

A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
THE CITY OF SODDY-DAISY, TENNESSEE WAS HELD
ON THURSDAY, JULY 20, 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

Mayor Cothran presented retired, Sergeant Davy Philpott with a proclamation proclaiming July 20, 2017 as “Davy Philpott Day.” Police Chief Phillip Hamrick presented Sergeant Philpott with his service weapon and a plaque. Sergeant Philpott thanked everyone in attendance.

Police Chief Hamrick announced that Lieutenant Jeff Gann has been promoted to Captain and Sergeant Marty Bowman has been promoted to Lieutenant. He also announced that Officer Jerry Workman and Officer Dennis Waters were promoted to Patrol Sergeant and Officer Chip Smith was promoted to Detective.

Captain Jeff Gann said the City has recently hired several new patrol officers. He said a panel of interviewers was assembled to select these officers and he is very proud of the quality of officers the City was able to hire. Police Chief Hamrick announced the following names for the audience and asked them to come forward: Rick Cook, Keith Hindmon, Jeff Rahn, Jeremy Morrison, Bobby Combs, Ally Roach and Kristin Hill.

Mayor Cothran said he recently received a good report in regard to the City's police department. Police Chief Hamrick stated that in the past the City would lose officers to other agencies due to other agencies paying higher wages. He stated that now Soddy-Daisy is able to hire well trained officers from other agencies due to the City offering better wages which is a direct correlation to the continued support from the Board of Commissioners. Police Chief Hamrick thanked the Board.

The minutes of the regular meeting held July 6, 2017 were approved as presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

Citizens Participation:

Shane Harmon, 8353 Dayton Pike, stated that he recently had the misfortune of having to call Hamilton County's 911 Center. He said it made him really appreciate the City of Soddy-Daisy's dispatchers and the job that they do.

Max Orr, 11235 Dayton Pike, questioned why Hamilton County was closing the transfer station. City Manager Cagle said Hamilton County Mayor Jim Coppinger told her that it was losing money and it needed at least a \$300,000 investment to upgrade the equipment. Mr. Orr stated there will be an increase in the amount of garbage lying around in the City.

City Manager Cagle stated that Public Works Director Steve Grant met with Talley Construction and received an estimate to mill and resurface around the viaduct near the Family Dollar. She stated the estimate is \$44,000 and asked for approval from the Board to spend up to \$50,000 in case the quantities end up being more than expected. Commissioner Shipley made a

motion to spend up to \$50,000, seconded by Commissioner Nunley and the ayes were unanimous.

City Manager Cagle stated that Public Works Director Steve Grant met with Talley Construction and received an estimate to mill the three miles of Dallas Hollow Road that is in the City. She stated the estimate is between \$21,000 and \$24,000 per mile. She requested for the Board to approve up to \$75,000 to mill the entire three miles. Commissioner Shipley made a motion to spend up to \$75,000, seconded by Commissioner Nunley and the ayes were unanimous.

City Manager Cagle said the Board received figures related to the Certified Rate before the meeting and asked the Board members to contact Finance Director Burt Johnson or her if they had any questions. She stated that in the past every time the Certified Rate dropped, the Board would accept that rate and it caused the City to get in a hole financially. City Manager Cagle said she would not like to see the City go backwards again. Commissioner Shipley stated he was on the Board during the time City Manager Cagle spoke of and watched the City get in a hole as well. He said he was in favor of keeping the rate at \$1.3524. Commissioner Shipley said lowering the tax rate looks good at election time, but not at budget time. Mayor Cothran said he is not in favor of seeing the City return to the situation it was in several years back either. Commissioner Nunley agreed with Mayor Cothran and Commissioner Shipley. Recorder Burt Johnson was instructed to prepare an ordinance to keep the tax rate at \$1.3524.

Commissioner Shipley congratulated Sergeant Davy Philpott on his retirement and welcomed all of the newly hired officers. He said he can remember when police officers qualified to receive food stamps. He said he is happy that those times have changed.

City Manager Cagle informed the new officers that citizens, commissioners and former commissioners of Soddy-Daisy stay involved. She noted the City's first Mayor, Max Orr, was in attendance tonight along with former commissioner and state representative Arnold Stulce and former commissioner Shane Harmon. City Manager Cagle said Soddy-Daisy is growing but still has a small community feel.

Commissioner Lowe stated that "we" must be doing something right to be able to hire seasoned officers. He told them the Board "had their back."

Mayor Cothran said he loved the City's police and fire departments. He stated that he is impressed by the way they handled themselves in public.

Mayor Cothran said he felt the train caboos at the North Park was an eyesore and stated he has received complaints from citizens. Commissioner Nunley agreed and said it is a liability. City Manager Cagle stated that Norfolk Southern could be contacted again to see if they will pick it up. Public Works Director Grant said he will reach out to them. City Manager Cagle noted the caboos was still the property of the railroad. Commissioner Nunley made a motion to authorize Public Works Director Grant to pursue returning the caboos to Norfolk Southern, seconded by Commissioner Lowe and the ayes were unanimous.

ADJOURNED 7:28 P.M.

RECORDER JOHNSON