

A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF
SODDY-DAISY, TENNESSEE WAS HELD
ON THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 2024 AT 7:00 P.M.

INVOCATION BY: REV. JACKIE PENNEY

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY:
MAYOR EVERETT

MEMBERS PRESENT:
MAYOR EVERETT
COMMISSIONER KEITH
COMMISSIONER PENNEY
COMMISSIONER SHIPLEY
CITY ATTORNEY ELLIOTT
ASSISTANT RECORDER DOLBERRY

MEMBER ABSENT:
VICE-MAYOR COLEMAN
CITY MANAGER JOHNSON

STAFF AND OTHERS PRESENT:
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The minutes of the regular meeting held May 16, 2024 were approved as amended to change the word “with” to “without” on page 5, so that the sentence reads “He said we need additional firefighters and cannot hire them without a tax increase.” The minutes of the special called meetings of May 22 and May 30, 2024 were approved as presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

NONE.

NEW BUSINESS:

Public Works Director Grant requested approval of an estimate from Treeworx to remove a tree at 10132 Card Road, 742 Lovelady Road, and 8723 Springfield Road. Public Works Director Grant said these trees are not on private property, but are located on the City’s right-of-way. He said even though the trees have green on them, they are rotting on the inside. He said

an arborist confirmed this. He further stated that the City has been made aware of two of these being in jeopardy of falling on houses. City Attorney Elliott said the law states that if the City received notice as to the defect and it is on the right-of-way, there is some liability to the City.

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

Fire Chief Morgan requested approval of a purchase order for the yearly donation to the firefighters association.

- 1st - Commissioner Shipley to approve

City Attorney Elliott asked Fire Chief Morgan if the association is audited. Fire Chief Morgan responded yes.

- 2nd - Commissioner Keith
- Ayes - Unanimous

Citizens Participation:

None.

Commissioner Keith questioned the outcome of the citizen who had expressed a dog issue in a previous meeting. He said when something of this nature is brought to an open meeting, the Board needs to know the resolution before it is left off of the agenda. He said he would like to know what happened with the storage containers and dog leashes. It was the consensus of the Board that these type of items remain on the agenda until they are resolved and the resolution relayed to the Board.

Commissioner Shipley said he was glad to see permits for last month were up and strong totaling over \$3 million. He said he wanted to comment on the recent tax increase. He said that he felt it was a good compromise of the commissioners. He said the Board works for the community and that he appreciates all of them. Public Works Director Grant explained that the City does not receive the amount of money shown on the building permit report. He said this

total is the value of the projects being constructed. He said the total permit fees received would have been approximately between \$15,000 and \$18,000.00 based on the total value.

Commissioner Penney agreed with Commissioner Keith to meet with City Manager Johnson to decide what to keep on the agenda and for what period of time. He announced the Independence celebration on July 6th, the first Saturday in July. He urged citizens to participate.

Mayor Everett agreed with the other commissioners' comments on the budget and working together. He said that he asked City Manager Johnson to present other options. He said that he discussed the State cap on tax increases with the State Representatives. He said they told him it was due to immense growth in Middle Tennessee. He asked them to consider amendments as this does not fit Soddy-Daisy and other municipalities. Mayor Everett said State Representatives Watson and Hazelwood would research this. He said the building permit report is awesome. He said that any citizen with questions regarding permits and building are welcome to call the Commissioners, but most of the time they have to contact City Hall to get the answers. He urged citizens to contact City Hall with questions.

Commissioner Shipley said there are new faces in the audience and asked if they missed citizens participation. Angela DuFour, elementary school teacher, came before the Commission. She said that she wants to install living libraries in the parks. Commissioner Shipley said he did not see an issue with this. City Attorney Elliott asked if these are like a kiosk. Ms. Dufour replied yes. City Attorney Elliott suggested she speak with the City Manager. She said the literature would be appropriate for children pre-school through middle school. Evelyn Penney, Hyatte Road, suggested that she contact the Community Library with her idea to make sure there were no issues. Mayor Everett said he felt the Kelcort Foundation would be in agreement. Nate Sanden, Loop Road, said he believes there is already a kiosk in the North Park. Mayor Everett

thanked everyone for coming.

Adjourned 7:22 P.M.

Burt Johnson