

A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF
SODDY-DAISY, TENNESSEE WAS HELD
ON THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 2022 AT 7:00 P.M.

INVOCATION BY: VICE-MAYOR COTHRAN

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

The minutes of the regular meeting held on May 19, 2022 were approved as presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SODDY-DAISY, TENNESSEE, ADOPTING
THE ANNUAL BUDGET AND TAX RATE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING
JULY 1, 2022 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2023. PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING.**

Commissioner Shipley noted that there was no change in the tax rate.

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

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SODDY-DAISY, TENNESSEE,
AUTHORIZING AND SETTING THE COMPENSATION OF THE CITY JUDGE
FOR THE PERIOD OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2022 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2030.
PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING.**

City Attorney Elliott stated that this Ordinance must be enacted before the term renewal. He
said the election is in November of 2022 and the rate is to be set before the election; therefore, there

is no claim of the Commission influencing the Judge with pay raises or pay cuts. City Manager Johnson said the starting pay is at \$24,604 with a two percent (2%) increase per year. City Manager Johnson said this is typical of the last 8 years.

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

Citizen's Participation:

Daniel Dowden representing the Gospel Assembly on Barbee Road requested the use of the Veterans Park on September 3, 2022 for a chili cookoff from 10 a.m.– 5 p.m. Assistant Recording Secretary Dolberry stated that the date is available. She said they are asking for a fundraiser for the church. She advised Mr. Dowden that he would need to come to City Hall and sign a contract for the use of the Park.

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

Jim Stewart, Emerald Bay Drive, gave an update on the Grant Application to be filed with the Tennessee Division of Forestry tomorrow. He said they will be planting 35 trees along the Lake. He said he had a site tour with Mayor Nunley, City Manager Johnson and Public Works Director Grant and this seemed to be a good number. The trees will be planted on Arbor Day in 2023. It was noted that the funding would be a 50/50 match between the City and Keep Soddy-Daisy Beautiful. He asked for a letter of support from the City to put with the application. City Manager Johnson said the total grant is for \$5,400. The City's portion would be \$2,500.

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

Mr. Stewart gave an update on the Fall Festival and 5K Race planned for October 15. He said that he had met with Cindy Sanden, Keep Soddy-Daisy Beautiful, and the Commissioners. He said he had spoken with Commissioner Shipley as to who the funds could be donated to. Mr. Stewart said the fixed costs will be approximately \$1,500 to pay for the timing company and insurance. He said they will be using the month of June to obtain sponsors for the cost so that any monies made can be donated to the charity. Commissioner Shipley said that plans are to donate the funds to Memorial Hospital to offset some of the costs for cancer patients.

Mayor Nunley noted that the grant funds for the trees are only for the 35 trees. Mr. Stewart said yes, other items they hope will be donated.

City Manager Johnson requested approval for the bid on police uniforms for fiscal year 2022-2023. He said Apparel Embroidery was the only bidder.

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

City Manager Johnson said that in the budget workshops it was discussed to redo the chassis on the tanker. He said he put the cost in the packets. He said we are looking at 2 years at best, Public Works Director said 9 months at minimum. City Manager Johnson said this could be paid out of this coming budget or it could even be the next year's budget. He gave the total cost as \$127,260.99. Commissioner Shipley asked if they had allowed \$200,000 for that cost? Interim Fire Chief Dusty Morgan said initially they had thought it would cost \$400,000. He said Steve Grant had reached out to Lee Smith and their estimate is considerably cheaper.

1st - Commissioner Everett
2nd - Commissioner Shipley
Ayes - Unanimous

City Manager Johnson said in the budget workshop Interim Fire Chief Morgan had

requested to purchase 2 pumper fire engines. Chief Morgan said costs have already increased by eight percent (8%) which is the equivalent of \$30,000 per truck. City Manager Johnson said one will be paid for up front with ARP Funds and the other would be paid for with a loan. He gave the total cost as \$1,332,106. He said if they pay for one engine up front, they will receive a \$25,500 discount for paying up front. He said they want to use this as a buffer in case there are change orders. He asked for approval for the full amount.

- 1st - Vice-Mayor Cothran to purchase 2 engines and pay for one up front
- 2nd - Commissioner Coleman
- Ayes - Unanimous

City Manager Johnson stated the check would be cut after July 1.

