

A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
THE CITY OF SODDY-DAISY, TENNESSEE WAS HELD
ON THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2017 AT 7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

MAYOR COTHRAN
COMMISSIONER LOWE
COMMISSIONER NUNLEY
COMMISSIONER SHIPLEY
CITY MANAGER CAGLE
CITY ATTORNEY ELLIOTT
RECORDER JOHNSON

MEMBER ABSENT:

VICE-MAYOR ADAMS

The minutes of the regular meeting held March 2, 2017 were approved as presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SODDY-DAISY, TENNESSEE,
ABANDONING A PORTION OF THE RIGHT-OF-WAY ON THE NORTH SIDE OF
SEQUOYAH ROAD PARALLEL TO 9616 LOVELL ROAD. PUBLIC HEARING AND
FIRST READING.**

Barry Higgins, Higgins Construction, informed the Board that currently he is paying \$811 per year in property taxes on the property he would like to develop. He stated if the Board approved the abandonment, he would be able to build seven homes instead of five. Mr. Higgins said the property taxes would be approximately \$5,100 per year once the homes were constructed. Mayor Cothran stated that the City has plenty of right-of-way on both sides of Sequoyah Road and this would not cause an issue in the future. City Attorney Elliott stated for the record this would permanently abandon this portion of right-of way.

1st - Commissioner Shipley
2nd - Commissioner Nunley
Ayes - Unanimous

2016-2017 RESOLUTION NO. 5

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SODDY-DAISY, TENNESSEE,
ACCEPTING A \$23,153.00 DONATION AND AGREEING TO THE TERMS
MANDATED BY THE RED BANK AND SODDY-DAISY CHARITABLE
FOUNDATION.**

There was no discussion.

1st - Commissioner Lowe
2nd - Commissioner Nunley
Ayes - Unanimous

2016-2017 RESOLUTION NO. 6

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SODDY-DAISY, TENNESSEE,
AMENDING 2015-2016 RESOLUTION NO. 7 ADOPTING THE CLASSIFICATION
AND PAY PLAN FOR CITY EMPLOYEES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2016-2017.**

City Manager Cagle stated the only change to the Plan is that the City hired an additional patrol officer.

1st - Commissioner Nunley
2nd - Commissioner Shipley
Ayes - Unanimous

Citizens Participation:

None.

City Manager Cagle requested Board approval to purchase a 2015 Ford Explorer from Mountain View Ford for \$28,005.50. Commissioner Shipley stated that his understanding is that if the Board were to approve this purchase that the police department would only request one new patrol vehicle in the 2017-2018 budget instead of two. City Manager Cagle confirmed to the Board that Commissioner Shipley is correct and this is the proposal from the police

department. Commissioner Shipley made a motion to approve the purchase, seconded by Commissioner Lowe and the ayes were unanimous.

City Manager Cagle requested authorization from the Board to approve and allow Finance Director Burt Johnson to electronically sign a contract on the Tennessee Comptroller's website with Johnson, Murphey & Wright to perform the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year Audit. She said the cost will be \$25,940. Commissioner Nunley made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Lowe and the ayes were unanimous.

City Manager Cagle questioned if holding budget workshops for the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 on April 13th and April 27th at 5:30 p.m. worked for all of the Commissioners' schedules. It was the consensus of the Board to use these dates for the workshops.

Police Chief Phillip Hamrick approached the Board. He stated that four or five years ago the Board made an investment in the police department hiring additional officers. He said this investment has made an enormous impact on the community. Police Chief Hamrick stated in 2001 there were 429 crimes against persons and for the year 2016, this number dropped to 99. He stated in 2001 there were 100 burglaries and for 2016 there were 50. Police Chief Hamrick thanked the Board and the citizens for their support. Mayor Cothran thanked the entire police department for putting their life on the line everyday for the City of Soddy-Daisy.

Commissioner Lowe questioned if it were possible to extend the parking lot at the Big Soddy Creek Gulf. Public Works Director Steve Grant stated that he would evaluate the situation and report back to the Board.

Commissioner Nunley announced that the Distinguished Young Woman of Soddy-Daisy Program will be held Saturday, April 8th 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at Soddy Elementary.

Commissioner Shipley stated that the Soddy-Daisy Kids Club is growing and that he would like to see the City assist in any way with the following items: repair plumbing issues in the bathrooms at the girls' fields, stripe parking spaces in the parking lot at the boys' fields,

replace bulbs on some of the light poles for the girls' fields and add changing tables to the bathrooms.

Commissioner Shipley questioned if the City could purchase and install flashing lights on Durham Street near the park. Public Works Director Grant stated there might be an issue getting electricity to the lights. City Manager Cagle questioned if these type of light were available in solar. Public Works Director Grant said he would research this and get some prices.

Commissioner Shipley stated that the Kids' Club plans to purchase nets to be installed between fields to protect spectators from foul balls. He questioned if the City could purchase one of the nets. City Manager Cagle stated there used to be nets at these fields but they were heavy and bending the poles. Public Works Director Grant said he would see what could be done.

Mayor Cothran announced that the Wall of Honor Ceremony will be held Saturday, May 6th at 10:00 a.m. at the Veterans' Park. He stated all veterans, former police officers and fire fighters qualify to be added to the wall.

City Manager Cagle announced that Pioneer Days will be held Saturday, May 13th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Poe's Tavern Park. She stated that the Soddy, Daisy & Montlake Historical Association is organizing the event.

Commissioner Lowe questioned if there were any needs at the South Park. City Manager Cagle said she spoke with Jimmy Pickett and he said they needed some lights replaced.

ADJOURNED 7:26 P.M.

RECORDER JOHNSON