

A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF  
SODDY-DAISY, TENNESSEE WAS HELD  
ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 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  
CITY MANAGER JOHNSON  
CITY ATTORNEY ELLIOTT  
ASSISTANT RECORDER DOLBERRY

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

Mayor Everett presented Mike Sneed with 30 plus years of service and Eddie Vinson with 31 years of service with plaques honoring their years of service as both recently retired from the City. Commissioner Shipley said that he considers them both longtime friends and not just employees. He said both were great employees. Commissioner Penney said that he has known Eddie Vinson all of his life and he is the type of person you want for an employee. He said Mike Sneed loves this City. Vice-Mayor Coleman said that he is proud to have worked with them and both have done a lot for this City. Commissioner Keith expressed his appreciation for all they have done for the City. Mayor Everett said their years of service speaks volumes to their commitment to this City.

The minutes of the regular meeting held January 18, 2023 were approved with the sign in sheet to be attached.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**2023-2024 ORDINANCE NO. 10**

**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.  
SECOND AND FINAL READING.**

Mayor Everett noted that the public hearing was held at the last meeting.

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

**2023-2024 ORDINANCE NO. 11**

**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. SECOND AND FINAL READING.**

Mayor Everett noted that the public hearing was held at the last meeting. There was no opposition present.

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

**2023-2024 ORDINANCE NO. 12**

**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. SECOND  
AND FINAL READING.**

Mayor Everett said that the public hearing was held at the last meeting.

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SODDY-DAISY, TENNESSEE,  
UPDATING THE CITY'S ELECTRICAL CODES AND AMENDING THE  
SODDY-DAISY MUNICIPAL CODE, TITLE 12, CHAPTER 6, SECTION 12-601.  
PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING.**

Public Works Director Grant said that the State audits the electrical permits every few years. He said that the State requires that the City adopts the codes so as to stay within 7 years of the current code. He said the auditor determined that the City is currently operating under an electrical code that is more than 7 years from the current. He said this Ordinance will update the Electrical Code to the 2017 Code which is also the code that Hamilton County and the surrounding municipalities are operating under. City Attorney Elliott questioned the change across the Board relative to enforcing State Regulations. Public Works Director Grant said that he sent a response and has not heard anything further. There was no opposition present.

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

Public Works Director Grant requested approval to pay the cost over run on the recent railroad crossing signage and painting project. City Manager Johnson said that this cost is 100% reimbursable through the grant. Public Works Director Grant said that the additional cost was incurred because either he or TDOT missed it on the spreadsheet.

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

#### Citizens Participation:

Amanda Suttles, Soddy-Daisy High School Band Boosters, announced that on February 14, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the High School the US Navy Band would be performing. She said that although admission is free, tickets are required. They can be purchased at [SDHSBand.org](http://SDHSBand.org). Commissioner Penney questioned how many tickets are allowed. Ms. Suttles said she is not sure, but believes 300.

Jim Stewart, Emerald Bay Drive, announced the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Arbor Day scheduled for March 2<sup>nd</sup> at approximately 9:00 a.m. in the Veteran's Park. He said the event is co-sponsored

by the City of Soddy-Daisy and Keep Soddy-Daisy Beautiful. He said flowering trees will be planted. Anyone wishing to dedicate a tree can purchase one for \$100.00. He said the City Manager and Public Works Director will assist with the placement of the trees in the Park.

