

A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
THE CITY OF SODDY-DAISY, TENNESSEE WAS HELD
ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2017 AT 7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

MAYOR COTHRAN

VICE-MAYOR ADAMS

COMMISSIONER LOWE

COMMISSIONER NUNLEY

COMMISSIONER SHIPLEY

CITY MANAGER CAGLE

CITY ATTORNEY ELLIOTT

RECORDER JOHNSON

The minutes of the regular meeting held July 20, 2017 were approved as presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

Citizens Participation:

James Berry, 119 West Walden Circle, stated that he was approached by a non-profit organization, God's Extended Hands, which would like to provide free meals, groceries, hygiene items, etc. to those in need and use one of the City's parks. City Manager Cagle questioned how often they would like to do this. Mr. Berry said maybe once a month. Commissioner Lowe asked if they would be interested in assisting the Food Bank. Mr. Berry said he felt they would be interested in doing so. Commissioner Nunley questioned the organization's non-profit status. Mr. Berry stated they were using another church's 501(c)3. Commissioner Lowe told Mr. Berry to have a representative from the organization to meet with the City Manager and bring information related to their non-profit status.

Allan Lee, 118 Friendship Lane, requested a status update for the flooding issue in his area. Public Works Director Steve Grant said he met with Wisser Consultants and the engineer believes the problem is related to the gravel that was in the pipe as well as the drain tiles on Friendship Lane need to be increased in size. He said he felt the project needs to be completed before any action is taken.

Dale Lovelady, 193 Bean Street, said he was appreciative of the quick action to replace the guardrail on Hyatte Road. He questioned if the entrance to the back of the school was going to be closed. City Manager Cagle said she did not believe that would happen. She stated that it would put too many cars on Sequoyah Road. Mr. Lovelady asked if there was any electronic device to count cars that do not stop at the stop sign at Hyatte Road and Hixson Street. City Manager Cagle stated that the City has a traffic trailer to count cars but it will not count cars that do not stop at a stop sign. Public Works Director Grant said he spoke with an engineer and he is coming next week to advise if there is any solution. Commissioner Shipley stated he should not have spoken out about closing the entrance to the school on Hyatte Road. He said most of the problem is not kids. Commissioner Shipley said speed humps are not a good idea to slow traffic down due to the fact that they could cause someone to go over the embankment.

Jackie Penney, 204 Hyatte Road, stated he was not sure there is a solution. He said it is a nice cut through road though.

City Manager Cagle stated that Public Works Director Grant compiled a spreadsheet of roads that need to be striped. She asked for direction from the Board if they would like to have these roads striped and if they would like to add any to the list. City Manager Cagle said this would have to be put out for bid due to the cost. Mayor Cothran stated that the idea is to put thermo plastic on roads that will not be resurfaced in the near future and use paint on the others.

Commissioner Adams requested for O'Sage Drive to be added to the list. Commissioner Lowe asked Public Works Director Grant what thermo plastic consisted of. Public Works Director Grant explained that it is a rubberized material that is heated while being placed on the road. It was the consensus of the Board to put the road striping out for bid.

City Manager Cagle stated that the City advertised for a Request for Proposals (RFP) to replace the current phone system. She asked Finance Director Burt Johnson to explain. Finance Director Johnson stated that the City has budgeted for the past three years to replace the City's twenty-five year old phone system. He said the RFP is to replace the phone system with a voice over IP system which will extend to all of the City's buildings. Finance Director Johnson said the City received two bids and they were very comparable in price. He said he felt CRI did a lot of investigative work on the front end to make sure they were familiar with the City's operation. He stated he was confident they will provide the City with the solution that is needed and recommended the Board to award the project to CRI. Commissioner Shipley made a motion to award the project to CRI, seconded by Commissioner Lowe and the ayes were unanimous.

Commissioner Shipley stated that there is a water issue on Lou Lane around a sewer manhole. He said the WWTA has tested it and it is pure groundwater. He stated that a pipe was inserted several years ago that alleviated the problem at that time. Commissioner Shipley said something has changed and now the homeowner's yard always has standing water. He said the WWTA has stated that they are not responsible. Commissioner Shipley asked City Attorney Elliott if the City legally could do anything to help. City Attorney Elliott stated that it needed to be for a public purpose and this seems just to help one individual. He said "we" have to spend public dollars on a public purpose. Commissioner Shipley said he will leave it up to the WWTA to do something since the sewer does not belong to the City.

Commissioner Lowe said there are some barrels blocking the view of motorists coming onto Dayton Pike in the construction zone. He asked Public Works Director Grant if he could have them moved back.

Commissioner Nunley stated there is still concern from residents on Wall Street about their flooding issue and they feel the City is not taking action. Public Works Director Grant said he does not think there is anything that can be done.

Vice-Mayor Adams stated that sometimes flooding issues are an act of God and there is nothing that can be done to prevent it.

Mayor Cothran recognized several Soddy-Daisy High School students in the audience and thanked them for attending.

Commissioner Nunley said the trailer full of donations to assist the hurricane victims is now going to Florida instead of Texas. He thanked everyone for their donations.

Mayor Cothran stated the Soddy-Daisy Community has some great people.

ADJOURNED 7:44 P.M.

RECORDER JOHNSON