

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

The minutes of the regular meeting held February 16, 2023 and the workshop held
February 24, 2023 were approved as presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

2022-2023 ORDINANCE NO. 12

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SODDY-DAISY, TENNESSEE,
AMENDING THE SODDY-DAISY MUNICIPAL CODE, TITLE 5, CHAPTER 5,
SECTIONS 5-501(1) AND 5-502(2) TO REVISE PURCHASING LIMITS.
SECOND AND FINAL READING.**

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

NEW BUSINESS:

**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. PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING.

City Attorney Elliott stated that the City Commission needs additional time to evaluate the Ordinance relative to Short-Term Rentals. He said the moratorium is being extended for a six week period. There was no opposition present. City Manager Johnson asked City Attorney Elliott if the effective date in Section 2 of the Ordinance should be changed to March 15, 2023 rather than the usual 15 days after the second reading to prevent a gap in the moratorium. City Attorney Elliott answered yes. Commissioner Penney asked where the County stands on this. Commissioner Shipley said that Hamilton County should have their ordinance complete by April 15 with the final draft complete on March 9. He requested that City Attorney Elliott review the Hamilton County draft for some ideas on changes to the City's ordinance. He said the County has spent a lot of time on their draft. Mayor Everett asked if the City amends their ordinance will that require those currently permitted to reapply? City Attorney Elliott said no, but it depends on how long the permit lasts. He said usually if a permit is in existence and has life left on it and it does not conform with the new rules it is considered non-conforming and is said to be "grandfathered". There was no opposition present.

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

2022-2023 RESOLUTION NO. 5

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SODDY-DAISY, TENNESSEE,
AMENDING THE CLASSIFICATION AND PAY PLAN FOR CITY
EMPLOYEES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023.**

City Manager Johnson said the employee salaries have been discussed for months. He said

this amendment will make the City competitive with surrounding cities and counties.

Commissioner Shipley noted that a lot of time has been spent on this amendment and it is beneficial to the City to maintain good employees. He also stated that this amendment is without a tax increase. Commissioner Coleman said the amendment increases the police department salaries by approximately fifteen percent (15%). He further stated that he would like to see a greater increase than proposed for the Public Works Department. He said the public works department, courts and administration will receive approximately seven percent (7%). City Manager Johnson said he would be willing to look into this.

- 1st - Commissioner Shipley
- 2nd - Commissioner Penney
- Ayes - Commissioner Keith, Commissioner Penney, Commissioner Shipley, Mayor Everett
- Nays - Vice-Mayor Coleman

Citizen's Participation:

Curtis Cecil, 9619 Dayton Pike and Soddy-Daisy Community Library, gave a brief recap of last year. He requested the use of the pickleball courts at the North Park on May 6 for the first annual unofficial pickleball tournament. He said pickleball paddles can be checked out for free from the Library. He said that the pickleball courts are typically first come/first serve and he requested to be allowed to post signs concerning the tournament. City Manager Johnson said it may not be the first tournament, as he has been contacted by Soddy-Daisy Forever out of Mile Straight Baptist Church requesting to hold a pickleball tournament fundraiser at the park with the proceeds being donated to the City's Parks and Recreation Department. Mr. Cecil questioned what date they have requested. City Manager Johnson said it would be in April. Mr. Cecil said their goal is to break even. Mr. Cecil requested use of the Veterans Park on May 27th for the Jumanji

movie night that was cancelled previously due to weather. Mr. Cecil also requested use of the Veterans Park on August 19 for their Community Elevation Celebration and October 28 for their 3rd Annual Trunk or Treat. Mr. Cecil extended an invitation to the Commission to attend the Friend of the Library Christmas Party scheduled for December 16th. Commissioner Shipley questioned how May 6th would be handled if tournament participants show up and someone is on the court and refuses to surrender the court. Mr. Cecil said he would post signs in advance of the tournament that the courts are not available on that day. It was the consensus of the Commission to grant Mr. Cecil's requests. Mr. Cecil thanked the Board for their support. He said they have formed an official partnership with the Soddy-Daisy Food Bank and have launched their agricultural center program this year. He said the first one has been built on Mowbray Mountain. He said the goal is to build a total of 20 throughout the City and to have them interconnected with ten percent (10%) of the food raised donated to the Food Bank.

Adam Smart, 1326 Poe Road, requested that the City install paintball and airsoft fields. He said this would provide options for increasing tax revenue and competitions. He said currently the nearest courses are in Chattanooga. He said students in high school would really appreciate outdoor fields. Commissioner Penney asked what size area would be needed? Mr. Smart said he was unsure what size is needed. He said maybe the size of the courtroom. He thanked the Commission for their time.

Sarah Hall, 211 Minor Street, Chattanooga, and Northside Neighborhood House presented the Commission with information regarding services provided by Northside Neighborhood House. She said in 2022 they assisted 405 households which consisted of 1,079 individuals. She said that

they also have a Community Schools Coordinator at Soddy-Daisy Middle School. She said that she is the Community Impact Strategist. Commissioner Shipley questioned if food is provided in the afternoons at Soddy-Daisy Middle School. Mrs. Hall stated that in conjunction with the YMCA snacks are provided.

Robert Cothran, 10175 Dallas Hollow Road, extended an invitation to the Commission to attend Vietnam Veterans' Day to be held at the Vietnam Veterans' Building on March 29 from 3-7 p.m. He said hamburgers and hot dogs would be served. Mr. Cothran also announced a townhall meeting regarding spouse benefits to be held on April 22nd beginning at 6 p.m. at the Vietnam Veterans' Building. Mr. Cothran announced the Wall of Honor ceremony to be held on May 6 at the Veterans Park beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Jim Stewart, 13015 Emerald Bay Drive and Keep Soddy-Daisy Beautiful, announced Arbor Day scheduled for March 4 at the Veterans Park. He said with the additional volunteers on the project existing trees will be pruned, the burn pit completed, and the memorials power washed. He said food and beverages will be provided. He thanked the Public Works Department for digging the holes and setting the 35 trees.

City Manger Johnson said the City is fortunate to have organizations to provide services to the residents.

Commissioner Keith recognized the Lady Trojans Basketball Team for winning the 3A East Region 3 Championship. He said this is their first region crown in 50 years. They will host Livingston Academy on Saturday in the sub-state game. Vice-Mayor Coleman said the game will be at 7 p.m. Commission Keith asked everyone to support them.

Vice-Mayor Coleman said he has discussed the painting of the pickleball courts with the

Public Works Director. He said this should be done when the weather dries up.

Commissioner Shipley also congratulated the Lady Trojans and encouraged everyone to attend.

Commissioner Penney said this has been a great meeting. He reminded everyone to check on your friends and offer support when you can.

Mayor Everett reiterated congratulations to the Lady Trojans. He said this is a great community that supports schools and sports.

City Manager Johnson thanked the Northside Neighborhood House for all the work they do in the area.

Commissioner Keith asked for an update on the tank to be installed at the Veterans Park. Robert Cothran stated that he is still waiting on confirmation and paperwork. He said the paperwork alone can take up to six (6) months to process. He said he will keep City Manager Johnson updated.

Adjourned 7:40 p.m.

Recorder Burt Johnson