Robert Cothran, 10175 Dallas Hollow Road and Vietnam Veterans, said that the Vietnam Veterans organizes the annual Soddy-Daisy Christmas Parade and collects entry donations. He said that this past year there was an issue concerning horses in the parade and whether bags would be required or not. He asked that the Commission decide if they will require them in the future or not and create a rule relative to this for participation as well as setting a fee for all participants. He said to his knowledge a fee for participation has never been charged, but feels this has gotten out of hand. He said the donations are given to the Soddy-Daisy Firefighters Association for providing Christmas to Soddy-Daisy children. He said the last Christmas Parade had 109 applications with only 43 donations. He said that some of the car clubs donate, but others do not. He stated that one club had 6 cars in the parade and donated zero, while another club had 29 cars in the parade and donated \$30.00. He said then an individual will donate \$100-\$150.00. Mr. Cothran said he does not feel this is fair to other entries and something needs to be done to make it fair. He asked that the Commission determine what that fee should be and once these two items are settled, he will send letters via email to all of last year's participants advising them of the changes. Commission Shipley said that he agrees with Mr. Cothran 100 percent. Mayor Everett said the City spends a lot of resources to have the parade. The Commission discussed some various options for fees, but no decision was made. It was decided that this would be discussed in the next workshop. Mayor Everett expressed his appreciation to Mr. Cothran for his work with the parade.

City Manager Johnson said that he did not have anything to discuss. Operations are as usual except for the snow and ice. He stated that the Public Works Department had done a really good job on the patching of pot holes on Daisy Dallas Road. He said that he is looking into

Federal grant monies for the paving of Daisy Dallas Road. Mayor Everett said the recent storm is possibly the worst since the 1993 Blizzard. Commissioner Penney questioned the number of trees that have fallen. Public Works Director Grant said that when power lines are involved, the Electric Power Board will cut the tree, but they leave it on the side of the road and in the ditches. He said if anyone has a fallen tree and the debris has not been removed, let him know.

Commissioner Keith said that Facebook has numerous comments regarding trash on the side of the road on Daisy Dallas and Dallas Hollow Roads. He said the County will send prisoners to pick this up if the City requests it. Public Works Director Grant said the County used to provide this service on a regular basis and then they stopped. He said they requested a list of road two months ago and one was provided, but they have not done anything since the list was provided. He said that several properties on Dallas Hollow Road also need clean-up letters and this is being addressed.

Commissioner Keith asked City Attorney Elliott if it is necessary for people requesting the use of the park for fundraisers/events to come before the Commission. City Attorney Elliott said this is not a requirement, but had been the preference of past Boards to do so. City Manager Johnson said this is not a written policy. Commissioner Keith said he felt this is something that the City Manager could handle. It was the consensus of the Commission to discuss this at the workshop.

Vice-Mayor Coleman said the water company has caused some of the pot holes and is doing a better job of patching them. He noted that the metal roof has now been installed on the new concession stand.

Commissioner Shipley questioned the status of the new building to be constructed behind City Hall. City Manager Johnson said the architects had some questions which have been answered. He said it is close to being bid.

Commissioner Penney thanked Mrs. Suttles for the information regarding the US Navy Band performance at Soddy-Daisy High School. He said that the band director, Mr. Light, had requested donations from the City to the band and asked if donations would be collected at the Navy Band performance. He suggested this might be a good fundraiser for the band. He congratulated the Soddy-Daisy High School Wrestling Team for having an undefeated season and going to compete in the State Championship. He said that Commissioner Shipley was instrumental in getting the paving of the driveway to the wrestling gym approved, but a time has not yet been determined.

Mayor Everett said that he has discussed the repair of streets with the Public Works Director. He clarified that the City does not control any of the utility companies. He said in the past the utility companies have not done a great job in repairing their cuts. He said that Public Works Director Grant is on top of this and they have put some teeth in the requirements for the repair of cuts. He said he does not feel the utility companies should cut a road and then taxpayers dollars have to be used for the repair. He said the water company recently repaired a leak on his street and the company they used did a wonderful job; unlike the previous contractor they used on Dayton Pike.

Mayor Everett said there is a single-wide mobile home with no windows on his street that the neighbors are questioning what is being done? Public Works Director Grant said a Notice of Condemnation has been sent. He said the 120 days has expired and he will check on this.

Mayor Everett said there is a process to condemning property and it does take time.

Adjourned 7:49 p.m.

Burt Johnson

