

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

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBER ABSENT:

VICE-MAYOR SKATES

The minutes of the regular meeting held April 7, 2016 were approved as presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

2015-2016 RESOLUTION NO. 7

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SODDY-DAISY, TENNESSEE,
AUTHORIZING AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FOR A 2016 TDEC LOCAL
PARKS AND RECREATION FUNDS GRANT PROGRAM.**

1st - Commissioner Shipley
2nd - Commissioner Cothran

City Manager Cagle explained that the City would be applying for a grant to make improvements to the North Park. She stated that the grant is for \$330,000 of which the City would have to match 50%. City Manager Cagle said the City's portion of the match is \$165,000 but some of this match would be "in-kind" work that the Public Works Department would provide.

Ayes - Unanimous

2015-2016 RESOLUTION NO. 8

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SODDY-DAISY, TENNESSEE, TO
AUTHORIZE COOPERATIVE PURCHASING AGREEMENTS FOR THE USE AND
BENEFIT OF ALL CITY DEPARTMENTS.**

- 1st - Commissioner Cothran
2nd - Commissioner Adams

City Manager Cagle stated this resolution would allow the City to purchase items from the organizations listed in the resolution that have already pre-bid vehicles, equipment, etc. She said sometimes these organizations offer better pricing than State Contract Price and open bidding.

Ayes - Unanimous

Citizens Participation:

Ondel and Tammy Meeks, 114 Hatlin Drive, said they have an issue with Northwest Utility District. Mrs. Meeks stated that her water bills are “ridiculous.” She said she recently received a water bill for \$120 for one month. She said this included the sewer portion. Mrs. Meeks said she has checked with other water companies and Northwest Utility is the highest in Hamilton County. She stated she had already been told the City of Soddy-Daisy Board of Commissioners could not do anything to change this, but she wanted to ask for help anyway. Commissioner Shipley stated that the Water Board is appointed by the Hamilton County Mayor and after that he has no control over their rates. He said he would attend the Northwest Utility meeting on May 17th with Mr. and Mrs. Meeks in support of them.

Mayor Nunley presented a Certificate of Achievement to Principal Samantha Walter and the faculty of Daisy Elementary for their achievement in obtaining one of the highest growths in test scores in the State of Tennessee. Principal Walter thanked the Board for recognizing Daisy Elementary for this achievement. She said this is long overdue for the faculty.

City Manager Cagle stated the City received three quotes for the purchase and installation of a metal building to be constructed next to the impound lot. She said the lowest quote was from Carolina Carports Inc. for \$9,955. She stated that originally the Police Department budgeted \$13,000 for a utility vehicle but would like to substitute that purchase with the metal building to be used for storing vehicles and other items. City Manager Cagle said the total cost for the building would be \$15,000 to \$16,000. She said the difference will be paid out of the Drug Fund. Commissioner Shipley stated he would like to use local companies when possible but he knows he can't in this instance. Commissioner Shipley made a motion to purchase the metal building from Carolina Carports, Inc., seconded by Commissioner Cothran and the ayes were unanimous.

City Manager Cagle reminded the Board of the budget workshop on Thursday, April 28th at 6:00 p.m.

Commissioner Shipley urged everyone to attend the Northwest Utility meeting on May 17th at 6:00 p.m.

Commissioner Cothran announced that the Wall of Honor Ceremony will be held May 7th at 10:00 a.m. at the Veterans Park. He stated that following the Ceremony there will be a flag retirement. He said the Vietnam Veterans Chapter 942 and the American Legion will be working together for the flag retirement.

Commissioner Cothran stated that the fire, police and public works departments always receive praise for the job they do. He said the City of Soddy-Daisy has great employees that work at City Hall, as well. He said they are the ones that have to field complaints from the citizens among her duties. Commissioner Cothran said he appreciate the work they do for the City.

Mayor Nunley announced that Pioneer Days will be held May 14th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Poe's Tavern Park.

Mayor Nunley also thanked the staff at City Hall.

Mayor Nunley announced that Walgreens will be hosting a “Drug Take Back” event for old prescription medicines on April 30th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Interim Police Chief Jeff Gann approached the Board to discuss the “idea” that the gang problem is only for the Chattanooga Police Department to worry about. He said there are gang members in most communities in Hamilton County. He urged citizens to get involved and report unusual behavior in their neighborhoods. Interim Police Chief Gann stated he did not want people living in fear but he wanted people to be aware of their surroundings. Commissioner Shipley said “we” need to get the word out to citizens to report unusual behavior to the police department. He suggested using social media. Interim Police Chief Gann informed the Board that several agencies have met with Chattanooga Police Chief Fred Fletcher and he has a plan to handle the gang situation. He said it will drive them out of Chattanooga into other areas of Hamilton County but they are prepared to help other agencies do the same. City Manager Cagle said she wanted to make it clear that we do not want any type of vigilante effort. Interim Police Chief Gann said the police department welcomes all calls concerning crime. Commissioner Shipley stated many people do not report unusual activity because they are afraid to get involved. He said it needs to be made clear that they do not have to give their name when making reports to the police department.

ADJOURNED 7:42 P.M.

RECORDER JOHNSON