

A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
THE CITY OF SODDY-DAISY, TENNESSEE WAS HELD
ON THURSDAY, JULY 17, 2014 AT 7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

MAYOR CAGLE

VICE-MAYOR NUNLEY

COMMISSIONER ADAMS

COMMISSIONER SHIPLEY

COMMISSIONER SKATES

CITY ATTORNEY ELLIOTT

RECORDER JOHNSON

The minutes of the regular meeting held June 19, 2014 were approved as presented.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

None.

Mayor Cagle announced that City Manager Stulce resigned his position on Wednesday, July 16th. Commissioner Shipley stated that Hardie Stulce performed his job well as City Manager. He said Mr. Stulce was very good at obtaining grants for the City. He said Mr. Stulce has served the City for over 40 years as Fire Chief, Mayor and City Manager. Commissioner Shipley said Mr. Stulce should be commended. Mayor Cagle said Mr. Stulce left the City in good condition.

Citizens Participation:

Mark Gann, 9792 Berry Meadow Way, stated that there is a code violation in Blackberry Farms Subdivision. Mr. Gann distributed pictures showing farm animals in the back yard of a neighbor's house. Mayor Cagle asked Mr. Gann if he knew how many of these animals the neighbor had. Mr. Gann said he did not. City Attorney Elliott said the zoning ordinance is set up to explain the types of uses that are allowed. He said Mr. Gann is in an R-1 zone which is the

most restrictive zone. City Attorney Elliott questioned the extent of the animals located on this property. He said from the pictures, it looks to be several farm animals. City Attorney Elliott stated that the codes enforcement officer will need to make a determination if they are in violation of the code.

Finance Director Burt Johnson stated that in the previous meeting the Board approved to enter into a real estate agreement to buy the “Soddy Creek Gulf” property. He said he needs for the Board to approve which line item in the Budget the Board wishes to pay the \$25,000 in earnest money and the remaining \$175,000 for the initial payment. He said this is an unbudgeted item and recommended the Board approve to pay the \$200,000 out of the “Unbudgeted Funds” line item. Commissioner Skates made a motion to pay the \$200,000 from the “Unbudgeted Funds” line item, seconded by Commissioner Adams and the ayes were unanimous.

Finance Director Johnson said the City received an interest rate quote from the TML Bond Fund to borrow \$950,000 for the purchase of the “Soddy Creek Gulf” property. He said quotes for 3, 5 & 7 year terms were included in the packets. Finance Director Johnson said he will obtain at least two more quotes. He recommended a 3 year note term due to the interest savings compared to the 5 and 7 year notes. Commissioner Skates made a motion to obtain a \$950,000 3 year note to purchase the “Soddy Creek Gulf” property, seconded by Vice-Mayor Nunley and the ayes were unanimous.

Finance Director Johnson asked the Board if they had any questions for Public Works Director Steve Grant concerning the paving list he gave them. There was discussion about priority. It was determined that North Brook Drive would be first and for Public Works Director Grant to begin as soon as possible.

Commissioner Shipley thanked Robert Cothran, the Public Works Department and all others that were involved in the July 4th Celebration.

Commissioner Adams stated that he has received a lot of positive feedback on the purchase of the “Soddy Creek Gulf” property.

Commissioner Adams said he has received multiple complaints about speeding in various areas of the City. He questioned the use of speed humps. Commissioner Adams said the use of patrol officers only works when they are present but once they leave everyone speeds up again.

Mayor Cagle announced her resignation as Mayor effective immediately. She said it has been a good experience being able to serve the City in this capacity. Mayor Cagle thanked everyone for their support. Commissioner Skates made a motion to accept Mayor Cagle’s resignation, seconded by Commissioner Shipley and the ayes were unanimous.

Commissioner Shipley question if the Board wished to fill the vacant seat. Margaret Chastain approached the Board and requested for them to leave the seat vacant. She said she felt the four remaining commissioners could make all the necessary decisions for the next few months until a new commissioner was elected. Ms. Chastain said appointing someone would give them an unfair advantage in the upcoming election.

City Attorney Elliott requested a ten minute recess to search the code to see if the Board is required to fill the seat. When City Attorney Elliot returned, he stated it is the option of the Board to fill the seat, but it is not a requirement. Commissioner Skates stated she would like to nominate someone who will not run in the upcoming election. She said the City needs a full Board at this time. Commissioner Skates made a motion to nominate Max Lowe. She sated he has served the City for over 42 years as a volunteer fireman and would be an asset to the City. Commissioner Shipley seconded the motion and the ayes were unanimous.

City Attorney Elliott said the City would swear in Mr. Lowe at the next commission meeting.

Jim Adams said the Board needs to appoint a new City Manager and he made a motion to appoint Janice Cagle, seconded by Commissioner Shipley and the ayes were unanimous.

ADJOURNED 7:33 P.M.

RECORDER JOHNSON