

A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
THE CITY OF SODDY-DAISY, TENNESSEE WAS HELD
ON THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2013 AT 7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:
MAYOR CAGLE
VICE-MAYOR NUNLEY
COMMISSIONER ADAMS
COMMISSIONER SHIPLEY
COMMISSIONER SKATES
CITY MANAGER STULCE
CITY ATTORNEY ELLIOTT
CITY RECORDER JOHNSON

The minutes of the meeting held March 7, 2013 were approved as presented.

Old Business:

2012-13 ORDINANCE NO. 14

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SODDY-DAISY, TENNESSEE,
UPDATING THE CITY'S BUILDING, MECHANICAL, PLUMBING AND GAS CODES.
SECOND AND FINAL READING.**

There was no discussion.

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

New Business:

None.

Citizens Participation:

W.V. Roberson, 10472 Walden Street, requested permission to put signs at both ends of town. He showed the Board pictures of what the signs would look like. Mr. Roberson said the signs would have non-profit organizations listed on them. He said one sign would be posted on Cordell Electric's property on Dayton Pike at Thrasher Pike and the other would be on Jack Hundley's property on Dayton Pike near Hixson Pike. Mayor Cagle said she thought the signs

would be at the City limits at each end of town. Mr. Roberson said he would like for them to be at the City limits if the Board could find him a place to put them. Commissioner Skates made a motion to allow W.V. Roberson to put the signs at each end of town, seconded by Vice-Mayor Nunley and the ayes were unanimous.

W.V. Roberson requested permission from the Board to put crosses in front of City Hall honoring veterans that have past away for Veterans' day in November. He said he would like to leave them out for 3 or 4 weeks. Commissioner Shipley made a motion to allow the crosses to be placed at City Hall, seconded by Commissioner Skates and the ayes were unanimous.

Arnold Stulce, 141 Lewis Street, read a letter to the Board from the Red Bank and Soddy-Daisy Charitable Foundation. The letter informed the Board that the Foundation was granting \$28,000 to the City for the sole purpose of helping to expand or replace Soddy-Daisy Fire Hall #3. He said the money had to be deposited in an interest bearing account previously established with the prior donations of \$61,000 and \$25,000 granted by the Red Bank and Soddy-Daisy Charitable Foundation. Commissioner Skates made a motion to accept the grant and to adhere to the stipulations put forth by the Red Bank and Soddy-Daisy Charitable Foundation, seconded by Vice-Mayor Nunley and the ayes were unanimous.

Arnold Stulce stated one of the first acts of the Board of Commissioners after the City was incorporated in 1969 was to purchase a fire truck. He said fire service has been provided ever since. Mr. Stulce said the service the fire department has given to the City has been a blessing to the citizens of Soddy-Daisy. He stated the fire department has a Class 3 ISO rating which saves homeowners in the community a considerable amount of money every year on their homeowner's insurance. Mr. Stulce said the Red Bank and Soddy-Daisy Charitable Foundation bought a new fire truck for the City several years back and provided the funds used to build Fire

Hall #2. He said at this time the Foundation does not have enough money to do the same for Fire Hall #3. Mr. Stulce said he would like to go on record to say Soddy-Daisy desperately needs a new fire hall because Fire Hall #3 is inadequate and the fire halls need to be staffed at all times. Mayor Cagle stated that Mr. Stulce would not find any disagreement from the Board. She said the problem is finding the money to fund paid firefighters. Mr. Stulce stated that a property tax increase would provide the necessary funds to do so.

Police Chief Phillip Hamrick informed the Board that he spoke with several dealerships and has been informed that the state contract price is the lowest right now to purchase the three (3) vehicles he had previously requested to receive bids for. He said the cost for two (2) Ford Fusions would be \$36,718 from Golden Circle Auto Group and one (1) Ford F-150 4-wheel drive crew cab would cost \$24,251 from Town and Country Ford. He proposed funding \$20,000 of the cost from the drug fund. He said he would like to offset the remaining cost with the sale of the seized vehicles that the City will be retiring. Commissioner Shipley questioned Police Chief Hamrick on how many cars the City will be able to sell in the auction. Police Chief Hamrick stated there would be more than twelve (12) total vehicles. Police Chief Hamrick requested permission to pay for the two (2) Ford Fusions and the Ford F-150 out of the "Unbudgeted Funds" line item. Commissioner Shipley made a motion to purchase the vehicles on state contract from the "Unbudgeted Funds" line item, seconded by Commissioner Skates and the ayes were unanimous.

Fire Chief Mike Guffey informed the Board that the fire department purchased the fire truck that was approved in the previous commission meeting for \$65,000. He said it is an excellent truck. He thanked Arnold Stulce for his comments in regard to the fire department. He said "if it wasn't for citizens like Mr. Stulce, the fire department would not be where it is today."

He said the fire department would not have its Class 3 ISO rating without the support from the Board as well. Mayor Cagle said the low rating is greatly due to the hard work of the volunteers and the Board appreciates their efforts. City Manager Stulce stated that the reason for the City's success is its volunteers and staff, not the people who are in charge. He said responsible leaders are important for direction, but it always comes down to those that are performing the day to day tasks. City Manager Stulce said the City of Soddy-Daisy is very fortunate to have the type of employees "we" have.

Vice-Mayor Nunley said the City received a bill from Bill Carney for \$400 for cedar logs to build a split rail fence at Poe's Tavern Park. Commissioner Shipley questioned if this is what the Board wants for the park. He questioned the location and look of the fence. Vice-Mayor Nunley said Mr. Carney has not given him any information on where it should go or how exactly it would be constructed. Commissioner Shipley made a motion to approve the \$400 expense and for City Manager Stulce and Public Works Director Grant to be involved in the process of deciding where the fence will be located at the park, seconded by Commissioner Adams and the ayes were unanimous.

Commissioner Adams said Police Chief Hamrick was to send one of his officers to the AARP a couple of days ago and eight (8) officers showed up. He said they were really appreciative of the information they received from the police department and appreciated how many officers attended the meeting. Commissioner Adams said he has heard from a lot of people who are appreciative of having police officers in and out of the schools as well.

Commissioner Shipley asked City Manager Stulce how much it would cost to build a new fire hall. City Manager Stulce said it would cost approximately \$600,000. Commissioner Shipley stated the budget process is about to begin and hopefully the Board could look at moving forward with building a new fire hall. He said City Manager Stulce continues to work hard in

trying to get a grant to help staff a fire department. Commissioner Shipley stated the Board is aware that the City is not far from having to staff a fire department in some manner.

Commissioner Skates said she agrees with Commissioner Shipley on the need for paid firefighters. She said this is something she would like to discuss during the budget process.

City Manager Stulce said Congressman Chuck Fleischmann will be at Soddy-Daisy City Hall on Wednesday, March 27th at 10:00 a.m. He said there will be approximately a 30 minute meet and greet and then he will take Congressman Fleischmann around town to address some issues. He invited the Board to attend the meeting.

ADJOURNED 7:33 P.M.

RECORDER JOHNSON