars from the public view. Both were against having to comply or felt that they had already done enough to reach compliance. After discussion, it was agreed upon that screening would be put into place for compliance to be met with the City Ordinance.

Announcements:

- a. Next meeting will be held July 12, 2021

Adjournment:

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

CITY RECORDER

MAYOR