

A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF
SODDY-DAISY, TENNESSEE WAS HELD
ON THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 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
COMMISSIONER PENNEY
COMMISSIONER SHIPLEY
CITY MANAGER JOHNSON
ASSISTANT RECORDER DOLBERRY

MEMBER ABSENT:
CITY ATTORNEY ELLIOTT

Charles Ingle and John Roberts were present on behalf of the Red Bank & Soddy-Daisy Charitable Foundation. Mr. Ingle stated that the Foundation was formed years ago by Sam Swope and Arnold Stulce, Sr. with the sell of the Red Bank Community Hospital. He said to date the Foundation has donated \$250,000 plus to the City of Soddy-Daisy for the construction of the Fire Hall. He said monies have donated for Poe's Tavern and fire training equipment as well. He said this year City Manger Johnson requested that the funds be used for the fishing pier at Soddy Lake, a new bridge in the Gulf and a batting cage at the Kids Club. Mr. Ingle presented the Mayor with a check for \$24,000 to be used for the repair of the fishing pier with any remaining funds to be used toward the batting cage at the Kids Club. Mayor Everett thanked the Foundation for their donation. Commissioner Shipley recognized John Roberts who served as the Mayor of Red Bank for a number of years.

The minutes of the regular meeting held March 2, 2023 were approved as presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

2022-2023 ORDINANCE NO. 13

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SODDY-DAISY, TENNESSEE, AMENDING 2022-2023 ORDINANCE NO. 4 TO EXTEND THE MORATORIUM ON THE ACCEPTANCE OF SHORT-TERM RENTAL APPLICATIONS FOR NONOWNER-OCCUPIED RENTAL PROPERTIES THAT ARE NOT THE PRIMARY RESIDENCE OF THE APPLICANT, FOR A PERIOD BEGINNING ON MARCH 15, 2023, UP TO AND INCLUDING MAY 1, 2023. SECOND AND FINAL READING.

City Manger Johnson stated that the public hearing had already been held.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

Citizen's Participation:

Seth Green, Boy Scout Troup 20, stated that a year ago the Board gave him permission to construct a flag retirement monument at Veterans Park as his Eagle Scout Project. He gave each Board member a packet of the photographs depicting the project at various stages. He said that Chattanooga Monument Company allowed him to assist in making the plaques and the stainless steel lid was fabricated and provided by ASTEC Industries. He thanked the Board for allowing the project and for their donations. Mayor Everett thanked Mr. Green and asked him and members of his Troop to attend a future meeting at which time the Board would like to make a presentation to him.

Cindi Sanden, 10773 Loop Road and Keep Soddy-Daisy Beautiful, thanked the Board and volunteers for another successful Arbor Day. She also thanked Mayor Everett for attending the

North Hamilton Council luncheon. She said there were 53 in attendance. She announced the Little Soddy Creek Cleanup scheduled for March 18th and asked that volunteers meet at Soddy Elementary at 11:00 a.m. She also announced the Cleanup Challenge signups have begun. She said teams can sign up on their website.

City Manager Johnson said that funds were budgeted for the purchase of a bucket truck to replace the 1998 model. Public Works Director Grant said one cannot be found because there are not any for sale that are worth having because you cannot get equipment right now. He said the City is still waiting on a knuckle boom two years later. He requested that a portion of the funds be used to purchase a second mower for the North end at a cost of \$17,041.72. Public Works Director Grant said this purchase would allow them to stay on top of the mowing at the North end. City Manager Johnson said it is very difficult to stay on top of the mowing when mowing season is here. He said \$80,000 was budgeted for the bucket truck.

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

City Manager Johnson stated that a pre-construction meeting was held yesterday regarding the Dayton Pike resurfacing project. He said the bid was awarded in January. He requested approval for the Mayor's signature on the Talley Construction Contract. He said the City Attorney has reviewed the contract. Commissioner Penney questioned when the project would begin. City Manager Johnson said the projected start date is May 15th. Commissioner Shipley questioned the funding of the project. City Manager Johnson said the overall project is just over 4 million dollars. He said the grant is for \$3.5 million. The Board agreed to cover the overage with AARP Funds being used to pay the City's portion of just over \$500,000. Commissioner Penney asked for

confirmation on the area to be paved as well as what is included. He said that Dayton Pike will be paved from City Limits to City Limits excluding the portion recently paved from Fire Hall # 3 North to the Daisy Church of God. He said the project includes all new street and road signs, striping and some guardrail replacement as well as resurfacing Old Hixson Pike. Mayor Everett asked if the area excluded from the resurfacing would also be re-striped? City Manager Johnson said if this is done, it would be done outside the contract.

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

City Manager Johnson said that MTAS has completed a study of the school zones, but this was not an official engineered study for installation of cameras. He said he has an agreement with TWME for an actual Engineer Study for all school zones except Allen and Soddy Elementaries. City Manager Johnson said this study will make it legal for tickets to be issued to anyone 11 mph over the posted school zone. He said the cost of the study is \$6,870.00.

- 1st - Commissioner Keith
- 2nd - Vice-Mayor Coleman

Commissioner Shipley questioned that at one time a group was going to come in and do this. Police Chief Sneed said that MTAS did the study for free but according to the State of Tennessee if a school zone is posted over 15 mph you must have a private engineer to complete the speed study and give a recommendation as to what the speed should be. He said this is the private study. He said they are not in favor of reducing the speed zone on Sequoyah Road down to 15 mph when it is not necessary. Commissioner Shipley said he had understood that the cameras were previously approved. Police Chief Sneed said yes they were, but the company is waiting on this

study before installing them. Commissioner Keith stated that the camera company sets the cameras, but does not determine the speed limit. City Manager Johnson noted that they will install the cameras free of charge.

Ayes - Unanimous

Police Chief Sneed said the City has experienced problems with purchasing new cars. He said that it is imperative that the cars be ordered early. He requested approval to order the new cars with the stipulation that they not be delivered until after July 1st. He said the total cost is \$141,000 for three vehicles fully equipped. He said this is a budgeted item and the fleet should be in good shape once these are delivered.

1st - Commissioner Shipley

2nd - Vice-Mayor Coleman

Ayes - Unanimous

Commissioner Keith said he had a few questions for the City Attorney, but with his absence he would hold those until a later time. City Manger Johnson noted that City Attorney Elliott is attending a City Attorney Conference.

Vice-Mayor Coleman expressed appreciation from Tim Aslinger, brother of James "Jimbo" Aslinger former Chief of the Sale Creek Volunteer Fire Department, for the assistance received during his brother's recent funeral. Vice-Mayor Coleman said that his uncle, Roy Dwight Penney, recently passed away and he requested to borrow pictures from the City to be displayed at his funeral. He said Mr. Penney is the last of the 5 "original" police officers for the City. He said the burial appointment is at 1:30 p.m. tomorrow at the National Cemetery. He expressed his appreciation for the Public Works Department as they have been extremely busy with the recent heavy rains and downed trees.

Commissioner Penney stated that he had recently attended the TML Conference. He said this provided good exposure and a lot of information on the small town coalition. He said he is excited about the future of the City.

Mayor Everett said that he recently attended the Chamber meeting and Hamilton County Mayor Wamp was the guest speaker. He said that Mayor Wamp had exciting things to say about development coming soon to the North end of the County. He said Mayor Wamp spoke highly of Commissioner Shipley. Mayor Everett said he is also excited about the future of this City.

Adjourned 7:30 p.m.

Recorder Burt Johnson