

A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF
SODDY-DAISY, TENNESSEE WAS HELD
ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2024 AT 7:00 P.M.

INVOCATION BY: COMMISSIONER 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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The minutes of the regular meeting held February 1, 2024 were approved as presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

2023-2024 ORDINANCE NO. ____

**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.
SECOND AND FINAL READING.**

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

Public Works Director Grant requested approval to purchase 300 tons of road salt from Compass Minerals under State Contract. He said the City used 400-600 tons of salt during the recent snow event. City Manager Johnson asked the Board to approve up to \$40,000.00.

Commissioner Penney asked if there is adequate room to store this amount of salt. Public Works Director Grant said yes. He said that \$7,000.00 was spent in overtime pay plus fuel and snow

plow parts.

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

Fire Chief Morgan requested approval to purchase extrication equipment from Municipal Emergency Services (MES) at a cost of \$20,978.61. He said the current air bags are outdated. He said these will be purchased using cooperative purchasing and are under budget.

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

New Business: None.

Citizen's Participation:

Tammy Baxter, 8530 Bay Run Drive, Hixson, Tennessee, said that Joshua Light, band director at Soddy-Daisy High School, came before the Board on December 7th and presented a request for a donation to be used for the purchase of band equipment. She said that he has since sent the Board emails outlining a deal he has worked out with a Music Company. She said Hamilton County has over 19 high school bands. Ms. Baxter said that the Soddy-Daisy High School Band has a great reputation. She said the US Navy Band concert was a great success and 10 members of the high school band even played with them. Mayor Everett asked if the high school band participated in the Christmas Parade. Ms. Baxter said yes. Mayor Everett said this request would be discussed in the next workshop. City Manager Johnson said the next workshop would be held at the end of March.

Michelle Coffman, candidate for Circuit Court Judge, introduced herself. She said she wants to put families first.

City Manager Johnson announced the Soddy-Daisy Community Library Gala to be held on March 2nd at 6:00 p.m. He also announced the 3rd annual Arbor Day to be held on March 2nd at 9:00 a.m. at the Veteran's Park.

City Manager Johnson said the final bill has been received from Talley Construction for the Dayton Pike Paving Project. He said the original cost was \$ 4,028,469.26, the actual cost was \$3,836,046.23 creating a savings of \$192,423.03. He accredited Public Works Director Grant with saving the City money. He said the savings will be applied to the construction of the new building.

Commissioner Keith said the owner's of the house on Old Dayton Pike just past ??? are making an effort to improve the condition of the property. He questioned the status of the burnt house. Public Works Director Grant said that a contractor has contacted him and may be looking at the property. He said the contractor has asked him to meet on site to discuss the project.

Commissioner Keith said the US Navy Band concert was wonderful.

Vice-Mayor Coleman said that he is a board member of the Hamilton County Water Quality Program. He said they plan to donate 10 Petway stations across the area and they will furnish the bags for these. He said he would further discuss this with City Manager Johnson but would like to try and get two with one installed at the dog park and one in the Gulf. He said that he also attended the US Navy Band performance and reiterated how good they were. He said this is the first school in Tennessee that has hosted their performance. Ms. Baxter said there were between 1,150 to 1,200 who attended the performance.

Commissioner Shipley said that the building permits were down in January. He read a letter from George Wright thanking the Board for the proclamation he was given on November 16, 2023 and for choosing him to be Grand Marshal at the Christmas Parade. He said it was an evening he will cherish. He said the caring nature of the citizens of Soddy-Daisy truly make it a great place to live.

Commissioner Penney congratulated the Soddy-Daisy Wrestling Team for winning the State Title. He said 13-14 have qualified to compete in the Individual State match in two weeks.

He said that he is excited about the paving of the parking lot at the old High School Round Gym recently approved by Hamilton County.

Mayor Everett said that he was glad the US Navy Band performance was a success. He asked if the City had agreed to assist with the driveway paving project at the Wrestling Gym. Commissioner Shipley said the left side as the City may use it when the adjoining property is developed.

Mayor Everett said that he and City Manager Johnson along with the County Mayor, and several City Mayors met with Dr. Roberson, Hamilton County Department of Education, to discuss the future of Hamilton County Schools. The formula used to grade schools in the Hamilton County area was also discussed. Mayor Everett said there is more information on the County's website as to how these grades are determined. He said that we have great schools, faculty, staff and parents. He encouraged everyone to look at the website. He said that parents and the community help to make schools great. He said don't be misled by a "letter" grade. City Manager Johnson said we have 8 schools in our City. Mayor Everett said the community needs to be involved and get behind the schools. City Manager Johnson stated that you can create a formula for the outcome you want to achieve.

Commissioner Shipley encouraged individuals to donate money to the Trojan Fund at Soddy-Daisy High School. He said the fund is not just for sports. He said the new turf fields will bring more activity to the schools.

Mayor Everett said that Soddy-Daisy shows up when people are in need, citing the recent coat drive for kids.

Adjourned 7:30 p.m.

Burt Johnson

