

A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF  
SODDY-DAISY, TENNESSEE WAS HELD  
ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2023 AT 7:00 P.M.

INVOCATION BY: JACKIE PENNEY

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY:  
MAYOR EVERETT

MEMBERS PRESENT:  
MAYOR EVERETT  
VICE-MAYOR COLEMAN  
COMMISSIONER KEITH  
COMMISSION PENNEY  
COMMISSIONER SHIPLEY  
CITY MANAGER JOHNSON  
CITY ATTORNEY ELLIOTT  
ASSISTANT RECORDER DOLBERRY

STAFF AND OTHERS PRESENT:  
SEE ATTACHED COPY OF SIGN IN SHEET

The minutes of the regular meeting held November 16, 2023 were approved as presented.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**2023-2024 ORDINANCE NO. 9**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SODDY-DAISY, TENNESSEE,  
AMENDING 2022-2023 ORDINANCE NO. 17 ADOPTING THE 2023-2024  
GENERAL FUND BUDGET. SECOND AND FINAL READING.**

1<sup>st</sup> - Vice-Mayor Coleman to approve  
2<sup>nd</sup> - Commissioner Shipley  
Ayes - Unanimous

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None.

City Manager Johnson requested approval of employee gift/bonuses. He said the bonuses have typically been \$100.00 and are given to all full-time and part-time employees.

1<sup>st</sup> - Commissioner Keith to approve  
2<sup>nd</sup> - Commissioner Penney  
Ayes - Unanimous

City Manager Johnson requested approval for purchase of picnic tables from Global Industrial. He said this is part of the budget amendment just approved. He said the tables were discussed a year and half ago. He further stated that they will be purchased using the co-operative purchasing agreement at a cost of \$21,889.92. Commissioner Penney questioned where the tables will be installed. City Manager Johnson said Scramble Alley, Veterans Park, and at the North Park.

1<sup>st</sup> - Vice-Mayor Coleman to approve  
2<sup>nd</sup> - Commissioner Penney  
Ayes - Unanimous

Fire Chief Dusty Morgan requested approval for the purchase of Fire Hose from Tennessee Fire Equipment at a cost of \$16,772.00. He said the hose requires a 10 month lead time for delivery. He said the hose will be purchased out of next year's budget and will not be delivered until October 2024, but needs to be ordered now to insure delivery then. City Manager Johnson said this can be purchased in place of purchasing a vehicle.

1<sup>st</sup> - Commissioner Keith to approve  
2<sup>nd</sup> - Commissioner Shipley  
Ayes - Unanimous

Fire Chief Morgan requested approval for the purchase of chairs for Station 1 from Dreamseat at a cost of \$7,520.77. He said this was included as part of the remodeling of Station Number 1. He said it is for 8 leisure chairs. He said that other fire stations have purchased these same chairs and have had no issues with them. Commissioner Penney questioned if these are only for Station 1. Fire Chief Morgan said yes as the other Stations have new furniture.

1<sup>st</sup> - Commissioner Keith to approve  
2<sup>nd</sup> - Commissioner Penney  
Ayes - Unanimous

Fire Chief Morgan requested approval for the purchase of 4 beds for Station 1. He stated the beds will have drawers under them for storage. He said that the quote shows the plywood

under the mattress at a cost of \$81.00 per sheet. He said this could be purchased separately at a lesser cost. He requested approval of the purchase excluding the plywood at a cost of \$4,744.00.

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Commissioner Shipley to approve excluding the plywood
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Commissioner Keith
- Ayes - Unanimous

Citizens Participation:

Gary Newman, Soddy-Daisy Cruizers, requested approval of two car shows at the Veterans Park to be held the second Saturday in April and the second Saturday in September. City Manager Johnson questioned if Mr. Newman had contacted City Hall to verify those dates are available. Mr. Newman said he had not. City Attorney Elliott stated that with legislation now requiring that any business to be voted on by the Commission must be on the agenda and published a minimum of 48 hours prior to the meeting, this could not be voted on tonight. He said if there is no objection by the Commission this could be added to the next agenda or the consensus of the Board could allow City Manager Johnson to grant the request. There was no objection, therefore, City Manager Johnson to approve.

Ronald Kellogg, 9630 Shooting Star Circle, requested use of the Veterans Park for a car show on April 20<sup>th</sup>. He said that he had spoken with City Hall and the date requested is available. City Attorney Elliott again reiterated that the if no objection from the Commission, City Manager Johnson could grant this. There was no objection.

