

**CITY OF NIOTA
MINUTES
Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Commissioners
November 9, 2020**

Date of Approval: December 14, 2020

Approved by Commissioners: Baker and Dilbeck

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 November 9, 2020. The meeting convened at 6:00 P.M., Mayor Preece presiding, Jeannie Anderson as City Recorder.

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

Invocation: David Dilbeck

Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor Preece

Reading of the Regular Minutes:

Mayor Preece made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on October 6, 2020 as read. Commissioner Dilbeck seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion passed.

Commissioner Dilbeck made a motion to approve the minutes from the emergency called meeting held on October 7, 2020 as read. Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion passed.

Reports from Members of the Governing Body:

Depot Committee: Resealing the deck, steps and ramp on the Depot are currently underway. The addition of landscaping to the front of the Depot will be coming soon and plans for the bathrooms to be remodeled are in the near future.

Finance report: Jeannie Anderson reported that we are staying on budget with revenues and expenditures. The Police Dept brought in \$4,723 in auction sales and the Water Dept brought in \$ 1826 in auction sales. TCAMS refunded the Police Department for payroll during the COVID-19 pandemic in the amount of \$10,080.

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

Police report: Commissioner Watkins gave the Police report stats for September: 7 arrests, 2 calls for medical, 30 traffic citations, 121 dispatched calls, 35 traffic stops. Mayor reports that the E-911 rate will drop 9.4% due to our officers doing most of the work on calls.

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to declare the old police equipment to auction, Commissioner Baker seconded the motion, all voted aye, motion passed.

Fire Department report: No Fire report.

Sewer Department report: PCI has completed the CCTV of the sewer lines with only 1 area showing needed repairs. The CDBG of \$630,000. will cover the costs of any repairs needed.

Street Department report: Commissioner Dilbeck reported that the F-350 had blown the torque converter and it could cost approximately \$6000 and take up to a month to be repaired. Also, commented on how well the Street Department is doing on keeping up the streets.

Water Department report: Commissioner Dilbeck reported that 254 new meters are installed and working well. September water loss is 9.5% down from 46% a few years ago. More meters are being purchased to finish out routes. Commissioner Dilbeck expressed tremendous gratitude for the Water Dept team in getting all this done.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

WWTP: Land sale – No word from Randy Dunlap on the progress to purchase.

NEW BUSINESS:

Police Department: Resignation of officer Travis Duke submitted on October 16, 2020 will be effective as of October 29, 2020. Officer Duke is terminating his employment with the City of Niota in order to pursue a position with McMinn County Sheriff's office.

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to accept Officer Duke's resignation, Commissioner Dilbeck seconded the motion, all voted aye, motion passed.

Water Department: Budget amendment Ordinance 20-20 to increase operational expenses in order for the Water Dept to purchase additional ARM's.

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to accept the Budget Amendment Ordinance 20-20 to allow for the Water Dept to purchase additional ARM's. Commissioner Dilbeck seconded the motion, all voted aye, motion passed.

Library: Mayor made a motion to declare all the books and equipment left in the Library as surplus to be distributed as deemed appropriate for the City. Commissioner Baker seconded the motion, all voted aye, motion passed.

Park Grant: The City has applied for a grant that would provide 100% funding for exercise equipment/stations for citizens ages 13yrs + and for outdoor restroom facilities. We are waiting for a response at this time.

Announcements:

- a. Next meeting will be held December 14, 2020
- b. November 21st - Holiday Boutique and Car Show to benefit the City Stage fund and Book Sale to benefit the 19th Amendment Museum.
- c. Dec/ 5th – Holiday Boutique and Christmas Parade
- d. Christmas House decoration contest

Adjournment:

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

CITY RECORDER

MAYOR