

A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF
SODDY-DAISY, TENNESSEE WAS HELD
ON THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2024 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
ASSISTANT RECORDER DOLBERRY

MEMBERS ABSENT:
CITY MANAGER JOHNSON
CITY ATTORNEY ELLIOTT

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

The minutes of the regular meeting held February 15, 2024 were approved as presented.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SODDY-DAISY, TENNESSEE,
REZONING FROM R-2A RURAL RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO C-2 LOCAL
BUSINESS DISTRICT A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED AT 9450 DAYTON
PIKE. PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING.**

Rohn Poe, 1061 Ivy Manor Court, Hixson Tennessee and Kim Poe Gray, 8726 Brow
Lake Road, Soddy-Daisy, Tennessee were present on behalf of the request. Mr. Poe stated that
the property is one acre in size and everything around it is commercial so they are requesting the
zoning change from residential to commercial. Commissioner Penney asked if the family had
been successful on purchasing additional property behind this lot. Mr. Poe said they are in
the process and waiting to see if the church is willing to sell. Commissioner Penney noted the

Planning Commission has recommended approval of the zoning change. There was no opposition present.

- 1st - Commissioner Shipley to approve
- 2nd - Commissioner Penney
- Ayes - Unanimous

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SODDY-DAISY, TENNESSEE,
ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION FOR THE MAYOR AND COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING.**

Commissioner Shipley said he requested this Ordinance be placed on the agenda. He said that he explained months ago why he felt the Commission should be paid. He said the ordinance would not be effective until after the election in November and the new commissioners are sworn in. He said he feels it is time that the Commissioners are paid.

- 1st - Commissioner Shipley to approve

Vice-Mayor Coleman said that he has questions regarding the Ordinance. He said that he felt all of the Commissioners should get the pay at the same time and is not in favor of two having to wait 2-1/2 years to receive pay. Commissioner Keith said they cannot vote themselves a raise. Vice-Mayor Coleman said he did not feel the Ordinance should be approved with the City Manager and City Attorney both absent from the meeting. Vice-Mayor Coleman said it would not be effective until after the election is certified. Commissioner Keith said they will still not be eligible and he is ok with that. Mayor Everett and Vice-Mayor Coleman agreed that they felt the effective date should be set in 2026 so that once it starts everyone is paid. Commissioner Shipley withdrew his motion.

- 1st - Vice-Mayor Coleman to table action until the next meeting after a workshop is held
- 2nd - Commissioner Shipley
- Ayes - Unanimous

Mayor Everett asked for approval of the Certificate of Compliance for a Retail Package Store at 11278 Dayton Pike, Suite 102 for Nishil Patel. Raj Patel was present and stated that the

liquor store is proposed to be in the middle suite which is approximately 3,500 square feet. He said the total building square footage is 6,200. He said an office is proposed on the north end of the building and is approximately 1,200 square feet. Mayor Everett asked Assistant Recorder Dolberry if this property meets the requirements. Assistant Recorder Dolberry said yes and it is her understanding that the Certificate of Compliance must be approved by the Commission before Mr. Patel can apply to the State. Mr. Patel said the building is already divided into three suites so they are basically not changing anything on the inside. Vice-Mayor Coleman asked if this is the old muffler shop. Mr. Patel said it is. Mayor Everett questioned if the parking is adequate. Vice-Mayor Coleman said he felt there is plenty of parking.

- 1st - Vice-Mayor Coleman to approve
- 2nd - Commissioner Penney
- Ayes - Unanimous

Mayor Everett requested that the action taken in a previous meeting to pay off the Citizens Tri-County Loan be rescinded. Vice-Mayor Coleman said he feels the money should be applied toward the construction of the new building at City Hall. He said the Fire Hall loan is at a lower interest rate than can be applied for at this time.

