

A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF  
SODDY-DAISY, TENNESSEE WAS HELD  
ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 18, 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 SHIPLEY  
CITY MANAGER JOHNSON  
CITY ATTORNEY ELLIOTT  
ASSISTANT RECORDER DOLBERRY

MEMBER ABSENT:  
COMMISSIONER EVERETT

Mayor Nunley presented a Certificate of Achievement to the Soddy-Daisy Trojan Lacrosse Team for an outstanding season in which they are State and Region Champions.

The minutes of the August 4, 2022 meeting and August 9, 2022 work session were approved as presented.

**OLD BUSINESS: None.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SODDY-DAISY, TENNESSEE, AMENDING  
THE SODDY-DAISY ZONING ORDINANCE, ARTICLE IV, SCHEDULE OF  
DISTRICT REGULATIONS, SECTION 1503, SUBSECTIONS 15 AND 16  
RELATIVE TO R-T/Z DISTRICT REGULATIONS. PUBLIC HEARING  
AND FIRST READING.**

There was no opposition present.

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

**2022-23 RESOLUTION NO. 1**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SODDY-DAISY, TENNESSEE, SUPPORTING  
A FREE-STAND EMERGENCY ROOM IN SODDY-DAISY AND STATE  
APPROVAL OF CERTIFICATE OF NEED (CON).**

Thomas Ozburn, President and CEO of Parkridge Hospital, was present on behalf of the request. He said that Parkridge Hospital plans to construct a 24/7 365 Emergency Room near the intersection of Harrison Lane and Highway 27 behind Hardee's Restaurant. He said this will be a state of art emergency department with an estimated construction cost of \$16 million. He said it will consist of 12 emergency room beds, staffed with Board Certified 24/7 365 emergency room physicians, trauma rooms, full-service imaging and a helipad for Life Force. He said he has spoken with Erlanger as well. Mr. Ozburn said this should assist with EMS calls. He said this region had 20,000 plus EMS calls. He said being able to achieve immediate treatment will save lives as well as reduce time. Evelyn Penney questioned when they plan to start. Mr. Ozburn said that there is a process involved with getting all the necessary approvals prior to construction and the construction will take approximately 8 months. He said they plan to open next year.

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Commissioner Shipley
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Commissioner Coleman

Commissioner Shipley thanked Mr. Ozburn for choosing Soddy-Daisy as a location. Fire Chief Morgan said that Parkridge Hospital has built one of these facilities near Bonny Oaks to which EMS has responded favorably. Mr. Ozburn said there is one under construction at Exit 1 in East Ridge. He said they can handle any emergency. He also stated that if a patient needs to be transported to a hospital, they will transport to the patient's hospital of choice.

Ayes - Unanimous

Citizen's Participation:

Curtis Cecil, 9619 Dayton Pike, invited everyone to the Elevation Celebration scheduled for

Saturday, August 20, 2022, from 5-8:30 a.m. at Veterans Park. He said there will be 47 booths at the event. He further stated that non-profits serving the Soddy-Daisy area will communicate what they do and the services they provide. He invited Parkridge Hospital to participate. He said they are expecting 500-1,000 people to attend the event. Mr. Cecil said that the movie “Jumanji” will be shown at 9:00 p.m.

Cindy Varner, 467 Coleman Road and school teacher, questioned why the City does not have more than one pickle ball court. She said popularity in the sport is growing. She said Dayton has 12 courts and will host the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual pickleball tournament in September. She said the court we have now is good, but there is a lot of wasted space. She asked if there was anyway the one pickleball court could be restriped to create 3 courts. Vice-Mayor Cothran questioned Public Works Director Steve Grant as to the difficulty in changing the court. Public Works Director Grant said it would require repainting. He said there was a court at the North Park and it was never used. City Manager Johnson said the tennis court was painted today as well and the net for the pickleball court has been ordered. The Commission asked Public Works Director Grant to check on the cost involved with Ms. Varner’s request.

Police Chief Mike Sneed introduced Eddie Richmond, Odas Smith and Sam Chisholm, three new police officers to the Commission who have just completed the Academy. He said the academy is 12 weeks long and the officers scored in the top of their class in academics and represented the City well. He said they are currently riding with senior officers, but be turned loose in approximately 7 weeks. He presented each with their Certificates from the Academy.

City Manager Johnson requested approval of payment for a change order on the previously approved purchase of a dump truck for the Public Works Department. He said the cost is now \$113,196.04 of which \$108,000.00 was budgeted. Public Works Director Grant said this change

order is due to the increase in cost of the dump bed.

