

A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF  
COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF  
SODDY-DAISY, TENNESSEE WAS HELD  
ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2023 AT 7:00 P.M.

INVOCATION BY: JACKIE PENNEY

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY:  
MAYOR EVERETT

MEMBERS PRESENT:  
MAYOR EVERETT  
VICE-MAYOR COLEMAN  
COMMISSIONER KEITH  
COMMISSION PENNEY  
COMMISSIONER SHIPLEY  
CITY MANAGER JOHNSON  
CITY ATTORNEY ELLIOTT  
ASSISTANT RECORDER DOLBERRY

STAFF AND OTHERS PRESENT:  
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The minutes of the regular meeting held October 19, 2023 were approved as presented.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**2023-2024 RESOLUTION NO. 4**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SODDY-DAISY, TENNESSEE, REVISING THE  
CITY PERSONNEL POLICY RELATING TO HIRING POLICE AND FIRST  
RESPONDER PERSONNEL.**

City Manager Johnson said that this policy is already in place for full-time police and first responders. He said that it only makes sense that the same would hold true for part-time police and first responders. He said under the Bridge Plan police and first responders are required to retire at 60 years of age and at 62 years of age if they hold an administrative position. He said full-time has had the Bridge Plan since 2013. Mayor Everett asked if volunteers were still given a stipend. City Manager Johnson said yes and this amendment will not affect current employees.

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Commissioner Keith to approve
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Commissioner Penney
- Ayes - Unanimous

City Manager Johnson requested approval of a five-year lease agreement with KELCURT Foundation for a community garden. Curtis Cecil, KELCURT Foundation, 9619 Dayton Pike, said that the lease of the property would allow for a community garden. He said plans are to teach individuals sustainability with farm foods when they have a lack of space and cannot have gardens at their home. He said that twelve 8' x 4' garden beds would be provided with two handicap beds to allow for handicap accessibility. He said there will also be two market beds where 10% of every thing raised will be donated to the Soddy-Daisy Food Bank. Mr. Cecil further stated that although the use of the property is free, participants will be required to sign a Code of Conduct. He said that participants will keep all of the vegetables they raise.

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

Jackson Gallagher, Boy Scout Troop 20, presented the Commission with a brochure explaining his Eagle Scout Project. He said that he had met with the Fire Chief to discuss the project further. He said that he plans to install markers throughout the Gulf and to create a map of the trails so that anyone in the Gulf that needed to contact search and rescue would have the ability to provide helpful location information to the search and rescue team. The Commission thanked Mr. Gallagher for providing this beneficial project to the City.

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Commissioner Keith to approve
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Commissioner Shipley

Fire Chief Dusty Morgan said that only a few people have been lost in the Gulf, but none of them were able to provide their location. He said this project should be very beneficial to first

responders.

Ayes - Unanimous

City Manager Johnson requested approval of a Purchase Order to Motorola for two mobile car radios and two portable radios for the School Resource Officers (SRO). He gave the amount of the purchase order as \$22,448.66.

1<sup>st</sup> - Commissioner Shipley to approve

2<sup>nd</sup> - Commissioner Keith

Ayes - Unanimous

City Manager Johnson requested approval of a Purchase Order to Motorola for two mobile radios and four Motorola portables at a cost of \$33,719.28. He said the radios would be purchased using the Crime Intervention Grant received by the City recently and they are 100% reimbursable. He said these would be used by the two new officers hired to replace the recently appointed SROs.

1<sup>st</sup> - Commissioner Shipley to approve

2<sup>nd</sup> - Commissioner Keith

Ayes - Unanimous

City Manager Johnson requested approval for payment of an Invoice from SouthEastern Materials for the paving of Depot Street. He gave the amount of the Invoice as \$11,008.48. Public Works Director Grant said the finished job is not perfect, but better than it was. He said that it is a temporary repair as Hamilton County Water and Wastewater Treatment Authority (WWTA) plans to tear out the repair in approximately 7 months. City Attorney Elliott said there is an underground river under the road. Commissioner Shipley said WWTA plans to cut into the T's and will install check dams which should stop the problem with the road caving in.

1<sup>st</sup> - Commissioner Keith to approve

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

Ayes - Unanimous

Citizen's Participation:

Curtis Cecil, KELCURT Foundation, 9619 Dayton Pike, thanked the City for all of their help with the Eeekstravaganza held this past weekend. He said the city staff did a phenomenal job and helped to make the festival incredible.

Cindi Sanden, 10073 Loope Road and President of North Hamilton Council announced the NoogaLights tree lighting planned for Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 p.m. -7:00 p.m. at Poe's Tavern. She said there will be vendors, photographs with Mr. & Mrs. Claus, some of the local schools will be participating and the Fire Department will install the star on top of the tree weather permitting. She also thanked the City Manager, Public Works, Police and Fire Departments for all their work this past weekend.

Commissioner Keith thanked everyone for their work at the park this past weekend. He said it was a great success. He said the Soddy-Daisy High School Band gave a great performance and recently won an award. He said the cheerleaders will be competing tomorrow.

Commissioner Coleman made a motion that the Commission authorize City Manager Johnson to have Public Works Director Grant to install a second story on the concession stand at the South Park that is currently under construction. City Manager Johnson said that this is already being discussed. He said that further discussion would be held during the workshop scheduled for Monday. Vice-Mayor Coleman withdrew his motion.

Commissioner Shipley announced the Hamilton County Fair scheduled for November 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> at McDonald's Farm. He said there will be vendors, music, a carnival for the kids, a rodeo on Friday night and Brandon Davis will open for Lauren Alaina. He said this should be the biggest fair ever.

City Manager Johnson said that NoogaLights will have a lights and music show in Pine

Tree Park . He said the cost is \$15.00 per car if tickets are purchased online and \$20.00 per car if purchased at the gate. He said the 12 foot shoulder on the Northbound shoulder of Dayton Pike will be used for access to the event. He said all traffic will turn right to enter and right to exit. He said there will be no traffic turning left. He said Mr. John Haustein, NoogaLights, is expecting 300+ cars per night. He said directional signage will be posted.

Commissioner Penney said that Pioneer Days will be held this weekend at Poe's Tavern beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Mayor Everett thanked the Public Works Department for their hard work during the event this past weekend. He said that he would like to see an assistant appointed to help Public Works Director Grant. He said he would like to discuss this further at Monday's workshop. City Manager Johnson said that Chad Crowe, public works department employee, now reports directly to him and coordinates tournaments and field usage with the Kids Club.

Mayor Everett said his goal is to reappoint a Parks and Recreation Board. He said that Public Works stays busy year round. He said the City could receive grants if there is an active Parks and Recreation Board with 5 – 7 members. City Manager Johnson said this would also be discussed further at the workshop.

Public Works Director Grant said there is a lot of electrical work to be done to supply electricity to the NoogaLights show.

Commissioner Shipley thanked Chad Crowe for a great job of running the tournament held at the North Park this past weekend. He said 64 teams participated in the tournament.

Mayor Everett thanked all of the non-profits and expressed his appreciation for the work they do in the City. He said he is not always able to attend the events, but appreciates their support

of the community. He said that he has received numerous comments on the City staff and how kind they are and how hard they work at the events to help make them successful. He stated that the building permits for October totaled 2.5 million dollars and this is a testament that Soddy-Daisy is a great place to live, work and play.

Adjourned 7:31 p.m.

Recorder Burt Johnson