

**CITY OF NIOTA
MINUTES
Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Commissioners
May 8, 2023**

Date of Approval: June 8, 2023

Approved by Commissioners: Dilbeck and Brakebill

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 May 8, 2023. The meeting convened at 6:00 P.M., Mayor Preece presiding, Jeannie Anderson as City Recorder.

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

Invocation: Commissioner Dilbeck

Pledge of Allegiance: Officer Ordmandy

Reading of the Regular Minutes:

Commissioner Manney made a motion to approve the minutes with one correction made from the meeting held on April 10, 2023 as read. Commissioner Ward, 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 now 83.33% into the 2022-23 budget year and all is going well. Ms. Anderson reported that she is still working on the 2023-2024 budget.

Commissioner Manney 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:

April: 1 arrest, 10 traffic stops, 15 traffic citations, 4 medical calls, 39 dispatched calls.

A total of \$1112.50 was paid in citations for the month.

Fire Department report: Asst. Chief Slack reported that for the month of April there were 4 medical assists, 4 accidents with injuries, 11 misc. calls.

Sewer Department report: Mayor reported that manufacture of the aerators has been on site. One is now working correctly and the are still working on the second one. They cannot start the other side until both are working properly. No violations have been incurred.

Street Department report:

Commissioner Brakebill reported that the city had a very successful clean up week.

Water Department report: Commissioner Dilbeck reported that the last 2 weeks have been rough with around 12 leaks being repaired. Still struggling to find and purchase needed parts.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Police Dept:** Request a raise in Court fees from \$138.75 to \$150.00 and Failure to Appear fee \$50. Request for approval to be sent to MTAS for the ordinance to be written. Recognition of Samantha Hall for her assistance in providing CPR on a citizen inside City Hall on May 2, 2023.
Commissioner Ward made the motion to accept the rate increase in the Court fees from \$138.75 to \$150 and the implementation of Failure to Appear fees in the amount of \$50 and to send the new rates to MTAS for the ordinance to be written for the City's approval, Commissioner Manney seconded the motion, all voted aye, motion approved.
- b. **Approval of corrected Crescent Ridge plats:** Crescent Ridge plats had to be corrected from labeling the street as a "private" road to a public road and this is a request for approval on the corrected plats. **Mayor made the motion to accept the approval for the Crescent Ridge plats that were corrected from labeling the street as a "private" road to a public, Commissioner Brakebill seconded the motion, all voted aye, motion approved.**
- c. **Removal of Barrier at Knox and Locust St:**
Barrier was put into place at Knox and Locust St for security reasons several years ago. The owner is in the process of selling the property and has requested that the barrier be pushed back to provide parking for the new resident.
Commissioner Dilbeck made the motion to accept the barrier being pushed back on Knox and Locust St to provide parking for the resident, Commissioner Ward seconded the motion, all voted aye, motion approved.
- d. **Street Dept: Termination of seasonal help David Eldridge for the Street Dept.**
Street Dept reported that the hired seasonal help David Eldridge was terminated on May 5, 2023 due to the inability to perform the job duties as required.
- e. **Request for Personnel Policy to be changed to increase vacation time:**
A request has been made to increase the employee vacation time off to include 4 weeks at 10 years of employment.
Commissioner Dilbeck made a motion to table a request has been made to increase the employee vacation time off to include 4 weeks at 10 years of employment until further research and consideration can be given to the request, Commissioner Ward seconded the motion, all voted aye, motion approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

MAYOR’S COMMENTS:

The 6th Annual Train Show was a huge success again this year, it was the largest one yet. Mayor addressed the new property tax assessments and that the rate amount would be adjusted so that it would not have a huge effect on property taxes, some would raise a small amount others may decrease a small amount. The average would remain approximately the same amount.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. June 8, 2023 6:00 p.m. – Next Board Meeting
- b. May 12, 2023 - Food Truck Night on Main Street
- c. May 13, 2023 – Benefit for Dean Campbell
- d. May 27, 2023 – Concert on the Stage – The Agee Family
- e. June 9, 2023 – Food Truck Night on Main Street
- f. August 28, 2023 – Golf Tournament at Springbrook

Adjournment:

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

CITY RECORDER

MAYOR