

**CITY OF NIOTA
MINUTES
Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Commissioners
Dec. 11, 2023**

Date of Approval: Jan. 8, 2024

Approved by Commissioners: Brakebill and Ward

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 Dec. 11, 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: Travis Newberry

Reading of the Regular Minutes:

Commissioner Dilbeck made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on Nov. 20, 2023 as read. Commissioner Ward, seconded the motion. All voted aye, motion approved.

Reading of the Called Meeting Minutes:

Commissioner Dilbeck made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on Nov. 28, 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 41.67% into the new fiscal year.

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

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

November: No report

Fire Department report: Asst. Chief Slack reported that for the month of November there were 5 medical assists, 2 building fires, 3 wildfires, 8 accidents with injuries, 2 accidents without injuries, 26 misc. calls.

Sewer Department report: Mayor reported that there have been no violations incurred. New aerators are in but there were repairs needed on one of them. Will not be signing off until everything is working properly.

Street Department report:

Commissioner Brakebill reported that the Christmas decorations have been put up and ready for the Christmas events. Several signs have been vandalized throughout the city.

Water Department report: Commissioner Dilbeck reported that everything is going well. No further report at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. **Approval of Revision Ordinance 8-211-2“early beer sales” in order to meet state law:** The City of Niota currently allows for the sell of beer after 12:00p.m. on Sunday’s. Most other cities have extended that time to start at 10:00a.m. on Sunday’s. Mayor requested that the City also extend its time so that the sales are not lost to other cities.
Mayor made a motion to extend the time for the sale of beer within the City on Sunday’s from 12:00p.m. to 10:00a.m, Commissioner Ward seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and Commissioners Dilbeck and Brakebill voted aye, motion approved.
- b. **Police Dept. Hiring of new Chief:** Raffaele Di Giorgio, if approved will be hired as the new police chief provisional to a full background check and being sworn in.
Mayor made a motion to approve the hiring of Raffaele Di Giorgio as the new Chief of Police, Commissioner Ward seconded the motion, all voted aye, motion approved.
- c. **Police Dept. Hiring of New Court Clerk:** Jason Crowder will be hired as a part-time Court Clerk.
Commissioner Dilbeck made a motion to approve the hiring of Jason Crowder as a part-time Court Clerk for the Police Dept., Commissioner Ward seconded the motion, all voted aye, motion approved.
- d. **1st Reading of the update and additions of Ordinance 10-107:** - The addition of Section 107 concerning number of pets allowed per household within the City limits.
Mayor made a motion to accept the 1st reading of the update and additions of Ordinance 10-107, concerning number of pets allowed per household within the City limits, Commissioner Ward seconded the motion, all voted aye, motion approved.
- e. **1st Reading of Personnel Handbook Updates:** The City of Niota Personnel Handbook is being updated.
Commissioner Ward made the motion to approve the updated Personnel Handbook, Commissioner Brakebill seconded the motion, all voted aye, motion approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- a. Jan 8, 2024 – Board Meeting
- b. Jan 31, 2024 - City Hall Open House

Adjournment:

Commissioner Dilbeck made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Ward, all voted

aye, meeting adjourned.

CITY RECORDER

MAYOR