

CITY OF NIOTA

MINUTES

Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Commissioners

October 7, 2019

Date of Approval: December 16, 2019

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 October 7, 2019. The meeting convened at 7:00 P.M., Mayor Preece presiding, Tiffani Denton substituted as City Recorder.

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

Invocation: Todd Baker

Pledge of Allegiance: Allen Watkins

Reading of the Minutes:

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to approve the minutes from the Regular Meeting held on September 9, 2019 as read. Commissioner Wallace seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion passed.

Reports from Members of the Governing Body:

Depot Committee: FGTF made \$6800.00. There will be a special event held on November 2, 2019 for the dedication of the newly renovated Depot. We are applying to the State for a one-time special event alcohol license in order to serve wine at the reception.

Library report: Librarian Emily Serra will be attending a conference in Crossville, TN, on October 22, 2019, held by the Tennessee State Library and Archives.

Finance report: Jeannie Anderson was absent from this meeting so finance report will be read at next month's meeting. Taxes have started coming in as of Oct. 7, 2019.

Police report: Commissioner Watkins gave report to: 30 stops, 4 arrests, 2 medical, 20 traffic citations issued, 97 dispatched calls. Chief Davis reported that the police department received the THSO grant.

Fire Department report: A no burn ban has been issued and if anyone is caught burning they will be issued a citation. "Ole Mac" (firetruck) is receiving maintenance and repairs so it will be ready for the Christmas parade. Fire Dept. would like to hold a Fill the Boot roadblock on Oct 12-13, 2019.

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to hold the Fill the Boot road block this weekend, Oct. 12-13, 2019, rain dates Oct 19-20, 2019. Commissioner Baker, seconded the motion, all voted aye, motion passed.

Sewer Department report: Mayor stated that there will be a meeting on Oct. 10, 2019 with the manufacturer, and that the clarifiers were ready and asked Commissioner Wallace if the Street Dept. could assist in unloading the materials.

Street Department report: Commissioner Wallace reports that the gearbox for the bush hog must be replaced and the cost will be \$780.00 to replace. Three bids will be taken for vote.

Mayor made the motion to approve up to \$780.00 plus freight to replace the gear box on the bush hog. Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion, all voted aye, motion passed.

Water Department report: Having issues with cracked pipes throughout the City due to extreme dry weather.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Shultz and Knox Street Closures: Mayor will set up a work session with MTAS to advise on the closures.

Budget Amendment, Ordinance 19-3, 2nd reading: This amendment adds budget line items for the 19th Amendment events, ABC Mural Grant and the New Stage contributions. Additionally, provides for fund balance to be transferred into Capital Outlay for new computer software for the Finance Dept and for the increase in interest on the revised USDA loan in the Water Dept budget.

Mayor made a motion to pass the budget amendment for Ordinance 19-9, second reading. Commissioner Watkins seconded the motion, all voted aye, motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

City Cemetery: Commissioner Baker spoke on possibly the city taking over responsibility of the cemetery as he was the only one taking care of it. Mayor asked for him to bring the situation to the churches in town at a meeting to be held on Oct. 9, 2019. City attorney, Will Estes stated that an association was needed that it could not be just one person in charge.

City Vehicles: Vehicles being prepared to be turned over for surplus. Jeep is ready for surplus, Ford Ranger will be kept as back up as long as it is running, the salvage yard owns the F-150 and will be given to them for the expense of the tow and storage bill.

Commissioner Watkins made a motion to surplus the vehicles, Commissioner Baker seconded the motion, all voted aye, motion passed.

Repairs are being made on both Crown Victoria's - patrol cars. Main computers went out on both cars and the dealership was the only place to obtain the parts. Repair for one car is \$926.90.

Mayor made the motion to pay for the repairs, Commissioner Watkins seconded, all voted aye, motion passed.

Announcements:

- a.) Trunk or Treat and Halloween at the Depot will be held Sunday, Oct. 27th
- b.) Next meeting – November 12, 2019

Mayor spoke regarding the utility training that is required before the next election. Commissioners Baker and Wallace will be sent a link for the online training and Commissioner Watkins can do the training at City Hall.

Adjournment:

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

CITY RECORDER

MAYOR