

A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
THE CITY OF SODDY-DAISY, TENNESSEE WAS HELD
ON THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2015 AT 7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

MAYOR NUNLEY
VICE-MAYOR SKATES
COMMISSIONER ADAMS
COMMISSIONER COTHRAN
COMMISSIONER SHIPLEY
CITY MANAGER CAGLE
CITY ATTORNEY ELLIOTT
REC. SEC. DOLBERRY

MEMBER ABSENT:

RECORDER JOHNSON

Mayor Nunley welcomed Hamilton County Commissioner Randy Fairbanks to the meeting.

The minutes of the regular meeting held July 2, 2015 were approved as presented.

Mayor Nunley offered his deepest condolences to the families of the victims in the shooting that occurred earlier today in Chattanooga.

Mayor Nunley recognized Fire Chief Guffey and the Soddy-Daisy Fire Department for the ISO rating of a Class 2 recently achieved by the Department. Fire Chief Guffey addressed the Commission. He stated that as of December 1, 2015 the City's ISO rating will be lowered from a Class 3 to a Class 2 – 2X. He said that only 917 fire departments nationwide have achieved this rating, and only 15 departments in the State of Tennessee. He further stated that although the new rating will not drastically reduce the insurance rates for residential properties, it should drastically reduce the rates for commercial and industrial properties. He said that the Fire Department works hard to be the best and thanked the Commission for always believing in them,

the citizens for always supporting them and the brotherhood of surrounding fire departments for always helping them. He expressed appreciation for the men who worked diligently over the past few years in preparing for this inspection. He said they pledge to always strive to improve for the citizens of this great City. Mayor Nunley asked those firefighters present to come forward, state their name and number of years of service. Hamilton County Commissioner Randy Fairbanks stated that he is very proud of the Soddy-Daisy Fire Department and that they make the City and County look good. Mayor Nunley stated that Mayor Coppinger as well as Hamilton County Chief Deputy and Soddy-Daisy firefighter Alan Branum had been invited to tonight's meeting; however, in light of the day's events neither could attend. Mayor Nunley noted that Mr. Branum had approximately 46 years of service with the fire department.

Commissioner Shipley said that he had spoken with Mayor Coppinger earlier in the day and that Mayor Coppinger had used the word "Excellent" in describing the Soddy-Daisy Fire Department, further stating that he feels this is one of the greatest in the community.

Commissioner Shipley stated that as far back as he can remember the City Commission has always supported the Fire Department. He said that one man in particular had poured money into the department through trusts, as well as the State and City levels. He recognized former State Representative Arnold Stulce.

Mayor Adams stated that he had a letter from Senator Bo Watson to the fire department for their accomplishments. Commissioner Adams stated that there are approximately 400 fire departments in the State and to be one of the top 15 is quite an accomplishment. Mayor Nunley read the letter from Senator Bo Watson.

Firefighter Hardie Stulce gave a brief history of the Fire Department. He stated that

there is a plaque at Fire Station 1 with approximately 40 department member's names that are no longer with us. He said these firefighters were the foundation for the department. He further stated that the fire department built its first station in 1970 and used a converted filling station as the second firehall and purchased their first engine in 1972. The primary reason that Daisy and Soddy incorporated was in order to have fire protection and garbage service. In four years time the department built 3 stations and 3 new pumpers, this set the precedence. It was always a City commitment to support the department. He stated that the fire department responds to fires, traffic accidents, medical calls as well as other civic duties, with as many as 3 to 5 medical calls a day. There have been days when 15 medical calls were made.

Vice-Mayor Skates requested that the reporter in attendance at the meeting put in the paper that business owners need to notify their insurance companies that the City has a Class 2 rating effective December 1, 2015. She said that she is very thankful of the fire department and proud to say that she is a Soddy-Daisy commissioner.

Commissioner Cothran thanked the fire department for their hard work. He said that the best thing they could have done was to lower the minimum age of fire department members to 16 in 1970-71.

