

A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
THE CITY OF SODDY-DAISY, TENNESSEE WAS HELD
ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2020 AT 7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:
MAYOR SHIPLEY
VICE-MAYOR COTHRAN
COMMISSIONER ADAMS
COMMISSIONER LOWE
COMMISSIONER NUNLEY
CITY MANAGER CAGLE
CITY ATTORNEY ELLIOTT
RECORDER JOHNSON

The minutes of the regular meeting held December 5, 2019 were approved as presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SODDY-DAISY, TENNESSEE,
REZONING FROM R-2A RURAL RESIDENTIAL AND A-1 AGRICULTURAL
DISTRICTS TO R-3 APARTMENT-TOWNHOUSE DISTRICT A PORTION OF A
TRACT OF LAND LOCATED AT 12220 DAYTON PIKE. PUBLIC HEARING AND
FIRST READING.**

Allan Armstrong, Stonegate Subdivision, spoke in opposition of the rezoning. He stated he chose to build his “forever home” in Soddy-Daisy’s Stonegate Subdivision. Mr. Armstrong said he has no issues with building affordable homes for people, but he questioned the location of the proposed townhomes. He said he researched a few of the Greer Management, LLC, developments. Mr. Armstrong stated there are some good ones and bad ones. He said from his research he found that developments that were managed well were successful. Mr. Armstrong questioned if the Board would like people to see an affordable housing development as soon as they arrive in the Soddy-Daisy city limits.

Jake Ramsey, Greer Investments, LLC, stated they have three developments in the City of Mobile, Alabama and his company has received funds from the City of Mobile on three separate occasions to build affordable housing. He stated his company has gotten better at what they do with each development. Commissioner Lowe stated he's worried about the location of the development. He said the north end of town is getting ready to explode with single family housing and he questioned if this would have a negative effect. Commissioner Lowe said he would like to know where the townhouses would sit on the property. William Hedgecoth, current owner of the property, approached the Board and showed each of them on a map of the property approximately where the townhomes would sit.

1st - Vice-Mayor Cothran
2nd - Commissioner Adams
Ayes - Unanimous

Citizens Participation:

Bill Schmid, 10371 Walden Street, asked if someone could visit his street and look at a pothole that is continuing to get bigger due to water running under the drain tile instead of through it. Mayor Shipley stated he and Public Works Director Steve Grant will take a look at the issue in the morning at 8:30 a.m.

Bill Schmid, 10371 Walden Street, asked if the City could replace the no parking sign on his street. He said it is faded and unreadable. City Manager Cagle said the City will replace the sign.

City Manager Cagle stated the Police Department bid pistols, rifles, holders and flashlights. She said Accurate Law was the only bidder and the bid was \$2,000 over budget. Police Chief Jeff Gann told the Board that other budgeted capital outlay will be under budget to make up the difference. Vice-Mayor Cothran made a motion to award the bid to Accurate Law, seconded by Commissioner Lowe and the ayes were unanimous.

City Manager Cagle stated the Police Department would like to order ten (10) mobile radios and three (3) portable radios off Tennessee State Contract. She said the Police Department budgeted \$37,000 and this purchase will be slightly under budget. Vice-Mayor Cothran made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Nunley and the ayes were unanimous.

City Manager Cagle informed the Board that the Everbridge Mass Notification System is up for renewal. She questioned if the Board would like for the City to continue to use this product. Vice-Mayor Cothran made a motion to pay the renewal, seconded by Commissioner Lowe and the ayes were unanimous.

City Manager Cagle read the following Public Service Announcement to the audience: We would like to inform the public that the City of Soddy-Daisy is not affiliated with the North West Utility District and have no authority over them. Therefore, we cannot control any rate increases they may issue. They are a completely separate entity with their own Board of Commissioners. In addition, the City of Soddy-Daisy does not own or operate any utilities.

City Manager Cagle read a letter from Tennessee Senator Bo Watson informing the Board and citizens that the Tennessee State Legislature has convened and videos can be seen online at capitol.tn.gov.

Commissioner Nunley announced that the Soddy, Daisy and Montlake Historical Association will be holding a History Fair from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 18th at Soddy-Daisy High School.

Vice-Mayor Cothran said he struggled with approving the rezoning more than any singular decision while he has been on the Board. He stated he couldn't find a big enough issue to not vote in favor of it.

Vice-Mayor Cothran asked if another porta-toilet could be placed in the Big Soddy Creek Gulf Property. He said he would like for it to be approximately halfway down the path.

Mayor Shipley stated all of the Board members struggled with the decision to rezone the property for the proposed affordable housing development. He implored Jake Ramsey from Greer Investments, LLC, to make this development his best.

ADJOURNED 7:48 P.M.

RECORDER JOHNSON