- 1st - Vice-Mayor Coleman to rescind the motion to pay off the Citizens Tri-County Loan
- 2nd - Commissioner Keith
- Ayes - Unanimous

Mayor Everett said that he is appointing five members to the Parks and Recreation Board. He said they are: Michael Jenkins, Andy Mitchell, Debra Rodery, Nate Sanden, and Justin Sneed. He said the City had a Parks and Recreation Board in past years, but it has not been active for some time. He said the Kids Club and the City have invested a lot in the parks. He said with an active Parks and Recreation Board the City would be eligible for grants that could be used to improve the park areas. He said that he had requested input from the other Commissioners on the appointees. Commissioner Penney said that he thought this would be a

diverse group and bring different opinions to the table. He said he feels the Board can help to build on other activities for the diverse population in the City.

Mayor Everett re-appointed Mark Bivens and Phillip Shipley to the Planning Commission for another 3-year term.

Mayor Everett re-appointed Mike Marlow and Terri Robinson to the Zoning Board of Appeals for another 3-year term. Commissioner Penney asked if everyone appointed had accepted. Mayor Everett said yes.

Citizen's Participation:

Jackie Penney, 204 Hyatte Road, asked if anything could be done to keep large trucks off of Hyatte Road. He said a Blood Assurance bus recently got stuck coming up Hyatte Road. He said that GPS systems consistently bring large vehicles up Hyatte Road. He said Soddy-Daisy High School students have to use Hyatte Road as they are not allowed to use Sequoyah Road. Assistant Recorder Dolberry said that there is no way to correct GPS directions as there are so many different applications for GPS systems. Public Works Director Grant said they he would check to see if signs could be installed.

Rohn Poe questioned the traffic pattern at Harrison Lane regarding the yield sign. Public Works Director Grant said the State had set the signs. Mayor Everett said there is not much that can be done with the signage planned by the State.

Mayor Everett said that City Manager Johnson is absent tonight as he is attending training classes.

Commissioner Keith said that he has discussed the large shipping containers on the property just north of the water company with Public Works Director Grant. He said that a letter needs to be send for these to be removed. Mayor Everett said there are shipping containers on Shearer Street and asked Public Works Director Grant to take a look at these as well.

Vice-Mayor Coleman questioned community service being assigned to individuals in

place of fines. He said that with mowing season fast approaching Public Works Employees will not have time for litter pickup as well. Mayor Everett said that he plans to reach out to the City Judge to discuss this further. He said he has asked District Attorney Wamp to consider this as well. Public Works Director Grant said there is a new employee with the Community Service Department and that person was in court on Tuesday night to talk to the Judge. He said in the past individuals were given 40 hours of community service to be done in 30 days, but now it is one day of service to be completed in 6 months. He said some of the streets that need litter clean up will require flaggers as well. Vice-Mayor Coleman said that City employees need to be utilized elsewhere.

Commissioner Shipley said that Max Orr, the City's first Mayor recently passed away. He said they don't make them any better than Max and Bobbie Orr. He said they looked after this City. He said on the same day, George Wright passed away as well. He asked everyone to remember their families.

Commissioner Penney expressed his condolences to the Orr and Wright families. He said both were wonderful citizens. He said Arbor Day was held last week and 20 trees were planted at the Veterans Park. He expressed his appreciation to Public Works for digging the holes for the trees. He said he was sent an email on becoming a tree city which hopefully would give the City more clout with TVA. He said he would like to discuss this at the next workshop.

Mayor Everett said he has asked the City Manager to discuss this further in a workshop. He said the City has had the same number of staff in administration since 1993. He said the February building permits totaled almost 1 million. He said there is room for lots of growth in every department. He also said he has questions relative to the Commission pay and would like to discuss the Parks and Recreation Board as well. He said George Wright and his family were the same every time you saw them. He said Mr. Orr was fabulous and well

respected in the Community. He said that Fred Skillern had passed away recently as well. He said the City has lost a number of valuable people.

Vice-Mayor Coleman asked if Mountain Shade was made to purchase the permits.

Public Works Director Grant said yes and these permits were issued to homes that are currently vacant.

Adjourned 7:41 p.m.

Burt Johnson