

A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF THE CITY OF SODDY-DAISY, TENNESSEE, WAS
HELD ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2011 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

The minutes of the meeting held November 3, 2011 were approved as presented.

Kristen Wilkey, Senior at Soddy-Daisy High School, presented the Board with a framed photograph of some historical buildings in Soddy-Daisy. Mayor Adams commented that Ms. Wilkey who wants to be a photographer, took the photographs and framed them as part of her senior project. He wished Ms. Wilkey the best of luck.

Robert Cothran, Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 942, presented Fire Chief Phillip Johnson a check for \$1,500 toward the Fire Department Christmas Fund. He also presented Fire Chief Johnson with a check for \$955 collected from participants of the Christmas Parade.

Carl Overton, Telecom Audit Group, gave a presentation to the Board about auditing telephone services. Mr. Overton explained that he is an analyst who looks at phone bills to see if the customer is being over charged. He said there is no statute of limitations in the State of Tennessee. He explained if his company finds that the City of Soddy-Daisy has been over billed by any carrier, his company can obtain a refund for the City. Mr. Overton provided the Board with examples of other cities and counties that have used his company. One example he gave was a check for \$81,000 to Giles County, Tennessee. Mr. Overton said the audit would consist of two phases. He said in the first phase; his company removes prior mistakes and errors and in

the second phase; they look to see what the City thinks they are paying for versus what the City is actually paying for in the way of services. Mr. Overton explained that the City is not responsible for any of his company's expenses. He said they will take 50% of any money recovered for past mistakes and errors and 50% of any savings they find for the City for 18 months. The Board thanked Mr. Overton for presenting them with the information and told him they would need some time for review.

Mayor Adams said the Board had received a proposed Ordinance dealing with animal control such as the on going goat problem at a particular residence in the City and would like more time to contemplate a course of action. He said the issue will be addressed at the first commission meeting in January.

Old Business: None

New Business:

2011-2012 ORDINANCE NO. ____

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SODDY-DAISY, TENNESSEE,
ABANDONING RIGHT-OF-WAY ALONG THE EAST SIDE OF DAYTON PIKE,
FROM HEMLOCK STREET SOUTH TO 8328 DAYTON PIKE. PUBLIC HEARING
AND FIRST READING.**

Mayor Adams explained this is right-of-way that is being abandoned at the south end of the City. He announced it was a public hearing and first reading. There was no discussion.

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

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. PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST
READING.**

City Manager Stulce said currently Hood Road is a public right-of-way. He said the primary reason this is being requested is that there is property at this location that has the potential for development. City Manager Stulce said if a developer wanted to develop this property at the current time, they do not have access to a City street. He stated there are no paving plans at this time. Mayor Adams said he thought to be considered a City street there were certain standards that had to be met. City Attorney Elliott explained the standards are in the subdivision regulations for developers to meet when developing new streets but in this instance the City is making a public right-of-way a City street for possible future development. Vice-Mayor Cagle asked City Attorney Elliott if someone bought this property to develop, would it be their responsibility to bring the street up to code. City Attorney Elliott said that a condition can be added to the Ordinance before it is approved.

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

Citizens Participation:

Punk Heard, 9061 Daisy Dallas Road, asked if something could be done about the “no turn on red” sign at Harrison Lane and Daisy Dallas Road. City Manager Stulce said he checked into it and the City cannot take the sign down. Mr. Heard asked if something could be done about how the traffic lights are set up. He said it didn’t make sense to stop north bound traffic on Daisy Dallas Road for someone to turn right from Harrison Lane onto Daisy Dallas Road. The Board informed Mr. Heard they would check to see if changes could be made to the traffic lights and not be in violation of stipulations put forth by the railroad and the State.

Mike Brainard, 6703 Sawtooth Drive. Ooltewah, Tennessee, came before the Board to request permission to put a trailer at 629 Union Fork Road. He said his grandparents’ house used

to be located at this location and has been torn down. He presented pictures of the house prior to being demolished and pictures of the mobile home they would like to put on the property. Public Works Director Steve Grant said in accordance with the City's ordinance the trailer must improve the property value by 400%. Commissioner Shipley stated by looking at the pictures he felt the mobile home would increase the property value well over the required 400%.

Commissioner Shipley made a motion to approve the mobile home being located at 629 Union Fork Road which was seconded by Commissioner Harmon and the ayes were unanimous.

Robert Cothran, 10175 Dallas Hollow Road, thanked everyone for their participation at the Wall of Honor Dedication Ceremony. Mayor Adams said he has received a lot of positive feedback about the ceremony. Mr. Cothran stated he has already received several applications for names to be placed on the wall at the next year's ceremony. He informed everyone that the applications can now be retrieved on-line at VBA942.org. Mr. Cothran also invited the Board to the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 942 Christmas Dinner at #1 Fire Hall on December 5th at 7:00 p.m.

City Manager Stulce requested approval for the purchase of three (3) hydraulic snow plows and three (3) hopper salt spreaders. He said 5 bids were received. His recommendation was to accept the low bid from O.G. Hughes & Sons at a cost of \$44,944.56. Commissioner Shipley made a motion to approve the purchase, seconded by Commissioner Nunley and the ayes were unanimous.

City Manager Stulce requested permission from the Board to explore making changes to the City's zoning regulations. He stated several times in the past, prime commercial and manufacturing properties sit idle for long periods of time and end up getting sold to not-for-profit or tax exempt organizations. He said once this happens, the City no longer receives property tax dollars from these locations. City Manager Stulce recommended the City examine the zoning

policies and restrict not-for-profit and tax exempt organizations from locating in any Commercial or Manufacturing zoned areas. It was the consensus of the Board for City Manager Stulce to pursue making changes to the current zoning regulations.

Commissioner Shipley said the City has purchased Christmas gift cards for City employees and the fire department in the past and thought it would be appreciated if the City was to purchase them again this year. Commissioner Shipley made a motion to approve the purchase of \$50 gift cards for City employees and the fire department, seconded by Commissioner Harmon and the ayes were unanimous.

Commissioner Shipley thanked Robert Cothran, the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 942 and everyone else who participated in the Wall of Honor Dedication Ceremony. He said he thought it was one of the best days in the City of Soddy-Daisy in a long time.

ADJOURNMENT 7:45 P.M.

RECORDER JOHNSON