

A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF
SODDY-DAISY, TENNESSEE WAS HELD
ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2023 AT 7:00 P.M.

INVOCATION BY: MARCUS KEITH

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:
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Brian Wright, Johnson, Murphey and Wright PC, presented the annual financial report to the commission. He said that the City had an increase over last year in revenues of approximately 3.5 million dollars with an increase in expenditures of 4 million dollars. He said the increases were due to an increase in grant monies awarded to the City. He said the City did a lot of good with the grant monies. Mr. Wright said the City received a clean opinion and also a clean opinion on the single audit as well which was required due to grant funds. He said a double clean opinion is the best you can get. He thanked City Manager Johnson and his staff for all their help during the audits.

Mayor Everett said the Board had planned to recognize two employees who retired in January, but due to the inclement weather this had been postponed until February 1, 2024.

The minutes of the regular meeting held December 7, 2023 were approved as presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SODDY-DAISY, TENNESSEE,
TO AMEND THE SODDY-DAISY ZONING ORDINANCE, ARTICLE II,
DEFINITIONS AND ARTICLE IV, USES PERMITTED ON APPEAL.
PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING.**

City Manager Johnson stated action had been tabled in November 2023 pending an additional review by the Planning Commission. He said the Planning Commission has amended their original recommendation to only allow mini-storage warehouses and storage facilities in C-2 Local Business District if the parcel cannot install septic facilities and sewer connection is cost prohibitive. He said these uses will still require a Use Permitted on Appeal from the Zoning Board of Appeals. Mayor Everett asked if this addressed Commissioner Keith's concerns. City Manager Johnson said yes. There was no opposition present.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SODDY-DAISY, TENNESSEE,
REZONING FROM C-2 LOCAL BUSINESS, R-2A RURAL RESIDENTIAL
AND A-1 AGRICULTURAL DISTRICTS TO C-2 LOCAL BUSINESS
DISTRICT A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED AT 180 EAST HIGHWATER ROAD.
PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING.**

Sandip Patel, 5484 Mandarin Circle, Hixson, Tennessee was present on behalf of the request. Commissioner Penney said that the Planning Commission had recommended approval of the request and that the parcel adjoins C-2 zoning. Mr. Patel said this is a 5 acre tract located across from the Dollar General on East Highwater Road. Commissioner Shipley asked Mr. Patel what he plans to build? Mr. Patel said that he does not have a plan at this time, but perhaps in two years he would develop the property commercially. There was no opposition to the request.

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

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SODDY-DAISY, TENNESSEE,
AMENDING THE SODDY-DAISY ZONING ORDINANCE, ARTICLE VII,
SECTION 130.4.1(g), TEMPORARY USE PERMITS REQUIRED. PUBLIC
HEARING AND FIRST READING.**

City Manager Johnson said this amendment is to the requirements for a temporary use permit for travel trailers located in the TCM Tourist Court and Motel District zoned property. He said currently there is only the one parcel in the City with this zoning. He said this was discussed in the Commission workshop and the Board felt that the two year waiting period was too long. He said with the change the applicant can apply to stay for 90 days, renew one time for an additional 90 days and then would be required to leave for 90 days. With this change they can stay a total of 180 days within a 270 day time period. There was no opposition present. Curtis Cecil asked if this was relative to trailers in mobile home parks. City Manager Johnson said no only TCM zoning. Commissioner Penney questioned how this would be enforced City Attorney Elliott said that a law suit would have to be filed if the owner does not comply as this does not fall under the Administrative Hearing Officer. Mayor Everett questioned who purchases the permit. City Manager Johnson said that the renter (travel trailer owner) purchases the permit. City Manager Johnson said the amended ordinance would be sent to the property owner once it is approved. He said software is in place to assist the City with enforcement of the Ordinance with the varying expiration dates.

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

City Manager Johnson requested approval of the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for Retention and Compensation of Government Relations and Communication Strategist Professional. He said this is the agreement for the Small City Coalition which has not been updated since 2015. He said the City pays 20% of the employed representative position currently held by Bridgett Raper. He said this amendment would allow the addition or removal

of cities to the coalition as well as hiring a new communication strategist should the current communication strategist ever resign. He said the agreement was prepared by Red Bank's City Attorney and reviewed by City Attorney Elliott.