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Commissioner Coleman to approve
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Commissioner Shipley
- Ayes - Unanimous

City Manager Johnson said bids were taken for laptops for patrol cars. He said \$25,000 was budgeted and recommended accepting the low bid of \$19,800. He said even with the purchase of stands, the cost will be under budget.

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

City Manager Johnson requested approval to purchase the Mobile CAD software for the laptops. He said the upfront cost will be \$30,745.00 with an annual cost of \$5,500 with a five percent (5%) escalator per year. He said this is slightly over the \$30,000.00 budgeted, but the additional cost could be made up.

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Vice-Mayor Cothran to approve
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Commissioner Shipley
- Ayes - Unanimous

City Manager Johnson requested approval to purchase a copier/scanner at a cost of \$11,128.00 for the court clerk's office from Chattanooga Business Machines. He said this item was not budgeted. He stated that \$20,000.00 was budgeted for court software which is being built by Hamilton County. The projected cost is \$14,000.00 and the difference could be applied to the copier purchase.

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Commissioner Shipley to approve
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Vice-Mayor Cothran
- Ayes - Unanimous

City Manger Johnson stated that the City had been awarded a Senior Center Grant in the

amount of \$8,000.00. He said the grant would be used to replace the flooring and gutters on the building, paint inside and outside, install LED lights, update computers and wifi with the City sharing in the cost. He thanked our Representative and Senator for their assistance.

Fire Chief Dusty Morgan said the fire department had planned to surplus a 1989 Engine. He requested approval from the Commission to donate the engine to the Fletcher Fire & Rescue Station in Kentucky. He said this Station lost everything in the recent flooding and currently is using a borrowed engine from Virginia to respond to calls. Vice-Mayor Cothran said that he has pictures of the flood damage in Kentucky from his recent trip there and the Fire Station had over 5 feet of water inside it. He said the Vietnam Veterans raised \$15,000 in two weeks along with a 20 foot trailer full of supplies. These items were delivered to Kentucky and \$1,000 was given to 14 families affected by the disaster.

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

Public Works Director Grant stated that he had met with the contractors hired by WWTA to complete the work in the 8900 block of Dayton Pike in front of Home Folks Restaurant. He said that he advised them that the paving work is unacceptable. He stated he was told that a change order had been submitted to WWTA, but was not accepted. He said that he advised them of what would have to be done to be acceptable and was assured it would be fixed.

City Manager Johnson stated that he and Public Works Director Grant are looking at amending the City's standards to hopefully eliminate these issues for future projects.

Commissioner Shipley questioned if Northwest Utility had paid for the paving of the northbound lane on Dayton Pike. Public Works Director Grant noted that they had agreed to pay

for the labor. He said the City paid the remaining cost of \$19,300 for the repair. Commissioner Shipley said he did not feel this was acceptable when they created the issue. He said a bond should be required for future jobs. Public Works Director Grant said that they did have a bond. He suggested future bonds be cash bonds, the City approved the contractor before bids are awarded, be advised of the project before the pre-construction meeting is held and bids are taken, attend the pre-construction meeting. City Attorney Elliott said this should be written into the specifications.

Vice-Mayor Cothran questioned if he should amend his previous motion relative to the donation of the fire engine to require that they pick the engine up as opposed to the City delivering it. He said he did not want to create liability for the City. City Attorney Elliott questioned how far it is to the Kentucky Station. Vice-Mayor Cothran said 220 miles. City Attorney Elliott stated if the City is going to deliver it, we need to verify our insurance is in effect first. It was the consensus of the Commission to require the recipients to come and get the engine. Vice-Mayor Cothran thanked everyone who helped with the recent aid to Kentucky flood victims.

Commissioner Coleman said the rock wall at Depot Street and Old Dayton Pike looked good. He said the walking track and North Park look good too.

Commissioner Shipley said that the news has documented buses that are dropping off illegal immigrants in various cities. He said the City has no areas that provided this type of housing. He asked if the Police Department had the right to put them back on the bus. City Attorney Elliott and Police Chief Sneed stated no, they cannot unless the Federal Government says different.

Commissioner Shipley questioned where they would go. Police Chief Sneed stated they would try to find them shelter at one of the homeless places in Chattanooga.

Mayor Nunley thanked Parkridge Hospital for choosing the City of Soddy-Daisy. He also introduced two City Commission candidates in attendance. They were Marcus Keith and Derek

Kukura.

Adjourned 7:52 p.m.

Recorder Burt Johnson