

A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF
SODDY-DAISY, TENNESSEE WAS HELD
ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 5, 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 EVERETT
COMMISSIONER SHIPLEY
CITY ATTORNEY ELLIOTT
ASSISTANT RECORDER DOLBERRY

MEMBER ABSENT:
CITY MANAGER JOHNSON

City Attorney Elliott as the Vice-Chairman of the Tennessee Historical Commission presented Steve Smith with a Certificate of Merit program recognizes exemplary work by individuals, groups, organizations, corporations or governmental entities to further promote historical preservation or the study of Tennessee history. The award is presented each May during National Historic Preservation Month. He said several years ago the City itself received an award for Poe's Tavern of a similar nature. Mr. Smith was nominated for book and public programming, but received the award for the Special Commendation category and no more than 5 are awarded across the State each year. He further stated that Mr. Smith's accomplishments include various books, public programming such as Pioneer Days and work with the history museum have spanned a number of years. Mr. Smith was nominated by Susie Mohorn, but our Mayor was one who enthusiastically seconded it. Mayor Nunley said this was a great honor for Steve Smith. He said he is a hard worker and the award is well deserved.

The minutes of the regular meeting held July 15, 2021 were approved as presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

Citizen's Participation:

None.

Commissioner Shipley thanked Rev. Jackie Penney for his prayer. He said that he hopes the City always has a group of Commissioners that recognize the importance of prayer. He also reported that he is now cancer free and thanked everyone for their prayers.

Commissioner Everett expressed his appreciation to Public Works Director Steve Grant and Fire Chief Guffey for all the work they have done on the Firehall # 3. He said that fireman, volunteer fireman and public works employees have worked on the construction as well. He said this shows the dedication of our employees. Fire Chief Guffey said they would not be as far along as they are without the public works employees.

Vice-Mayor Cothran thanked Public Works Director Grant for the recent paving of Sequoyah Road and in front of the Food City. He said the public works employees are doing a great job with mowing in the City. He said this City has great Public Works, Police and Fire Departments.

Commissioner Coleman also thanked the Public Works and Fire Departments for their hard work on Firehall # 3. He said because of their hard work, the Firehall may be completed earlier than originally expected.

Commissioner Coleman said that he and Commissioner Everett had met with the Soddy-Daisy High School Boosters in regard to ball tournaments and what it would take to get them

back in Soddy-Daisy. He said the condition of fields is the biggest reason why the City lost the tournaments. He said the boosters just spent \$20,000 on the high school field. It now meets their standards. He said that the boosters had asked if the organization guidelines could be met with the new fencing to be installed. He said the booster club is willing to help and said they are willing to donate the proceeds from the concession stand to be used toward the maintenance of the fields. He said the concessions net approximately \$2,000 per tournament. He said there is a fundraiser for the fields scheduled for August 29th. Commissioner Everett said that he has requested a comprehensive list of needs from the booster club and suggested that they be invited to the next Commissioner's workshop. Mayor Nunley questioned if the fence could be moved to meet the requirements. Commissioner Everett said they could give 10 feet without drainage issues.

Mayor Nunley said the City has recently spent a lot of money on the North and South Parks. Public Works Director Grant said the fence has been installed at the South end. He said dirt is needed, but due to the rising cost, it will need to be bid.

Commissioner Shipley stated that several in the audience have masks on tonight. He asked everyone to be careful in light of the increase in COVID-19 cases.

Mayor Nunley said there was over 1 million dollars in building permit values this past month. He said this equals growth for the City.

Lisa Flores, 112 Pine Street, asked if she was too late for citizen's participation. Mayor Nunley said yes, but he would allow her to address the Commission. She expressed her concern with the Dollar General being constructed at the corner of Dayton Pike and Pine Street. She said that the workers have used her driveway as a turnaround causing damage to the drive. She further stated that there is a noise concern with the contractor working until 10:30 p.m. She said

the trucks are constantly beeping while backing up. She said the Police were called and the Officer explained that they cannot tell them to stop. Ms. Flores also expressed her concern with safety issues at a Dollar General. Commissioner Shipley said this is the fifth Dollar General to be located in the City and he is not aware of any issues with the other stores. Public Works Director Grant stated that he has addressed the late hours with the contractor. He said they did work late one night as they were pouring concrete. He said once the building is finished, a detention pond and landscaping will be in place and the road will be repaired. Ms. Flores asked if the retention pond would be in the City's right-of-way. Public Works Director Grant said it would not be, it would be located on the Pine Street side of the building beside the Dollar General building. Ms. Flores said she wants to document the flooding caused by the development. Mayor Nunley advised her she could bring in pictures of the issue. Mayor Nunley stated that her concerns should not be an issue once the building is complete. Commissioner Everett questioned if construction plans are submitted to the City. It was noted that the Planning Commission approves the site plan. City Attorney Elliott said that if the developer completes the work per the Site Plan then the issues become a civil matter between the property owners. Public Works Director Grant said the developer is installing a berm at the rear. Commissioner Everett said if the developer meets the requirements, then the City cannot stop the development.

Ms. Flores questioned the mobile home on Pine Street that is in poor condition. Commissioner Shipley stated that it is still in probate court. Public Works Director Grant said he would check to see if it is out of probate and if so, another notice will be sent.

Adjourned 7:33 p.m.

Assistant Recorder Dolberry