Adam Presley, President of Saddle Pals Riding Club, said that there had been an issue to arise just before the Soddy-Daisy Christmas Parade. He said when he was contacted with his number and staging location, he was also advised that horses would be required to wear tail bags. He said this has not been required in the past and was not listed in the parade rules. He said the cost of the bags is \$60.00 each and the horse must be trained to use the bags. Mr. Presley said that

he felt this was an unfair requirement and costly requirement for a once per year parade that is only 3 miles long. He said that originally he had 50 horses scheduled to ride in the parade and due to this requirement only 30 participated. He said after the parade he drove the parade route and saw only 5 piles in the turning lane. He said the trash left by the spectators along the highway far exceeded this. City Attorney Elliott noted that the horse debris is organic. City Manager Johnson said that the City was unaware that horses had to be trained for this and informed the riding clubs less than 24 hours after telling them that bags would be required that they could participate without them, but that it may be a requirement next year. Mr. Presley said that he does not want this to be a requirement and does not want the Board to act on this without him being present to discuss. City Attorney Elliott said the Board could hear this at the next meeting or leave the decision up to the City Manager. Mayor Everett said that for this reason the horses are at the end of the parade. Commissioner Penney asked if all participants pay the same fee. City Manager Johnson stated that there is no fee charged. Donations are made for Christmas for Kids provided by the Firefighters Association. Mr. Presley said that State Law allows for you to ride horses anytime. He said horses have more rights than bicycles on roadways. City Manager Johnson said if this is a requirement next year they will be notified well in advance. Commissioner Keith asked who gave he directive. Public Works Director Grant stated that he did.

Joshua Light, Band Director for Soddy-Daisy High School, came before the Board to introduce himself and to verify that the Commissioners had received a letter that he sent to each of them requesting a donation to the Band. He also wanted to announce that the Band would be hosting the US Navy Band on February 14, 2024. He said this concert would be free, but would require tickets. He said how the tickets are to be issued is yet to be determined. He said they hope to have 1,500 in attendance for the event. Mayor Everett asked if they could be collecting donations or selling concessions at the end as a fundraiser. Mr. Light said no, the Federal

Government does not allow this. City Attorney Elliott reiterated that the Board cannot vote on a donation tonight as it is not on the agenda. Commissioner Penney asked if the Band receives support from the Trojan Club. Mr. Light stated the Trojan Club is mostly for sport teams. Commissioner Penney asked if the City has ever donated to the Band. City Manager Johnson said that before he was employed by the City \$20,000 was donated to the Band for their trip to the Rose Parade. Commissioner Penney asked the amount requested. Mr. Light said \$76,000 for new instruments or \$15,000+ per year over a five year period. He said any help would be appreciated. He stated that the school system will not allow them to rent instruments. Mr. Light said it costs \$200,000 per year to run the program. He said the students pay \$400 per year which accounts for approximately 40% of the yearly cost. Mr. Light said the remainder is raised through fund raisers. Mayor Everett said that with the projected growth in the City the Band class could increase in size over the next few years. Mr. Light said 20-30% increase in students is expected and in 3 years he will be out of uniforms for new students.

City Manager Johnson announced that this is Police Chief Mike Sneed's last official meeting as he will be retiring after 33 years of service to the City. He said that he has asked Chief Sneed to attend the January 18<sup>th</sup> meeting at which time he honored for his service.

Commissioner Keith said that he has spoken to Public Works Director Grant regarding the condition of a piece of property located in the 1300 block of Old Dayton Pike. He said they are also burning at night and asked that the police department check on this. He thanked everyone for their participation in the Christmas Parade. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Vice-Mayor Coleman said that all of the lights at the North Park have been installed except one. City Manager Johnson said that one light was received broken and they are awaiting the

replacement. He said 5 permits were issued for October with a value of \$757,000.

Commissioner Shipley said that Hamilton County has approved the money for the pavement of the driveway and parking lot the Round Gym along with the Soddy-Daisy High School. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Commissioner Penney said the parade was good and the tree lighting was a huge success. He thanked the Sandens for their work on the tree lighting. He said they are looking for committee members. He commended Commissioner Shipley for his open door policy and the growth planned just outside the City. He said these projects will have an impact on our City.

Mayor Everett thanked the non-profits for their work in the community. He said they all do a great job. He said the parade was great. He announced that the next commission meeting would be on January 18, 2024. He expressed his appreciation for Police Chief Sneed and said that you would not find a better law enforcement officer. He said Chief Sneed very moral, ethical, and provides great leadership. He said he has spent a lot of years keeping the streets safe.

Adjourned 7:34 p.m.

Burt Johnson

