

A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF THE CITY OF SODDY-DAISY, TENNESSEE, WAS
HELD ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 2012 AT 7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:
MAYOR JIM ADAMS
VICE-MAYOR JANICE CAGLE
COMMISSIONER SHANE HARMON
COMMISSIONER RICK NUNLEY
COMMISSIONER GENE SHIPLEY
CITY MANAGER HARDIE STULCE
CITY ATTORNEY SAM ELLIOTT
CITY RECORDER BURT JOHNSON

Christmas Parade trophies were presented by Robert Cothran and Dawn Patton. The winners were: School winner - Soddy-Daisy JROTC; Church winner – First Baptist Church of Soddy Daisy; Judge’s choice – Center Stage; Business winner – Priority Waste; and Organization winner – Cub Scout Pack 3266. Mr. Cothran commended the Police & Public Works departments for their hard work.

The minutes of the meeting held December 1, 2011 were approved as presented.

Old Business:

2011-2012 ORDINANCE NO. ____

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SODDY-DAISY, TENNESSEE,
ACCEPTING HOOD ROAD AS A PUBLICLY DEDICATED CITY STREET
AND RENAMING IT ERNEST LAYNE DRIVE. SECOND AND FINAL READING.**

Commissioner Harmon asked City Manager Stulce if the City had any plans to do anything to the road. City Manager Stulce informed the Board that there were no plans at this time.

1st - Commissioner Nunley
2nd - Commissioner Harmon
Ayes - Unanimous

New Business:

**A ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SODDY-DAISY, TENNESSEE,
AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO EXCLUDE TAX-EXEMPT
INSTITUTIONS FROM C-2, C-3, M-1 AND M-2 ZONES. PUBLIC HEARING AND
FIRST READING.**

City Attorney Elliott explained the purpose of the City's Zoning Ordinance. He stated it established that development occurs in the proper areas and to foster commercial development where it is most appropriate. He explained that C-2, C-3, M-1 and M-2 zones are commercial and light industrial districts. City Attorney Elliott stated tax revenues are reduced when non-profit organizations that are not taxable by the State and therefore not taxable by the City own prime commercial property. He stated this ordinance is geared to take those properties out of a situation where they could be purchased by tax-exempt organizations and no longer produce tax revenue for the City.

1st - Commissioner Shipley
2nd - Commissioner Nunley
Ayes - Unanimous

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SODDY-DAISY, TENNESSEE,
ACCEPTING BAILEY FARMS ROAD AS A PUBLICLY DEDICATED CITY
STREET. PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING.**

Public Works Director Steve Grant explained the location of Bailey Farms Road and there was no other discussion.

1st - Commissioner Shipley
2nd - Commissioner Harmon
Ayes - Unanimous

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SODDY-DAISY, TENNESSEE,
AMENDING ARTICLE VIII OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE, BY ADDING A
NEW SUBSECTION 845.1. PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING.**

City Manager Stulce explained this Ordinance establishes that if twenty-five (25%) of a lot is disturbed the owner has to meet the landscaping requirement within one (1) year of the date of the plan approval. He said this is to prevent erosion, street pollution and sediment run-off.

Vice-Mayor Cagle commented that if the site plan contains a buffer, one would have to be in place within the time frame stated in the Ordinance.

1st - Commissioner Nunley
2nd - Commissioner Harmon
Ayes - Unanimous

Citizens Participation:

James Casto, 9048 Daisy Dallas Road, asked the Board if a solution has been reached on the speeding problem on Daisy Dallas Road. Police Chief Phillip Hamrick stated that over 40 cars have been stopped and warned or given tickets. City Manager Stulce said the Public Works Department has installed additional speed limit signs and a hidden driveway sign. Public Works Director Grant then stated that it would cost approximately \$2,500 to have a flashing light installed. Mayor Adams commented that Mr. Casto sent a complimentary letter to the City and has offered to donate \$1,000 to help pay for the cost of a flashing light. Mayor Adams informed Mr. Casto he would be contacted once a resolution has been reached.

City Manager Stulce made an announcement that the Soddy-Daisy Fire Department would be hosting a dinner for the Tri-State Mutual Aid Association at First Baptist of Soddy-Daisy in the fellowship hall on Monday January 16th at 7:00 p.m. He said this association is the mechanism that allows departments to respond outside their jurisdiction to assist each other.

City Manager Stulce said that several months ago the Board was approached by an individual that lives at the dead end of Brumlow Hollow Road about some issues with the road.

He said legally it is not a City street and therefore the City is not allowed to spend public funds to fix the road. City Manager Stulce said it was his recommendation to start the process to make this portion of Brumlow Hollow Road a City street. There was discussion from the Board about what it would take to make this portion of Brumlow Hollow Road a City street. Commissioner Shipley made a motion to have the City Manager and Public Works Director proceed with gathering data to make the continuation of Brumlow Hollow Road a publicly dedicated City street, seconded by Commissioner Nunley and the ayes were unanimous.

City Manager Stulce said he received a letter from Waste Connections of Tennessee stating they would like to extend the contract an additional three (3) years with no price increase. He said he has informed them that it would be up to the Board to extend the contract. Commissioner Harmon asked when was the last time Waste Connections of Tennessee increased the City's rate. He was informed that they increased the rate on July 1, 2011. City Attorney Elliott stated he could draft a letter that would confirm the City's acceptance of the contract extension premised upon the condition there be no price increases in the first year of the renewal. Commissioner Shipley made the comment that some of the City's mobile home parks pay for garbage service and some do not. He said he thought if one paid, all should pay. He said the service should be re-bid to make some necessary changes to the contract. Vice-Mayor Cagle agreed that competitive bidding would be beneficial. Commissioner Harmon made a motion for the City to revisit what costs can be saved and the service be put out for competitive bid, seconded by Commissioner Shipley and the ayes were unanimous.

City Manager Stulce asked Police Chief Hamrick to share some statistics from the police department for 2011. Police Chief Hamrick informed the Board of how many total calls came through the City's dispatch, how many criminal charges were assessed, the number of traffic accidents and several other items. He noted that there were no fatalities due to traffic accidents in

2011. Police Chief Hamrick stated that the City Court has assessed over \$296,000 in fines and fees of which \$65,000 have been collected. There was some discussion from the Board on the amount of the unpaid fines. Vice-Mayor Cagle suggested the City investigate the idea of accepting credit cards. She said this could benefit the City's collection rate. There was some discussion between Police Chief Hamrick and the Board on the increase in crime and drugs in Soddy-Daisy. Commissioner Shipley suggested that neighborhoods start watch programs and urged those in attendance to report suspicious activities to the police department.

Vice-Mayor Cagle said there was a note in the commissioners' packets asking whether or not to go forward with the telecommunications audit. She said since the audit would be at no cost to the City she felt the Board should authorize the Mayor to sign the contract upon approval of the City Attorney. Vice-Mayor Cagle made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract subject to the City Attorney's approval, seconded by Commissioner Harmon and the ayes were unanimous.

Mayor Adams made an announcement that Senator Bo Watson and Representative Richard Floyd have written letters of support to the State in regards to the grant the City has applied for to help construct "Poe's Tavern Park".

ADJOURNMENT 7:54 P.M.

RECORDER JOHNSON