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

City Manager Johnson requested approval to purchase turnout gear for the fire department from Tennessee Fire Equipment. He said that Fire Chief Morgan is absent tonight. He gave the total cost as \$22,750.00 for 7 sets of gear.

- 1st - Vice-Mayor Coleman to approve the purchase
- 2nd - Commissioner Keith
- Ayes - Unanimous

Citizens Participation:

Seth Green and Christian Nunez, JROTC requested approval of a service learning project in which Mr. Nunez is proposing to construct a flag retirement collection box at the Veteran's Park. City Manager Johnson that he has discussed this with Robert Cothran and feels this is a good project. He said that he would need a drawing of the proposed box to be submitted for review before approval is given. He said the City needs to know what the box will look like to insure it is in keeping with the aesthetics of the Park. Mr. Green asked if this could be emailed to Mr. Johnson. City Manager Johnson said yes.

Joshua Light, Soddy-Daisy High School Band Director, announced that the US Navy Band from Washington D.C. would be performing at the High School on February 14th at 7:00 p.m. He said that although tickets are free, they are required for admittance. He said tickets may be purchased at SDHSband.org, WRCB's website, or on the US Navy Band website. He said only 1,500 tickets are available.

City Manager Johnson said he is glad that the roads in the City are passable. He

explained that salting the roads is ineffective when the temperature is 20° and under. He also stated that the garbage service is running behind due to the inclement weather this week. Public Works Director Grant stated that the garbage service is running two trucks to try to catchup.

Commissioner Penney asked for an update on the installation of the replacement sign for City Hall. City Manager Johnson said the installation was delayed due to the inclement weather, but should be installed next week.

Commissioner Keith said the Keep Kids Warm Coat Drive was a success. He thanked everyone that helped with the drive including the Soddy-Daisy Community Library, Soddy-Daisy Speed Shop, Chad Crow and Terry Vanwinkle. He said 250 coats, 477 pair of socks, 15 gloves and 228 toboggans were collected and distributed to 13 schools in the area. He said a couple from Ft. Oglethorpe had handmade and donated the toboggans.

Vice-Mayor Coleman said that he had received a call expressing appreciation for the clearing of the ditches on Dallas Hollow Road. He expressed his appreciation for the coat drive held by Commissioner Keith.

Commissioner Shipley expressed his appreciation for City Manager Johnson and his staff on a clean opinion on the audit. He said that he does not remember ever having any findings even with Sara Burris the previous City Recorder. He thanked the Public Works Department for working hard and often during the night with the past week's inclement weather. He asked if a new Chief of Police had been appointed with Chief Sneed having retired. City Manager Johnson said that Billy Petty is the new chief. He stated that Billy Petty has worked for the City for 29 years.

City Manager Johnson asked that the Board consider how retirements should be handled in the future with/without a ceremony, etc.

Commissioner Penney thanked Public Works Director Grant for his patience. He congratulated Billy Petty on his appointment to Chief of Police. He said that he feels we are on

the heels of retirees and that some monetary amount should be given for 30+ years of service. He suggested discussing this further to create a plan. City Manager Johnson said there is a potential for retirees who have 30+ years of service within the next five years. He stated that no one is losing their job, but some may retire during this timeframe.

City Manager Johnson thanked Public Works Director Steve Grant and Fire Chief Dusty Morgan for answering the phone in City Hall during the inclement weather. He also thanked Public Works Director Grant for his assistance in preparing the commission packets. City Manager Johnson expressed his appreciation to Assistant Recorder Dolberry for coming into the office on Sunday and sending the packet information ahead of the storm in preparation for tonight's meeting.

Commissioner Shipley said that a new Soddy-Daisy Middle School would be built on the "old" baseball field at the existing location. He said the Middle School is second or third on the list for a new school.

Commissioner Shipley said that in previous years the Commission was not paid. He said this was due to the City having an all volunteer fire department. He said the fire department is now paid and that volunteers received a stipend. He said that he wants to discuss establishing pay for the Commission to begin at the end of his term. He said that he has discussed this with City Manager Johnson and it would be uniform with other cities.

Adjourned 7:47 p.m.

Burt Johnson

