

A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF  
THE CITY OF SODDY-DAISY, TENNESSEE WAS HELD  
ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 2016 AT 7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

MAYOR NUNLEY  
VICE-MAYOR SKATES  
COMMISSIONER ADAMS  
COMMISSIONER COTHRAN  
COMMISSIONER SHIPLEY  
CITY MANAGER CAGLE  
RECORDER JOHNSON  
CITY ATTORNEY ELLIOTT

Commissioner Shipley asked former Mayor Allen Branum to approach the podium. He stated that he had a presentation that should have been done many years ago. Commissioner Shipley handed Mr. Branum a plaque honoring the Board members that were in place when the Soddy-Daisy Municipal Building was approved for construction. Mr. Branum read the names on the plaque and asked each former commissioner to come up and join him. The names were: Brad Johnston, Leroy Grant, Kenney Rose, Commissioner Gene Shipley and Allen Branum. Commissioner Shipley stated that the final cost for the building was \$558,000 and was opened on September 11, 1995. Mr. Branum said it was an honor to have served as commissioner and mayor. He said the City has realized a lot of growth over the years. Mr. Johnston stated it was a pleasure to serve on the Board and that he appreciated everyone's efforts in regard to getting the Soddy-Daisy Municipal Building built.

Christmas Parade trophies were presented by Commissioner Cothran. The winners were: School winner – Ivy Academy; Church winner – Chattanooga Community Church; Judge's choice – Cub Scouts Troup 3020; and Business winner – Integrity Elite All Stars.

OLD BUSINESS:

**2015-2016 ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SODDY-DAISY, TENNESSEE, FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE SODDY-DAISY ZONING ORDINANCE REGULATING DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF SODDY-DAISY, TENNESSEE, TO MINIMIZE DANGER TO LIFE AND PROPERTY DUE TO FLOODING AND TO MAINTAIN ELIGIBILITY FOR PARTICIPATING IN THE NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM. FIRST READING.**

1<sup>st</sup> - Commissioner Cothran  
2<sup>nd</sup> - Vice-Mayor Skates

City Attorney Elliott stated this ordinance is necessary so that Soddy-Daisy citizens/residents are eligible to obtain flood insurance. City Manager Cagle stated that every time FEMA issues new flood maps, the City has to amend the ordinance to reflect any changes. James Berry, 119 West Walden Street, questioned how a City resident would know which ditches belong to the City and which belong to property owners. City Attorney Elliott stated that the City has a record of all right-of-way. Mr. Berry asked how he could get this information. City Manager Cagle told Mr. Berry to call her and she will provide him with any information he needed. Commissioner Shipley questioned how James Folkner was allowed to fill in his property on Frontage Road. He said residents in that area informed him that they are having flooding issues due to this land being filled. City Manager Cagle stated that Mr. Folkner received permission from the State of Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation. Commissioner Shipley stated the problem will probably get worse if they allow Mr. Folkner to continue to fill this property during the next phase of the US Highway 27 Road Project. He said “we” need to contact someone at TDEC to discuss future plans for this property.

Ayes - Unanimous

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

Citizens Participation:

Paul Dodd, 335 Rock Quarry Road, stated that his address still does not show up correctly on GPS. City Manager Cagle informed Mr. Dodd that all the City can do is notify the other agencies in Hamilton County to correct the problem.

James Berry, 119 West Walden Street, said that he requested for the Board to help alleviate the issue of speeding and running the stop sign at West Walden Street and Springfield Road on October 2, 2014. He said this area has many children. Mr. Berry said he thought the City was going to place rumble strips near this intersection. City Manager Cagle apologized for not getting them in place yet. She said some will be installed when the weather warms up.

City Manager Cagle reminded the Board that Pam Glaser, Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Board, presented a proposal and recommendation in the prior commissioner meeting to enter into a contract with Craig Design Group to prepare plans and cost estimates to make improvements at the Soddy Lake Park. Commissioner Cothran questioned what the Board actually needed to vote on. City Manager Cagle said they need to vote on whether or not to spend up to \$10,000 to enter into a contract with Craig Design Group. Vice-Mayor Skates made a motion to spend up to \$10,000 to enter into a contract with Craig Design Group, seconded by Commissioner Adams. Commissioner Shipley thanked Ms. Glaser for the extensive time and effort she puts in for the City. He said at this time the City has several obligations such as paying off the remaining \$660,000 loan for the Big Soddy Creek Gulf property, building a new fire hall and funding the FHWA road projects. Commissioner Shipley stated that he didn't think the City could come up with the funds for a match to any potential grant to perform the improvements at the park. Ms. Glaser said she hopes to be able to obtain donations from various

foundations to help with matching funds. She said the City would need plans/drawings and cost estimates to obtain funds from foundations. Commissioner Cothran stated he felt it was not a good time for the City to spend money for land architectural services. He said he would rather wait and discuss this during the budget workshops for the 2016-2017 budget year.

