

A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF
SODDY-DAISY, TENNESSEE WAS HELD
ON THURSDAY, MAY 4, 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

STAFF AND OTHERS PRESENT:
SEE ATTACHED COPY OF SIGN IN SHEET

City Attorney Elliott said the minutes should be amended to indicate staff and others present as shown on the attached sign in sheet. This is a change to our normal minutes as he understands the Sunshine Law there is to be a complete list of the everyone in attendance. The minutes of the regular meeting held April 20, 2023 were approved as amended by the City Attorney. City Manager Johnson asked all staff members present to sign in.

OLD BUSINESS:

2022-2023 ORDINANCE NO. 14

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SODDY-DAISY, TENNESSEE,
TO AMEND THE SODDY-DAISY MUNICIPAL CODE, TITLE 17, REFUSE
AND TRASH DISPOSAL, SECTION 17-103, STORAGE RELATIVE TO
DUMPSTER REQUIREMENTS. SECOND AND FINAL READING.**

Mayor Everett noted that the public hearing was held at the last meeting.

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

Ayes - Unanimous

2022-2023 ORDINANCE NO. 15

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SODDY-DAISY, TENNESSEE,
TO AMEND THE SODDY-DAISY ZONING ORDINANCE, ARTICLE VIII,
ACCESS CONTROL, PARKING AND SITE PLAN REQUIREMENTS,
SECTION 824.10, RELATIVE TO DUMPSTER REQUIREMENTS.
SECOND AND FINAL READING.**

Mayor Everett noted that the public hearing was held at the last meeting.

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

2022-2023 ORDINANCE NO. 16

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SODDY-DAISY, TENNESSEE,
AMENDING 2022-2023 ORDINANCE NO. 13 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 MAY 1, 2023, UP TO AND INCLUDING JULY 1, 2023.
SECOND AND FINAL READING.**

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

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, 2023 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2024. PUBLIC
HEARING AND FIRST READING.**

City Manager Johnson said the budget this year is 13.2 million dollars. He said there are some carry over items in Public Works from last year that have not been received yet. These include a bucket truck and knuckle boom. He said they will purchase a pickup truck and utility truck. He said the City is looking at capital projects to include building a new municipal

building, new traffic signals at Montlake Road and Thrasher Pike, Fire Department will receive new extrication equipment and a pickup truck, Police Department will receive three new patrol vehicles. Mayor Everett noted that this is a public hearing. There was no opposition present.

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

Commissioner Shipley noted that there is no tax increase included in the budget.

Citizen's Participation:

Patrick Harris, 9996 Miller Road, came before the Commission with concerns of water runoff from the street across his yard. He presented each Commissioner with a set of photos. Public Works Director Grant stated that he had inspected the area in question. He said the tile is cracked and slightly stopped up. He said the property across the street is private, but should have a ditch. He said it may be two more weeks, but he plans to repair the area with asphalt and rip rap rock. Mr. Harris stated that he had dug out the tile as much as possible last Saturday, but it needs asphalt and rock around it. He said concrete should be placed where the road washes out. Mr. Harris said the curb is missing in front of his house. He is concerned that the water is draining toward his septic fill area. He said he has tried to have this repaired for years. The last thing he was told was that the City would repair it when they purchased asphalt. City Manager Johnson asked if he wants the curbing put back across his driveway. Public Works Director Grant stated that asphalt will not stay on concrete. Commissioner Shipley asked Mr. Harris how long he has lived at this address. Mr. Harris replied 7 years. Public Works Director Grant stated that when Neighbors Drive was built the curb was cut, then paved up to the driveway. Commissioner Keith asked if the asphalt could come out into the roadway so that it is half on asphalt and half on concrete? Mayor Everett asked if this project is on the list. Public Works

Director Grant stated yes, but it may be another 2 to 3 weeks before he can address it.

City Manager Johnson stated that a bid was placed in the Commission packets, but asked that action on this be postponed until the next meeting.

Police Chief Sneed requested that two stop signs be installed at Wall Street and Depot Street. He said there is a significant increase in traffic in this area and there was an incident recently involving a school bus. He said that he feels the stop signs are needed.

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

City Manager Johnson stated there is an issue with speeding on Springfield Road and they are currently looking into alternatives to address this.

Commissioner Penney asked City Manager Johnson for an update on the Dayton Pike paving project. City Manager Johnson said the contractor is looking at May 15th, but the project may be pushed to May 24th. Public Works Director Grant said that he has spoken with Talley Construction, the paving contractor, and they have requested that the starting date be pushed to May 24th or May 25th so that school will be out for the summer. He said that Talley has said it will take 3 weeks to mill and pave. He said the striping, signs and guardrail will take longer.

Mayor Everett asked if the road cut requirements were being revamped? Public Works Director Grant said that road cut requirements and bond requirements are in place now. He said that the water company is already using flowable fill only.

