

**CITY OF NIOTA
MINUTES
Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Commissioners
Oct. 9, 2023**

Date of Approval: Nov. 20, 2023

Approved by Commissioners: Ward 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 October 9, 2023. The meeting convened at 6:00 P.M., Mayor Preece presiding, Jeannie Anderson as City Recorder.

Members in attendance: Commissioner's Brakebill, Dilbeck and Ward were present, Commissioner Manney was absent.

Invocation: Commissioner Dilbeck

Pledge of Allegiance: Jason Crowder

Reading of the Regular Minutes:

Commissioner Ward made a motion to allow by-passing the reading of the minutes in each meeting, with a call for a vote of approval after the Commissioner's have had the opportunity to review them, Commissioner Dilbeck seconded the motion, all voted aye, motion approved.

Commissioner Ward made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on Sept. 11, 2023 as read. Commissioner Brakebill, seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion approved.

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

Depot Committee – No report at this time.

Reports from Members of the Governing Body:

Finance report: Jeannie Anderson gave the finance report that we are 25% into the new fiscal year. Property taxes started Oct. 2nd.

Mayor made a motion to accept the Finance reports as read, Commissioner Brakebill seconded, all voted aye, motion approved.

Police report: Commissioner Ward gave the Police report stats for:

August: 2 arrests, 13 traffic stops, 13 traffic citations, 77 dispatched calls.

A total of \$1672.50 was paid in citations for the month.

Fire Department report: Asst. Chief Slack reported that for the month of September there were 3 medical assists, 2 building fires, 6 accidents with injuries, 1 accident without injuries, 12 misc. calls.

Sewer Department report: Mayor reported that there have been no violations incurred. New aerators implementation has begun.

Street Department report:

Commissioner Brakebill reported that the street paving has been done, the mower is going in for maintenance and the army truck will be prepped for winter.

Water Department report: Commissioner Dilbeck reported that there are only 15 new ARM meters left to be done in the city. Phase A and B in the new subdivision is currently pressure testing, all fire hydrants have been numbered, color coded and tested according to pressure.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. **First Reading of revisions to Ordinance 23-59:** Revisions made to Ordinance 23-59: An Ordinance of the City of Niota, Tennessee to require connection to public water and sewer services where they are available.
Commissioner Dilbeck made a motion to accept the first reading of revisions to Ordinance 23-59, Commissioner Brakebill seconded the motion, all voted aye, motion approved.

- b. **Time change for hours of operation for NWW and City Hall:** Work hours will continue to be the same, from 8:00a.m. – 4:30p.m., customer hours will be from 8:15a.m. – 4:15p.m.
Commissioner Ward made a motion to approve the time change for hours of operation for NWW and City Hall, Commissioner Brakebill seconded the motion, all voted aye, motion approved.

- c. **Local Government quoted for new City Hall and NWW:** Local Government has provided a complete quote package for the equipment needed at the new City Hall building.
Commissioner Brakebill made a motion to approve the package from Local Government for the new City Hall, Commissioner Ward seconded the motion, all voted aye, motion approved.

- d. **Finance Dept:** - Jeannie Anderson to attend the SETD conference, Sept. 23-25 and TN PRIMA, Nov. 15-17, 2023.
Commissioner Brakebill made a motion to approve the package from Local Government for the new City Hall, Commissioner Ward seconded the motion, all voted aye, motion approved.

- e. **Surplus vehicles and equipment:** There are several vehicles and pieces of equipment that need to be removed from the City's lot due to age and not working.
Commissioner Dilbeck made a motion to approve deeming the vehicles and equipment as surplus and to be sold, Commissioner Ward seconded the motion, all voted aye, motion approved.

- f. **Codes Enforcement:** Request to hire Jason Crowder as the City's Codes Enforcement Officer as a part-time position at the rate of \$12 per hour.
Commissioner Dilbeck made a motion to approve hiring Jason Crowder as the City's Codes Enforcement Officer as a part-time position at the rate of \$12 per hour, Commissioner Ward seconded the motion, all voted aye, motion approved.

- g. Request for cutting of the overgrowth on the road up to the new water tank lot in Rarity Meadows.**
Commissioner Dilbeck made the request for approval to have the overgrowth on the road up to the new water tank lot in Rarity Meadows so that the heavy equipment can get up to the lot.
Commissioner Dilbeck made a motion to approve to have the overgrowth cut on the road up to the new water tank lot in Rarity Meadows so that the heavy equipment can get up to the lot, Commissioner Brakebill seconded the motion, all voted aye, motion approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. October 22, 2023 – Trunk or Treat
- b. October 26-27, 2023 – Moving of City Hall
- c. October 30, 2023 - Golf Tournament at Springbrook
- d. November 13, 2023 – Board Meeting

Adjournment:

Commissioner Brakebill made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Ward, all voted aye, meeting adjourned.

CITY RECORDER

MAYOR