City Manager Johnson said the packets included a sheet showing the ARP Funds. Mayor Nunley asked City Manager Johnson to explain what these funds are. City Manager Johnson said they are for COVID recovery. The allocations are based on the size of the City. He said the City has received \$4 million. He said he would like to load these into the Treasury Portal so they know we are moving forward with these projects. He said the funds will be used to build a new city hall building, purchase 2 fire trucks, and replace the bridge at the Gulf as well as provide a one-time bonus to employees who worked during the COVID pandemic dating back to March 2020.

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

City Manager Johnson said that two meetings ago the Board approved the Mayor's signature on a contract with Wiser. TDOT did not like some of the wording in that contract, so they have requested that it be changed. City Attorney Elliott said the substance remained the same, but he encouraged City Manager Johnson to get the Board's approval. City Manager Johnson said this will move \$55,000 to the design. He gave the overall project as \$3.5 million so we can get a

Notice to Proceed for construction. He said they would like to have it resurfaced before the next school year.

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

Commissioner Everett questioned if we had a timeframe on this project. City Manager Johnson replied no.

Ayes - Unanimous

Mayor Nunley noted that the City has a total budget of \$15,500,000. Commissioner Shipley noted there was no tax increase. City Manager Johnson said this includes \$5.5 million of Federal monies.

Vice-Mayor Cothran noted that the monthly building permit values were in excess of \$2 million. He announced the Independence Day Celebration on the first Saturday in July. He said there will be new vendors, pony rides, axe throwers, etc. The car show will be from 9 a.m.- 1 p.m.

Vice-Mayor Cothran introduced Seth Green, Soddy-Daisy Boy Scout Troop 20. He said Mr. Green is asking for approval to construct a flag retirement monument at the Veterans Park as his Eagle Scout Project. Mr. Green presented the Board with a handout relative to the proposed project. Mr. Green said the materials cost would be approximately \$4,000 and asked if the City of Soddy-Daisy would donate the funds. He said the Sale Creek JROTC, his scout troop, and Ron Cox, director of construction and engineering from Sale Creek High School would be assisting with the project. He asked if the Board would want a sidewalk from the monument to the main sidewalk or if they just want it connected to the main sidewalk? Vice-Mayor Cothran said he felt connecting it to the sidewalk would be the easiest. Mayor Nunley questioned what the \$4,000 would cover? Mr. Green said brick and block to make the fire pit. City Manager Johnson said the City could purchase the supplies if the Board was inclined to do so, but would not write a check as this is not a

budgeted item. City Attorney Elliott stated that there are strict requirements for funding charitable items. Commissioner Shipley asked how Mr. Green had calculated the cost? Mr. Green said that Acme Brick had given him the cost.

- 1st - Mayor Nunley to have the City purchase the supplies
- 2nd - Commissioner Coleman
- Ayes - Unanimous

City Manager Johnson advised Mr. Green to coordinate the project with Vice-Mayor Cothran and Public Works Director Grant. Mr. Green introduced those in attendance with him.

Commissioner Coleman noted that the improvements to the ballfields are looking good.

Commissioner Shipley said the wood carvers would be in attendance at the Independence Day Celebration. He said there would be a ball tournament (mini baseball world series) with 38 teams. The tournament would begin on Thursday night and continue Friday night on the girls fields. Then all day Saturday and Sunday on the boys fields. Vice-Mayor Cothran questioned if any of the vendors wanted to come and setup on Thursday and/or Friday would that be ok?

Commissioner Shipley said yes.

Mayor Nunley asked for the consensus of the Commission as to camping around the Lake on the Independence Day weekend. It was the consensus of the Board to allow camping from Thursday night to Sunday night.

Commissioner Shipley asked that locals and vendors be allowed to use golf carts during the celebration, as long as they were safe and not reckless.

Commissioner Everett asked if Dayton Pike would only be closed for the car show. Vice-Mayor Cothran stated yes, it would be closed from 6 a.m. – 2 p.m. He said this is how it's always been. Vice-Mayor Cothran thanked the Public Works Department for installing electricity on the highway. Public Works Director Grant said it is finished and the power will be turned on

tomorrow.

Commissioner Everett questioned Chief Sneed if there was a traffic plan that is advertised.

Chief Sneed said no, everyone is used to how it is done as it has been the same for years.

Mayor Nunley reminded the Board of the Stoney Point Baptist Church Invitation.

Adjourned 7:33 p.m.

Recorder Burt Johnson