Commissioner Keith questioned the lack of curbing in front of the commercial strip center located in front of Tall Pines Estates. He said this is creating a traffic hazard and vehicles are backing out onto Dayton Pike. He said that he remembers when first constructed there was curbing in front of the building. He asked if this was there for a reason. City Manager Johnson

said it was there and it was there for a reason. There was to be no access onto Dayton Pike in front of the building. It was noted that curbing and a four foot street yard is required and shown on the site plan. City Attorney Elliott asked if this needed to be researched to see if a variance of conditional permit was issued. City Manager Johnson said the owner had requested an additional access, but it was not allowed. The curbing was installed to insure that the vehicle use the existing driveway at the south end of the property. City Manager Johnson said that the City may have to put the curbing in wide enough to prevent access to Dayton Pike. Commissioner Keith stated that he felt if the owner of the property removed the curbing, he should be required to put it back. He said he does not feel this should be at the City's expense. Public Works Director Grant said he feels they will still park on the right-of-way as they were parking there with the curbing in place. Commissioner Keith said the owner should then install No Parking signs as well. He again expressed his concern with vehicles backing out onto Dayton Pike. The required 4 foot street yard was discussed as well. Public Works Director Grant noted that the City can dig up an area along the right-of-way and install curbing with a grassy area. City Attorney Elliott stated that the City has no liability, but is something that should have some attention.

Commissioner Keith made a motion for the City Manager to review estimates for an Administrative Hearing Officer. City Attorney Elliott said this Ordinance was passed a few years ago, but the position was not filled due to the expense. He said he would work with the City Manager on this.

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

Commissioner Shipley questioned the duties of the Administrative Hearing Officer. It was noted that he/she would address building code violations and code enforcement.

Ayes - Unanimous

Vice-Mayor Coleman said that a number of citizens had thanked him for the new bridge in the Gulf. He also thanked the Public Works Department for the bleachers that were moved to the Pickle Ball Courts for the tournament this past weekend. He asked where we were on the grant application for Holly Circle. City Manager Johnson stated that the application was submitted around April 12th. He said the money raised from the pickle ball tournament was donated to the Soddy-Daisy Food Bank.

Commissioner Shipley asked what would be done with the old guardrail that is being replaced as part of the Dayton Pike project? Public Works Director Grant stated that the project will only replace guardrail that is bad, not all the guardrail. Commissioner Shipley said he had a request for guardrail on Hallett Street. Public Works Director Grant said the cost to replace all of the guardrail was \$700,000.00. City Manager Johnson said that is why we did not replace all guardrail. Public Works Director Grant said he would check on the cost to place guardrail at Hallett Street and Loop Road. He said the cost is approximately \$80 per foot. Commissioner Shipley said this may need to be discussed further at a later date.

Commissioner Shipley announced the Wall of Honor Ceremony scheduled for Saturday, May 6th at 10:00 a.m. He said 16 new names would be added to the wall.

Commissioner Shipley asked if when the new City building construction begins could a new sign be purchased. City Manager Johnson said he would request new quotes. The cost was \$40,000.00 a year ago. Commissioner Shipley said the public likes the sign and misses it.

Commissioner Penney asked if the City was able to identify handicap parking at Holly Park. Public Works Director Grant said one space maybe two would be painted tomorrow.

Commissioner Penney asked if the City has the option to place an events calendar on the

website. He said he feels this may be beneficial. City Manager Johnson said this is planned for the new website.

City Attorney Elliott said that he is willing to assist with the collection of old court fines. He asked that Court Clerk prepare a list with the names and total amount owed for repeat offenders, then he can take the next steps. Commissioner Shipley said for the public's information how much is on the books and not being collected. City Manager Johnson said the total 8 years ago was \$400,000.00 and is probably larger now. City Attorney Elliott said there are ways to collect. Mayor Everett said he has discussed this with the Court Clerk and she had several good ideas as to how this could be addressed. He said the Judge is elected and it is not the Commission's job to dictate how he adjudicates his court room. He said he had shared the Court Clerk's ideas with the City Manager and he will discuss these with the Judge tomorrow.

Mayor Everett asked what time the Commissioner's would need to be at the Wall Ceremony. Commissioner Shipley stated 9:45 a.m.

Mayor Everett asked Commissioner Shipley if had the date and time of Soddy Elementary's 5th grade graduation for the Mayor's Award. Commissioner Shipley said yes. Mayor Everett confirmed that Commissioner Keith had the date and time of Allen Elementary's 5th grade graduation for the Mayor's Award. Commissioner Keith said yes. He announced Soddy-Daisy Middle School Graduation on May 22nd, 9:00 a.m. at Stuart Heights Baptist Church.

Mayor Everett noted that April's Building Permit Report totaled 1.7 million.

Mayor Everett stated that individuals involved with kids ball clubs in Chicago, Missouri and Florida were very complimentary on the City's parks and the Kids Club. He said Soddy-Daisy has a sense of community and this is unlike any other. Mayor Everett said non-

profits have helped to transform our parks and volunteers have put forth a lot of effort. Mayor Everett questioned if the City has someone that is 100 percent dedicated to the parks. City Manager Johnson said Chad Crowe and Terry VanWinkle are now parks only. He said he is moving forward with hiring one part-time employee to assist.

City Attorney Elliott stated he would be absent from the next meeting as he will be in a meeting in Mississippi.

Vice-Mayor Coleman said he had met with Boy Scout Troop 20 and they were very informative. He said they would like to look into building a disc golf course in the park.

Mayor Everett said that he would like the Public Works Department to look at areas in the Gulf this Fall to see if trees can be removed and additional picnic tables installed. Public Works Director Grant said 4 are at Twin Rock. Commissioner Keith said that trees may not have to be removed.

Adjourned 7:46 p.m.

Recorder Burt Johnson

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5/4/23 Commission Meeting

7:00 PM

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