

A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF  
SODDY-DAISY, TENNESSEE WAS HELD  
ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2022 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 MANAGER JOHNSON  
CITY ATTORNEY ELLIOTT  
ASSISTANT RECORDER DOLBERRY

Jane Hill, 9723 Stonemist Lane, Chattanooga, Tennessee, with the Quilts of Valor Foundations stated that the Foundations consist of thousands of volunteer quilters across America. She said the organization was founded in 2003 by Katherine Roberts, a Blue Star Mom. Their mission is to honor service members and veterans who have been touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor. She stated that 300,000 quilts have been awarded across America. She introduced Wanda Mathews and Sandra Price members of her group, Ridgedale Patriots. She said it is their honor and privilege tonight, to honor Robert Cothran, U.S. Army 1968-1970. Mrs. Hill said that a Quilt of Valor is made of three layers each of which has its own special meaning. She said the top with its many colors, shapes and fabrics represents the communities and the many individuals we are. The batting which is the filler is the center of the quilt. It is warm. It represents our hope that this quilt will bring you warmth, comfort, peace and healing to you. The backing is the strength that supports the other layers. It represents the strength of you. The support of your family, our communities and our nation. Each stitch that

holds the layers together represents love, gratitude and sometimes the tears of the maker. Each quilt brings a three-part message from our heart. First we honor you for your service, we honor you for leaving all you hold dear, to stand in harms was in a time of crisis protecting us from the effects of war. Next, our quilters know that freedom is really not free. The cost of our freedom is the dedication of lives of men like you and this quilt is meant to say thank you for your service and to offer comfort to you and remind you that although your family and friends cannot be with you at all times, you are forever in our thoughts and hearts. She stated on behalf of the Quilts of Valor Foundation and a grateful nation with deepest appreciation we thank you for service to our country. She then also presented Vice-Mayor Cothran with a certificate.

The minutes of the regular meeting held October 20, 2022 were approved as presented.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

Citizen's Participation: None.

City Manager Johnson presented the Board with a quote for a Ford F250. He said this was budgeted for \$38,000, but the new quote is now \$45,596.00. He said he would find a way to make up the difference of approximately \$8,000.00.

1<sup>st</sup> - Vice-Mayor Cothran  
2<sup>nd</sup> - Commissioner Coleman  
Ayes - Unanimous

City Manager Johnson said that Lisa Rue, Manager of Citizens Tri-County Bank, had donated monies to purchase two benches to be installed at the Pickle Ball Courts at a cost of just under \$1,000.00. He said a plaque would be made for each bench to note who donated them. Public Works Director Grant said the benches were delivered today.

City Manager Johnson said it has been an honor to work with Mayor Nunley and Vice-

Mayor Cothran. Commissioner Shipley said this is possibly the last meeting for Mayor Nunley and Vice-Mayor Cothran. He questioned since we do not know when the election will certify, does the Board want to have the new Commissioners to begin on the first meeting of December. City Attorney Elliott stated that the new Commissioners will take their seat on the Commission on the first meeting following the certification of the election. Commissioner Shipley asked Mayor Nunley and Vice-Mayor Cothran to attend the meeting on November 17<sup>th</sup>.

City Manager Johnson thanked Mayor Nunley and Vice-Mayor Cothran for their service.

Commissioner Shipley expressed his appreciation to everyone who supported the proposed Parkridge Emergency Care facility. He said they had received their approval in Nashville. He thanked Mayor Nunley for his 12 years of service and Vice-Mayor Cothran for his 8 years of service to the City. He said both men had given 110% to the City and both would be missed.

Commissioner Everett said during the meeting for the Certificate of Need for the Parkridge Emergency City, he learned a lot about the statistics for this end of the County and they are overwhelming. He expressed his appreciation for everyone that attended the hearing. He said the building permits were over \$2,000,000.00 this month. He said that Soddy-Daisy is the number 1 municipality for development. He thanked Mayor Nunley and Vice-Mayor Cothran for their service.

Commissioner Coleman also expressed his appreciation for Mayor Nunley and Vice-Mayor Cothran's service to the City. He said the Chairman of the Health Committee was overwhelmed by the number in attendance supporting the Parkridge Emergency Facility. He asked how long the logs that were removed from the Gulf that are being dumped at the North

park would remain. He said that children are climbing on them and doesn't want to see anyone get hurt. He asked if they could be pushed back into the woods. Public Works Director Grant said he would address the situation. He said the paved courts at the North end look good.

Vice-Mayor Cothran said a few years ago he was asked to look for a static display tank to be displayed in Veterans Park. He said that he has found 3 different tanks in Alabama. He gave the cost to demilitarize the tank as approximately \$21,372.00. He said the Vietnam Veterans Association cannot afford this amount. He said there will be an additional transport cost. Vice-Mayor Cothran said his preference would be the Circa 1952 Patton II tank with a 90mm gun. Commissioner Shipley said with the shipping charge, the total cost should be less than \$30,000.00. Vice-Mayor Cothran stated that the military retains ownership and the City reports to them annually. He said that the Vietnam Veterans maintain the tank and file the annual reports.

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Commissioner Coleman made a motion to approve up to \$30,000 for the Circa 1952 Patton II tank or the Circa 1955 M41 Walker Bulldog Tank if the first choice cannot be obtained.

The Board questioned Finance Officer Burt Johnson as to the availability of funds. Finance Officer Johnson said the funds would be taken from Park Improvements.

- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Commissioner Shipley  
Ayes - Unanimous

Vice-Mayor Cothran thanked the ladies for the Quilt and Certificate. He thanked the citizens of Soddy-Daisy for the privilege to serve them.

Mayor Nunley said it has been an honor and a privilege to serve the citizens of Soddy-Daisy. He announced the Community Thanksgiving Service on November 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at

Rechoboth Baptist Church. He also announced Pioneer Days on Saturday, November 5, 2022 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Vice-Mayor Cothran announced the Christmas Parade on the first Sunday in December at 2:00 p.m. He said lineup locations and the rules are the same as in previous years. He stated participants cannot throw candy. Mrs. Rita Shipley asked if the application is available on the City's website. City Manager Johnson said it is on the Vietnam Veterans website and will be on the City's tomorrow.

Commissioner Shipley asked if the Board wanted to have Christmas in the Park this year. It was the consensus of the Board to have it provided the schools were involved too. He said this is held on Saturday night before the parade.

Vice-Mayor Cothran asked if the consensus of the Board is to obtain the Circa 1952 Patton II tank. It was the consensus of the Board.

Mayor Nunley thanked the City Staff for making the Commissioners' job easy. He wished the three Commission candidates good luck in the upcoming election.

Adjourned 7:37 p.m.

Recorder Burt Johnson

