

A WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
THE CITY OF SODDY-DAISY, TENNESSEE WAS HELD
ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2020 AT 9:00 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

MAYOR NUNLEY
COMMISSIONER COLEMAN
COMMISSIONER EVERETT
COMMISSIONER SHIPLEY
INTERIM CITY MANAGER/RECORDER JOHNSON

MEMBERS ABSENT:

VICE-MAYOR COTHRAN

Public Works Director Steve Grant presented the Board with a 4 Year Capital Projects Plan. Interim City Manager Johnson informed the Board that an advertisement to receive bids for the purchase and installation of fencing at the two South Park softball fields has been placed in the newspaper. He stated that he will try to obtain grant funding to purchase and install new poles and lighting and demolish as well as rebuild the concession stand.

Police Chief Mike Sneed said his department is researching in-car cameras and body cameras to purchase. He said they are looking at cloud storage to comply with chain of evidence procedures for the cameras, as well. Police Chief Sneed stated there were 44 charges against persons in December and it increased to 188 charges in January, due to increased enforcement efforts. Interim City Manager Johnson informed the Board that the purchase of pistols for the police department has been re-bid. Commissioner Everett questioned if the cameras being researched are comparable to other agencies. Police Chief Sneed stated that they are.

Fire Chief Mike Guffey apologized for he and Deputy Chief Dusty Morgan being out of town at the same time last week. He said the conference they attended is the only one available to obtain their inspector CEUs for the year. He stated that the renovation of Fire Hall #3 is moving along well and thanked the Public Works Department for their hard work so far.

Commissioner Everett questioned Public Works Director Grant on the plan to rebuild the wall near the 9900 block of Dayton Pike. Public Works Director Grant stated he looked at two options. He said to redo the stone like it is now would be over \$30,000. He said to use similar block as the contractor did on the Intersection Improvement Project near Harrison Lane would be under \$10,000 and that is the route he plans to take.

Commissioner Shipley asked Public Works Director Grant if he could put PW Employee Chad Crowe and PW Employee Jason Coleman solely on Parks & Recreation to work on ball fields. He said he could Chad Crowe, but not Jason Coleman. Interim City Manager Johnson suggested reaching out to Soddy-Daisy High School to see if they had a soon to be graduate that would be interested in working with the City part-time. Mayor Nunley suggested using Chattanooga State as a resource, as well.

There was an open discussion regarding utilizing the City's ballfields to host tournaments.

Commissioner Shipley stated he believed Ronnie Mc New, of Twin City Motors, would take \$7,000 to settle the storage fee for the vehicle that was sent there by the previous police department administration. It was the consensus of the Board to bring it to a vote in the next commissioner meeting.

Commissioner Everett presented the idea of forming some committees such as a Flood Mitigation Committee to take some work off of the City Manager. He stated committees could oversee mail outs, advertising, etc. He said having an organized campaign could help the City obtain help "we" previously had a hard time getting. Interim City Manager Johnson gave the Board an update on the Hazard Mitigation Grant application for the property located at 215 Pine Street.

Interim City Manager Johnson presented the Board with a proposal to become the permanent City Manager. Commissioner Everett stated he has done a good job so far and has been very methodical in his decision making. Commissioner Shipley stated he has a lot of respect for Interim City Manager Johnson. Commissioner Coleman said City Manager Johnson has a great background and has heard nothing but good things from other employees/people. It was the consensus of the Board to bring the proposal/terms to a vote in the next commission meeting.

Commissioner Everett stated he has received phone calls from Bill Layne, 1433 Bowman Road, regarding de-annexing his property. He said Mr. Layne never wanted to be in the City and since his property was annexed, the City has raised property taxes on two separate occasions and then de-annexed the road. Commissioner Shipley stated he would like for the Mayor to call a meeting to discuss this issue.

Commissioner Everett stated he would like for the City to investigate repairing the culvert near 10700 Dallas Hollow Road. He said most of it is on private property, but it serves a public purpose. He suggested getting City Attorney Elliott to research entering a Public/Private Partnership on issues like this.

ADJOURNED 11:07 A.M.

RECORDER JOHNSON