**CITY OF NIOTA**

 **Minutes**

**Regular Meeting of the Mayor and Board of Commissioners**

**February 12th, 2017**

**Date of Approval: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Approved by Commissioners: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**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 February 12th, 2017. The meeting convened at 7:00 P.M., Mayor Preece presiding, Corinne Hockman as City Recorder.

**Members in attendance:** Commissioner Watkins, Baker, and Dilbeck

**Members not in attendance:**

 **Invocation:** Todd Baker

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Mayor Lois Preece

**Reading of Minutes:**

Corinne Hockman read the minutes from the beer board meeting held on December 4th 2017.

**Mayor Preece makes a motion that these minutes be approved as read, seconded by Commissioner Watkins. All voted aye, motion passed.**

Corinne Hockman read the minutes from the regular meeting held on December 4th 2017.

**Mayor Preece makes a motion to approve the minutes as read, seconded by Commissioner Dilbeck. All voted aye, motion passed.**

Corinne Hockman read the minutes from the called meeting held on December 18th 2017.

**Commissioner Dilbeck made a motion to approve the minutes from the called meeting as read, seconded by Commissioner Watkins. All voted aye, motion passed.**

**Reports from Depot Committee:**

**Commissioner Watkins made a motion to pay up to $1900.00 from the Depot Preservation Funds for painting the baggage cars. Seconded by Commissioner Dilbeck all voted aye, motion passed.**

Mayor Preece explained that Verizon had given the Depot Committee $4,000 to use for electric work in the baggage room. Verizon had to donate money to a non-profit and the city had to specify what the money would be used on.

Mayor Preece explained that there was a depot meeting and the Depot Committee is willing to match the city up to $500 for new banquet tables.

**Commissioner Baker makes a motion to spend up to $500 for new banquet tables as a match to the Depot Committee. Seconded by Commissioner Dilbeck, all voted aye. Motion passed.**

**Reports from Members of the Governing Body:**

**Commissioner Baker gave the finance report:**

Corinne Hockman gave the finance report. She went over the Statement of expenditures with the governing body.

**Commissioner Baker made a motion to approve the finance report. Seconded by Commissioner Dilbeck, all voted aye. Motion passed.**

Corinne also mentioned the possibility of getting TCRS for the City, which is a retirement plan. It would be beneficial to us to be more competitive when hiring, as well as for the employees. The board felt that having a retirement system in place would be a good idea, and we should look into different retirement systems that are offered.

**Commissioner Watkins gave the police report:**

Commissioner Watkins reported on the arrests and citations for the month of January. There was a total of 61 citations written, 12 for financial responsibility, 9 for expired tags, 1 for failure to carry registration, 3 for taillights, 4 for misuse of registration, 1 for no drivers license, 4 for driving on a revoked license, 1 for failure to maintain lane, 3 for stop sign violations, 17 for speeding, 4 for light law, and 2 for failure to dim headlights.

There was a total of 32 arrests made, 10 for driving on suspended license, 10 for arrest warrants, 2 for possession of schedule 2 drugs, 2 for possession of drug paraphanilia, 1 for tampering with evidence, 2 for introduction into a penal facility, 2 for assault by domestic violence, 1 for possession of schedule 2 for resale, and 2 for possession of schedule 6 drugs.

Harrison Slack, Niota Fire Chief, explained that January was a very calm month for the fire department.

**Mayor Preece gave the sewer department report:**

There were no overflows for the sewer department. Mayor Preece explained we do need to get two control timers for the sewer plant. These timers will cost up to $3,000 for the pair.

**The Board gave the streets department report:**Commissioner Dilbeck gave the streets report. It has been a slow month for the street department because of illness and vacation. The tile that was put near the Police Department has been washing out, there is a plan to correct this.

**David Dilbeck gave the water department report:**

Commissioner Dilbeck explained that Jeannie Anderson part time water clerk has finished her 90 days and is doing a great job.

**Commissioner Dilbeck made a motion to give Jeannie Anderson a dollar raise retoactive to the ending day of her 90-day probation period. Seconded by Commissioner Watkins. All voted aye, motion passed.**

Commissioner Dilbeck explained that the information for the CCR needs to be made available to the public. We can do this by either getting stickers on every bill for four months, or by running an ad in the paper. The ad in the paper would come to $570.00 which will save us money and time.

**Commissioner Dilbeck made a motion we run an ad in the paper with the CCR information. Seconded by Commissioner Baker, all voted aye. Motion passed.**

**Unfinished Business:**

Mayor Preece asked about the police vehicle seizures. Chief Josh Hyde explained that we have about three that we can sell on Govdeals.com.

Mayor Preece had several people draw names for the Christmas Light drawing. The individuals who won something will be called the following business day.

Mayor Preece mentioned that we need to discuss giving Greg Carrillo a retainer. A citizen mentioned this may be a better topic for a called meeting since there is family of his there.

**New Business:**

Mayor Preece mentioned that Jeannie Anderson would like to do a City newsletter. The newsletter would be sent to all water customers. It should benefit the City by keeping people updated on community events. The total cost of the newsletter for the year would be around $1600 for quarterly newsletters. The board felt like this would benefit every department and should be done.

**Commissioner Baker makes a motion to approve the newsletter. Seconded by Commissioner Dilbeck, all voted aye. Motion passed.**

Mayor Preece mentioned that there is TIBRS training on Wednesday March 7th, therefor the finance and police department will be closed.

**Mayor Preece makes a motion the finance and police department be closed on March 7th, due to training. Seconded by Commissioner Watkins, all voted aye, motion passed.**

**Guest Speakers:**

Corinne Hockman spoke on behalf of the Disabled Veterans of America. They would ike to hold a road block either April 7th or April 14th if it rains.

**Commissioner Watkins makes a motion that the Disabled Veterans of America be able to have their road block. Seconded by Commissioner Dilbeck. All voted aye, motion passed.**

**Meeting adjourned.**

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Mayor Lois Preece City Recorder Corinne Hockman