

A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF
SODDY-DAISY, TENNESSEE WAS HELD
ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 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:
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Mayor Everett presented George Wright with a proclamation claiming November 16th as George Wright Day. Mayor Everett said that Mr. Wright has been an asset to the community. Commissioner Shipley noted that Mr. Wright would be the Grand Marshall in the Soddy-Daisy Christmas Parade.

The minutes of the regular meeting held November 2, 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.**

It was noted that action on this Ordinance had been postponed pending the Planning Commission recommendation. Commissioner Penney said that the Planning Commission recommendation was to add language in the C-2 Local Business District to require mini-storage warehouses and/or outside storage of boats, RVs, campers, etc. to be no closer than 3 miles unless the closest facility is at 80% occupancy. He said the mini-warehouses could be constructed on

lots in the C-2 zoning district that cannot get sewer or septic approval as well. Commissioner Penney made a motion to approve the amendment with the removal of the 3 mile, 80% occupancy language from the Ordinance. City Attorney Elliott said this could be approved, with the deletion of the language on the 3 mile distance between developments and the 80% occupancy. City Manager Johnson stated that this came about to give the Zoning Board of Appeals more teeth when approving or denying this use. Mayor Everett asked if the existing businesses would be grandfathered in and could they expand their existing business on the same property. City Attorney Elliott said yes. Commissioner Keith said that he would like to table action and send this back to the Planning Commission for their feedback on removing the 3 miles, 80% occupancy language from the C-2 zoning district. City Attorney Elliott said that the Board could approve the Ordinance with the suggested verbiage relative to the 3 miles and 80% occupancy in C-2 being removed. City Attorney Elliott stated that the Planning Commission provides recommendations, but the majority of the Commission can override the Planning Commission.

- 1st - Commissioner Penney to withdraw his motion and send the Ordinance back to the Planning Commission for further review of the suggested amendment to the language.
- 2nd - Vice-Mayor Coleman
- Ayes - Unanimous

NEW BUSINESS:

2023-2024 RESOLUTION NO. 5

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SODDY-DAISY, TENNESSEE, APPROVING CERTAIN AMENDMENTS AND REVISIONS TO THE PERSONNEL POLICY.

City Manager Johnson said that he had emailed this to the Commissioners and consulted with MTAS regarding the Personnel Policy which was last updated in December of 2009. He said the personal days were omitted on December 3, 2009, but the policy was not corrected with this change. He said there are numerous areas with the policy that have been updated per MTAS

recommendations. He said one of the biggest changes is the addition of 3 floating holidays as well as the recent amendment relative to first responders being added to the policy. Mayor Everett asked if the Policy can be amended later as the need arises? He said there has been some discussion as to reinstating sick leave. City Manager Johnson said amendments can be made, but this overhaul is long overdue.

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

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

City Manager Johnson said the amendment adds projects that were budgeted last year, but not yet completed and will need to be carried over into the next budget year, such as the bedroom addition to Station 1 Firehall, replace the chassis on the tanker, 3 different grants received by the police department totaling \$200,000.00, the SRO program vehicle purchasing and increase in wages for new hires, the concession stand, as well as the Dayton Pike resurfacing project.

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

Fire Chief Dusty Morgan requested approval of a new vendor for painting of the ladder truck. He said the vendor originally awarded the bid cannot give a date as to when the work can be done. The bid was awarded on August 3, 2023. He said the second lowest bidder, Kenworth, was \$198.00 more than the low bidder and can begin the work now. City Attorney Elliott stated that a letter would need to be sent to the original vendor rescinding the bid award.

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

Citizens Participation:

Randall Beavers, 8448 Hidden Cove Road and Vice-President of Christian Motorcycles Association requested that the Christian Motorcycles Association be allowed to hold an appreciation picnic and fundraiser at the Veterans Park on the second Saturday in April of 2024. He said the organization provides bicycles and assists with starting churches in numerous countries across the world. Commissioner Shipley made a motion to approve the request, seconded by Commissioner Keith and the Ayes were unanimous.

City Manager Johnson announced that KELCURT Foundation will hold the groundbreaking for the Community Garden on the site of the “old” Soddy-Daisy High School on Monday, November 20th at 3:00 p.m.

Commissioner Keith questioned the cleanup of the burnt house located on Dayton Pike across from the bait shop. Public Works Director Grant said he has given the owner until the end of December and if not cleaned up then it should come before this Board.

Commissioner Keith questioned the condition of the property located at the corner of Brumlow Hollow Road and Old Dayton Pike as the property is overgrown. Public Works Director Grant said the property is tied up in litigation as two different people are claiming ownership. City Attorney Elliott said he would check on the status of the lawsuit. City Manager Johnson said that the City had mowed the property across from City Hall while waiting on the Violations of the property to be corrected. He asked if this could be done on this property. City Attorney Elliott said that the property could be cleaned by the City and a lien placed on the property and both potential owners notified. Rita “Dede” Shipley said the property is overgrown and the house is deplorable. City Attorney Elliott said that both could be heard at the same time in February.

Vice-Mayor Coleman requested “End of School Zone” signs at Ivy Academy and Soddy-Daisy Middle School. He said the north indicator at Soddy-Daisy Middle School is not working.

Public Works Director Grant said that he and the fire chief are working on these. He said the solar was not working. Public Works Director Grant said the end of zone was removed and replaced with a 40 mph speed sign.

Vice-Mayor Coleman said the side barrier of a drain tile was destroyed at Loop Road and Old Dayton Pike and is very dangerous for kids in the area. He requested that this be looked into.

Commissioner Shipley noted that the tree lighting will be held at Poe’s Tavern tomorrow. He said he believes this is the largest tree in Tennessee. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. Commissioner Shipley commended Chief Sneed on the cameras in the school zones. He said the cameras have other uses aside from detection of speeding. He said Normal Park Elementary had a car parked next to the school and the Police were able to arrest felons due to the school cameras. He said this is the best tool for Police.

Commissioner Penney thanked Chad Crowe and Public Works Director Grant for their work on installing the lights at the pickleball courts. It was noted that these are solar lights.

Mayor Everett reiterated Commissioner Shipley’s comments regarding the license plate readers. He said he knows comments have been made regarding the cameras being an invasion of privacy. He said every individual with a cell phone has their privacy invaded. He said if you every have a child or family member abducted, the cameras could be instrumental in saving a life.

Mayor Everett announced NOOGALIGHTS to be held at the State Park/Pine Tree Park just above the north ballfields. He said tickets are \$15.00 per car if purchased online and \$20.00 per car at the gate. He asked everyone to come out and support the community. He said the community has new energy and spirit. He said he wants to see more of a sense of pride in the

community.

Commissioner Shipley said the Hamilton County Fair was a great success this year. He said over 34,000 attended over the course of the weekend. He said there was great sponsorship.

Mayor Everett said that with the upcoming holidays it is customary to cancel the last meeting in December and the first meeting in January. It was the consensus of the Board to cancel these meetings.

Adjourned 7:52 p.m.

Burt Johnson

