

A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
THE CITY OF SODDY-DAISY, TENNESSEE WAS HELD
ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 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 August 6, 2020 were approved as presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SODDY-DAISY, TENNESSEE,
REZONING FROM R-2 URBAN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO C-2 LOCAL BUSINESS
DISTRICT A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED AT 113 SWAFFORD ROAD.
PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING.**

Marnie Kuhns, daughter of Jack Morton, stated that her father is preparing for the future. She said the surrounding properties are already zoned commercial. Ms. Kuhns stated the property should be easier to sell once it's rezoned. She thanked the Board for their consideration.

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

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION:

Michelle Connor, 1101 Pendall Lane, stated that she attended a commission meeting several weeks back but was denied the chance to speak. She stated she was informed of some "wrong doing" by the Soddy-Daisy Police Department in the aftermath of her daughters fatal

traffic accident. Ms. Connor said she has been told that some of the police officers did some things that were unbecoming. She said she is disappointed with each commissioner and she would like for the City Manager to be fired.

City Manager Cagle requested approval to pay Trucker's Lighthouse \$10,145.00 for in-car cameras. She said these are budgeted items and the City will receive a \$5,000.00 reimbursement from the Tennessee Highway Safety Office. Vice-Mayor Cothran made a motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Lowe and the ayes were unanimous.

Mayor Shipley stated he would like the construction bid for Fire Hall #3 to be voted on tonight. Public Works Director Steve Grant stated George Wright Construction was the low bidder. Commissioner Adams questioned how much would the City need to borrow to complete the project. Finance Director Burt Johnson stated the City would need to borrow approximately \$875,000.00. Mayor Shipley said the City currently has \$500,000.00 designated to help fund the construction. Vice-Mayor Cothran made a motion to award the bid to George Wright Construction, seconded by Commissioner Adams and the ayes were unanimous.

Commissioner Nunley stated that it was nice to see work being performed at the North Park to install new playground equipment. City Manager Cagle said the City met with potential installers today and the installation bid opening is set for September 3rd.

Commissioner Adams questioned Public Works Director Grant about the plan for the Big Soddy Creek Gulf Bridge. Public Works Director Grant stated he met with Finance Director Johnson today to discuss options. He said he is going to gather some information on installing a suspension bridge.

Commissioner Lowe said he was pleased that the Board was able to meet in person for the commission meeting instead of via Webex.

Vice-Mayor Cothran asked City Attorney Elliott to explain the Board of Commissioners duties as elected officials. City Attorney Elliott stated one duty is to legislate such as passing ordinances. He said another is to set policy and the third duty is to attend to the City's finances.

Mayor Shipley announced that Billy Murray and Steve Everett were in the audience and that they are running for City Commission along with him and Commissioner Max Lowe. He said Commissioner Adams is not running again.

Commissioner Nunley thanked Commissioner Jim Adams for his many years of service.

Mayor Shipley informed everyone that the Chattanooga.com wrote a nice story about Commissioner Adams recently. He said he has learned a lot from Commissioner Adams. Mayor Shipley stated that he admires him and he has been an asset to the City of Soddy-Daisy.

ADJOURNED 7:22 P.M.

RECORDER JOHNSON