

A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF
SODDY-DAISY, TENNESSEE WAS HELD
ON THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 2021 AT 7:00 P.M.

INVOCATION BY: JACKIE PENNEY

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY:
MAYOR NUNLEY

MEMBERS PRESENT:
MAYOR NUNLEY
VICE-MAYOR COTHRAN
COMMISSIONER COLEMAN
COMMISSIONER SHIPLEY
CITY MANAGER JOHNSON
CITY ATTORNEY ELLIOTT
ASSISTANT RECORDER DOLBERRY

MEMBER ABSENT:
COMMISSIONER EVERETT

The minutes of the regular meeting held April 1, 2021 were approved as presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SODDY-DAISY, TENNESSEE, AMENDING 2019-
2020 ORDINANCE NO. 8 ADOPTING THE 2020-2021 GENERAL FUND BUDGET
AND BY FURTHER ADDING THE DEBT SERVICE FUND. PUBLIC HEARING AND
FIRST READING.**

City Manager Johnson stated this amendment is to add the debt service fund for the loan for Firehall # 3 and to cleanup HRA contributions which were slightly higher than budgeted, but we are saving on the premium to do that.

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

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SODDY-DAISY, TENNESSEE, ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2021 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2022. PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING.

City Manager Johnson stated that the Fiscal Year Budget for 2021-2022 is approximately 12 million dollars, of which 3.5 million is for the federal highway project. He said the regular operations are normal, but the capital outlay has increased with radios to be purchased for the fire department, cars for the police department and updating the dispatch to 2020-2021 standards. Vice-Mayor Cothran said the City would not have to borrow money, there is enough in the budget to cover this. City Manager Johnson replied yes. City Attorney Elliott noted that this is a public hearing. Mayor Nunley asked if anyone was present that wanted to ask questions or address the budget. There was none. Commissioner Shipley stated there was no tax increase. City Manager Johnson confirmed no tax increase.

- 1st - Vice-Mayor Cothran
- 2nd - Commissioner Coleman

Mayor Nunley questioned if the federal highway project was the paving of Dayton Pike. City Manager Johnson confirmed that it is the paving of the entirety of Dayton Pike. He said he hopes the project will begin in October, but it keeps being pushed out.

Ayes - Unanimous

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SODDY-DAISY, TENNESSEE, TO PROVIDE FOR THE GENERAL REVENUE THEREOF FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 ON AN INTERIM BASIS PENDING RECEIPT OF THE "CERTIFIED RATE" FROM THE ASSESSOR OF PROPERTY OF HAMILTON COUNTY, TENNESSEE, PURSUANT TO T.C.A. SECTION 67-5-1701, TO BE KNOWN AS THE GENERAL REVENUE ORDINANCE FOR SAID YEAR. PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING.

Mayor Nunley again stated that this is a public hearing and first reading. City Manager Johnson noted that this Ordinance is passed when reassessments are being done by the Assessor of Property, so that the budget can be passed. He stated once the reassessments are complete usually in August the Ordinance will be amended to set the actual tax rate. He said a public hearing will be held then as well. City Attorney Elliott noted that often if the reassessments

go up the tax rate goes down.

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

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION:

Nate Sanden, 10773 Loop Road, Keep Soddy-Daisy Beautiful, said that the next clean up is scheduled for April 17th at 9:00 a.m. He said anyone interested in participating should meet at the Sequoyah High School. Plans are to clean Sequoyah and Lovell Roads. He said the group had recently picked up 162 bags along with 63 tires. Mayor Nunley thanked Mr. Sanden for the update.

City Manager Johnson said that a copy of the rifle bid was included in the packets. He said there are two different rifles to be purchased, twelve for patrol and five for the detectives. He said only one bid was received and asked for approval to purchase from Dawn of Defense. Vice-Mayor Cothran asked the Police Chief to explain the difference between the detective and patrol rifles. Police Chief Sneed stated that the detective rifles are fully automatic with the patrol rifles being semi-automatic. Chief Sneed said these are being purchased from Dawn of Defense and are manufactured in Rossville. They are Dawn of Defense brand.

