

**CITY OF NIOTA
MINUTES
Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Commissioners
June 8, 2020**

Date of Approval: July 8, 2020

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 Memorial Building Fellowship Hall, Niota, Tennessee on June 8, 2020. The meeting convened at 6:00 P.M., Mayor Preece presiding, Jeannie Anderson as City Recorder.

Members in attendance: Commissioner's Baker, Wallace and Watkins (present by phone due to quarantine)

Invocation: Todd Baker

Pledge of Allegiance: Mayor

Reading of the Minutes:

Commissioner Dilbeck made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on May 11, 2020 as read. Commissioner Baker seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion passed.

Guest Speakers: Ken and Ted Heater the new owners of Springbrook Country Club and Golf Course requested to have a fireworks show on July 4th at the golf course. Keith Barton, is the former Athens Fire Chief and is licensed for pyrotechnic shows.

Commissioners Wallace made a motion to approve Springbrook Country Club to have a fireworks show on July 4th at the golf course. Commissioner Dilbeck seconded the motion, all voted aye, motion passed.

Reports from Members of the Governing Body:

Depot Committee: The FGTF will not be held this year because of the uncertainty of attendance due to COVID - 19. Each year hereafter, the Depot Committee will split the proceeds from the festival with the City 50/50. The Model Train Show may replace the FGTF later in October utilizing the vendors from the FGTF so they are not lost for the next year's FGTF.

Library report: The contents of the library have been dispersed to the State and to the local Friends of the Library organization. The contents that are left is for the city to decide on how to disperse of.

Finance report: Jeannie Anderson reported that we are keeping on track in our budget as we near the year end. The new 2020-21 budget is done and will be presented for the 1st reading later in the meeting.

Mayor 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 May: 6 arrests, 3 calls for medical, 23 traffic citations, 95 dispatched calls, 19 traffic stops. Chief Davis stated that a letter on mowing properties will be going out. Abandoned houses needing yards mowed were discussed. Robert is to mow and keep records of how many times for property lien purposes. Chief stated that the police department has need of the following equipment: Cage for Charger \$695 and Radios for the new police vehicles \$ 1900

Commissioner Baker made a motion to purchase a cage for the Charger for \$695 and to purchase 2 new radios for the new police vehicles for \$1900. Commissioner Wallace seconded the motion, all voted aye, motion passed.

Fire Department report: Fire Chief Slack was not present at this meeting.

Sewer Department report: Mayor gave the report that the new clarifiers are in place and working well since June 1st. A new laptop, printer and software had to be purchased for the sewer plant. Quality control testing will be starting soon.

Mayor made the motion to approve the purchase of a new laptop, printer and software for the sewer plant. Commissioner Baker seconded the motion, all voted aye, motion passed.

Street Department report: Commissioner Wallace gave report that both street guys are working very well together and a lot is getting accomplished.

Water Department report: Commissioner Dilbeck reported the 362 new Automatic Read Meters have been purchased to complete the routes that were begun previously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Closure of Shultz Street: The city now has an issue of people speeding down Hill Street. One option presented was to make Hill Street a one way street coming up the hill. No resolve could be found so this was tabled until the called meeting on June 22, 2020.

Building purchased on 601 W. Main Street, Niota – Old Utility Bldg – discussion:

Discussion was held on what to do with the old building and it was suggested that the Fire Dept may be able to use it to store the old firetruck.

Ordinance No. 20-8 Budget Amendments 2019-2020 2nd Reading:

Mayor made a motion to accept the 2nd reading of Ordinance No. 20-8 Budget Amendments 2019-20. Commissioner Dilbeck seconded the motion, all voted aye, motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

TCRS: Discussion was held on offering TCRS retirement to city employees. The city would contribute the same amount of 1.5% to TCRS and the 401k program.

Commissioner Dilbeck made a motion to approve the TCRS program being initiated, Commissioner Wallace seconded the motion, all voted aye, motion passed.

Water Department - Emily Serra: Ms. Serra has completed her 90 day training period, has had her review and is being recommended for \$1/hr raise.

Commissioner Dilbeck made a motion to approve Ms. Serra's \$1/hr raise, Commissioner Wallace seconded the motion, all voted aye, motion passed.

Water Department – Water tank repair: Tank repair is needed before the State inspection is done. One tank needs re-coating outside.

Commissioner Dilbeck made a motion to approve having the tanks repaired, Commissioner Baker seconded the motion, all voted aye, motion passed.

Ordinance No. 20-9 Budget 2020-21 1st Reading:

Mayor made a motion to accept Ordinance No. 20-9 Budget 2020-21 1st Reading, Commissioner Dilbeck seconded the motion, all voted aye, motion passed.

Resolution No. 20-10 - 2020 Governor's Local Support Grants:

Mayor made a motion to accept Resolution No. 20-10 for the 2020 Governor's Local Support Grants. Commissioner Dilbeck seconded the motion, all voted aye, motion passed.

Announcements:

- a. Next meeting will be held July 13, 2020
- b. August 26, 2020 – Steam train
- c. August 29, 2020 – Stamp cancellation
- d. August 18, 2020 – Laying of wreath on Febb Burns grave

Adjournment:

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

CITY RECORDER

MAYOR