

A SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF SODDY-DAISY, TENNESSEE WAS HELD ON THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 2013 AT 6:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:
MAYOR CAGLE
VICE-MAYOR NUNLEY
COMMISSIONER ADAMS
COMMISSIONER SHIPLEY
COMMISSIONER SKATES
CITY MANAGER STULCE
CITY ATTORNEY ELLIOTT
CITY RECORDER JOHNSON

Old Business:

2012-2013 ORDINANCE NO. ____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SODDY-DAISY, TENNESSEE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE GENERAL REVENUE THEREOF FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014 ON AN INTERIM BASIS PENDING RECEIPT OF THE “CERTIFIED RATE” FROM THE ASSESSOR OF PROPERTY OF HAMILTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE, PURSUANT TO T.C.A. SECTION 67-5-1701, TO BE KNOWN AS THE GENERAL REVENUE ORDINANCE FOR SAID YEAR. SECOND AND FINAL READING.

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

2012-2013 ORDINANCE NO. ____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SODDY-DAISY, TENNESSEE, APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2013 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2014. SECOND AND FINAL READING.

1st - Vice-Mayor Nunley
2nd - Commissioner Skates
Ayes - Unanimous

New Business:

2012-2013 RESOLUTION NO. ____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SODDY-DAISY, TENNESSEE,
ADOPTING A CLASSIFICATION AND PAY PLAN FOR CITY EMPLOYEES FOR
FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014.**

1st - Commissioner Skates
2nd - Vice-Mayor Nunley
Ayes - Unanimous

Citizens Participation:

Larry Harrison, 9807 Berry Meadow Way, said he was in attendance 2 years ago at the special called meeting when the Board was considering raising taxes and that he was in favor of the increase then due to it being clear there were needs. He stated that the current 35% increase is significant considering the Board just raised the property taxes. Mr. Harrison said he understands that in prior years the property tax should have been increased but wasn't and it has caused the Board to play "catch up." He said he hopes that in the future the increases will not be so dramatic. Mayor Cagle stated that if there were any need to raise property taxes in the near future the Board hopes it would be very minimal. She said this increase should get the City in a position to pay for a "partially staffed" fire department and put money in reserve for matching funds on paving projects.

Jackie Penney, 204 Hyatte Road, questioned if any of the Board members had to live on \$765 to \$1,200 a month. He said he sees people having to do without medicine due to having to pay property taxes. Mr. Penney said sometimes the Board does not consider the poor people in the City. Mayor Cagle stated that the Board had several budget workshops and this subject was discussed in all of them. She said the Board still has to try to make decisions that are best for the City as a whole. Commissioner Shipley said he thinks there is a of tax relief program to assist

people who can't afford to pay their bills. City Attorney Elliott said there is information on the Tennessee State Comptroller's website stating there is tax relief available for people 65 years or older with a certain income level.

Edwin Baggett, 10873 Ward Road, stated "it seems that the property taxes go up every year and I can't afford more taxes."

City Manager Stulce stated he served as a commissioner in the past and raising property taxes is not taken lightly. He said the demands on the City have increased and "we" have pursued additional funds by other means but with no luck. City Manager Stulce said when the Board increased property taxes 2 years earlier, he informed them then it would not be enough. He said the City has 2 choices, increase revenue or eliminate services. He stated that he didn't think anyone would like to eliminate services. City Manager Stulce said the City has applied three times for a SAFER Grant to help fund paid firefighters but every application has been denied. He read a section from the application that spoke of the needs of the City and the limited revenue to address the needs.

ADJOURNED 7:05 P.M.

RECORDER JOHNSON