Commissioner Cothran said at this time \$10,000 would be better spent on much needed road repairs. Vice-Mayor Skates questioned if the Board had appropriated funds to be spent on parks for the 2015-2016 budget year. City Manager Cagle stated that the Board appropriated \$80,000 of which the Board has already approved to spend up to \$30,000 for a stage, \$30,000 for playground equipment at the Veterans Park and \$6,000 to help the Soddy-Daisy Kid's Club with improvements. Commissioner Shipley said he would like to wait and discuss this during "budget time" after the City receives bids for the Dayton Pike Turn Lane Extension and Intersections Improvement Project. Commissioner Cothran questioned if waiting five months would be a big deal. Ms. Glaser said it would cause the City not to be able to apply for a Local Parks and Recreation Funds Grant. She said these grants are only available every two years.

Commissioner Adams stated that when people are relocating, they consider recreational activities as a big factor in choosing a community. He questioned the total cost of the FHWA projects. Finance Director Burt Johnson said the total cost to complete both projects is approximately \$7,000,000 of which the City has to match 20%. Vice-Mayor Skates asked Ms. Glaser if the City could apply for a grant without drawings/plans from a land architectural firm. Ms. Glaser said yes. Vice-Mayor Skates asked when the application would be due. Ms. Glaser said sometime in April. Commissioner Cothran asked if it was possible for Vice-Mayor Skates to amend her motion to table the \$10,000 expenditure and move forward with applying for the grant with the help of the Southeastern Tennessee Development District. City Manager Cagle said the

City had the Southeastern Tennessee Development District provide drawings/plans for the Holly Park Grant a few years ago and the City received the maximum number of points for that section of the grant application. Commissioner Adams withdrew his second and Vice-Mayor Skates amended her motion to table the \$10,000 expenditure to enter into a contract with Craig Design Group and to proceed with applying for an LPRF Grant with the assistance from the Southeastern Tennessee Development District, seconded by Commissioner Cothran and the ayes were unanimous.

Fire Chief Mike Guffey provided the Board with an annual report of calls answered by the fire department for the 2015 calendar year. He stated the fire department answered approximately 130 to 170 per month.

Fire Chief Guffey informed the Board that one of the engines is out of service right now due to water being in the oil. He said right now the City's mechanics are investigating the cause of this problem. Fire Chief Guffey stated once they have a better idea of the problem he will have the engine sent off for repairs. He stated the repairs could be anywhere from \$5,000 to \$18,000.

Fire Chief Guffey informed the Board that Assistant Fire Chief Dusty Morgan applied for a grant from Firehouse Subs for \$19,000 to put an automated external defibrillator (AED) on each fire engine and squad truck. He said he is happy to report the City was awarded the grant.

City Manager Cagle said there was information in the commissioners' packets in regard to the renewal of the Everbridge Mass Notification System. She said there is no increase from the previous year and the renewal amount is \$8,500. City Manager Cagle stated that she spoke with Communications Sergeant Marty Bowman and Dispatch Supervisor Jammie St. Aubin and they feel it is a huge asset for the City. Commissioner Cothran said he would like to make a

bigger push to get the word out to the community to sign up for the alerts. Vice-Mayor Skates asked Jackie Penney, who was present in the audience, if he could ask the pastors in the Pastors' Association to help distribute information to their constituents. He said that he could.

Commissioner Shipley suggested that the City provide flyers to the various mobile home park managers to give out to their renters. Commissioner Cothran made a motion to renew the contract, seconded by Commissioner Shipley and the ayes were unanimous.

City Manager Cagle said the City received bids for two patrol cars which were budgeted for the 2015-2016 budget year. She said Marshal Mize Ford had the low bid for \$23,821.74 each. She recommended awarding the bid to the low bidder. Commissioner Cothran made a motion to accept the recommendation and award the bid to Marshal Mize Ford, seconded by Commissioner Shipley and the ayes were unanimous.

Vice-Mayor Skates thanked the public works, fire and police departments for their work during the recent inclement weather.

ADJOURNED 8:09 P.M.

RECORDER JOHNSON