Police Chief Hamrick introduced Dustin Stewart the newest officer in the Police Department. Sergeant Daniels stated that Officer Stewart learned today when things were unfolding in Chattanooga, just how the department operates. Chief Hamrick stated that second shift was called in early today, they responded within 30 minutes of being called to answer calls in Chattanooga while Chattanooga officers were responding to the shooting.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SODDY-DAISY, TENNESSEE,
TO AMEND THE SODDY-DAISY ZONING ORDINANCE, ARTICLE IV,
BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 101.21 PROVIDING FOR A CONDITIONAL
USE PERMIT TO DISTILL ALCOHOL FOR PERSONAL VEHICLE FUEL.
PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING.**

Mayor Nunley stated that this is a public hearing. There was no opposition present.

Attorney Elliott stated that he had investigated State and Federal Law pertaining to this use and found that it is allowed under limited circumstances. With no provision for this use in the Zoning Ordinance, so this Ordinance allows this use with a conditional permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals and certification by the Fire Department. He stated that a recommendation to approve the amendment had been made by the Planning Commission. It was noted that Fire Chief Guffey and Inspector Grant had met with Mr. Lee on site and all the requirements have been met. It was noted that upon second reading of the amendment, Mr. Lee would need to then make application to the Zoning Board of Appeals for the conditional permit.

- 1st - Commissioner Cothran to approve
- 2nd - Commissioner Shipley

Vice-Mayor Skates questioned who at the State level oversees this use. Mr. Bill Lee and his Wife, Wanda, were present on behalf of the request. He stated that this would be a small scale operation under the State and Federal permits, for his personal research and development of alcohol to be used as fuel in his personal vehicles. Mr. Lee stated that his real intent is to develop technical information to be able to eventually develop commercially, but this will not be

done at his home.

Ayes - Unanimous

City Attorney Elliott advised Mr. Lee that the second reading would be held on Thursday, August 6th and that his presence is not required.

Citizens Participation:

Margaret Chastain, 206 Northern Trails Drive, came before the Commission. She asked if there were any plans to install benches and trash cans along the path in the Gulf. City Manager Cagle noted that benches have already been installed and that trash cans have been ordered and will be installed once they are received. Mrs. Chastain questioned if picnic tables would be installed. City Manager Cagle stated in the future.

City Manager Cagle stated that she has no reports. She said that she had distributed the new budgets to the Commissioners.

Commissioner Shipley expressed his appreciation for the fire department and reiterated Mayor Coppinger's statement of Excellence. Commissioner Shipley stated that former City Manager Stulce and Police Chief Hamrick had worked hard to find money to create the paid fire department. Police Chief Hamrick gave some of his officers to the fire department and stated that this how the departments work together. He said that it is always a hard decision to raise taxes, but in order to operate it is sometimes necessary.

Vice-Mayor Skates requested that in light of what happened earlier today in Chattanooga that the City and County revisit placing a School Resource Officer in the middle school in conjunction with the elementary schools as well. Commissioner Shipley asked City Manager Cagle to meet with Police Chief Hamrick, Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, Hamilton County

Board of Education, Mayor Coppinger and Commissioner Fairbanks to achieve SROs in all the schools. City Manager Cagle said that we would not be able to staff all the schools.

Commissioner Shipley noted that school begins August 13th. Police Chief Hamrick stated that he would check in to this and report back at the next meeting.

Commissioner Cothran asked that the Police Department address the speeding problem at the intersection of Dallas Hollow Road and Hixson Pike at the lake. He said that citizens had requested that radar be operated in this area. He expressed his heart felt sympathy and prayers to each family of the shooting victims. He cautioned the audience to be aware of their surroundings at all times.

Commissioner Adams questioned the status of an ordinance giving Mike Brown the authority to do what he does. City Manager Cagle said that this is a work in progress.

Mayor Nunley read an invitation from the Stoney Point Baptist Church for a celebration on Sunday at 10:45 a.m.

ADJOURNED 7:41 P.M.

REC. SEC. DOLBERRY