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

City Manager Johnson requested approval for the purchase of a utility vehicle as discussed in the budget workshop. He said the vehicle will be used by both the fire and police departments, with funding from the police department budget. He gave the cost at \$17,970.45 from Sourcewell. He said the money for the purchase is from the sale of surplus items.

- 1st - Vice-Mayor Cothran
- 2nd - Commissioner Shipley

Ayes - Unanimous

City Manager Johnson asked for approval to surplus the motorcycle and golf cart to auction.

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

City Manager Johnson requested authorization to electronically sign the audit service contract with Johnson, Murphy and Wright. He said the contract is for \$25,760.00. It has increased by \$1,360 from last year.

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

Chief Sneed presented the board with the March stats. Vice-Mayor Cothran questioned if there has been a reduction in theft cases. Chief Sneed stated that he does feel there has been a reduction in major thefts. Chief Sneed said he would break these down into felony and misdemeanor thefts next month.

City Manager Johnson stated that he and Inspector Grant are working on an amendment to the Mobile Home Park Ordinance. He said they will provide the proposed amendment to the Board for review prior to sending it to the park owners.

Vice-Mayor Cothran thanked Chief Sneed for his hard work with the surplus equipment. Chief Sneed said that to date they have received \$62,947.00 in surplus sales with payment for three of the rifles still outstanding. Chief Sneed said that the items approved for surplus tonight will be listed with Compass Auctions.

Vice-Mayor Cothran thanked Mr. Sanden for his work on cleaning up trash.

Vice-Mayor Cothran stated that on Wednesday the Planning Commission had a long conversation concerning who is over the WWTA and who has control. He said he has since

learned that the WWTA is an entity of Hamilton County same as Erlanger. He said the WWTA Board is appointed by the County Mayor. Commissioner Shipley said the County Mayor appoints everyone, but the municipalities. City Attorney Elliott stated that the votes are weighted by the population. Vice-Mayor Cothran said the question was who control the WWTA due to some current circumstances. He said it appears they control themselves. Commissioner Shipley said the WWTA is currently being controlled by TDEC. TDEC has the hold on the City at this time. City Attorney Elliott stated that the City of Chattanooga has been under a consent decree for approximately 5 years. He said this is a federal court order enforcing the Clean Water Act. The EPA and TDEC are telling Chattanooga that they have to spend so much money and do so many things to come back into compliance. City Attorney Elliott said it has been an open secret for a couple of years that WWTA is in the same scenario and it won't be long before they are under the same type of decree. On the other hand that means that they are turning the corner on some things and will be able to do some things again as they will be operating under that consent decree. Vice-Mayor Cothran said that citizens think the City Commission controls the WWTA. This Board does not have any control over them. City Attorney Elliott said that if you take the total population of Hamilton County and minus out City of Chattanooga and Collegedale then Soddy-Daisy's percentage population of that number is how much control the City has. Commissioner Shipley stated that he feels some of the issues are in the process of being resolved. He said we really need another treatment plant in Hamilton County. Our moratorium is due to an overflow at Shearer Street. He said now the thought is that the line from the pump station may be too big and will need a diesel pump. He said at one time a 2 million gallon tank was being proposed, but has been put on hold by TDEC. City Manager Johnson asked if there was a timeframe on the moratorium. Commissioner Shipley said no. City Manager Johnson said the Planning Commission concerns

are that development is being halted. Commissioner Shipley said that holding tanks can be installed. City Attorney Elliott said the problem is rain events.

Vice-Mayor Cothran noted that the building permit report totaled 2.3 million for last month.

Commissioner Coleman said that he had spoken with Stacey Swallows in regard to the fire truck. He said it is looking good and should be ready by the end of the month.

Commissioner Shipley noted the building permit report as well. He thanked the Public Works Department for their hard work on the recent softball tournament. He said the Clifford Kirk Softball Tournament would be held in Soddy-Daisy from now on.

ADJOURNED 7:23 P.M.

RECORDER JOHNSON