

A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS OF THE CITY OF
SODDY-DAISY, TENNESSEE WAS HELD
ON THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 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
CITY MANAGER JOHNSON
ASSISTANT RECORDER DOLBERRY

MEMBERS ABSENT:
COMMISSIONER PENNEY
COMMISSIONER SHIPLEY
CITY ATTORNEY ELLIOTT

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

The minutes of the regular meeting held June 1, 2023 were approved as presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SODDY-DAISY, TENNESSEE,
AMENDING THE SODDY-DAISY MUNICIPAL CODE, TITLE 1,
CHAPTER 1, SECTION 1-103, GENERAL RULES OF ORDER.
PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST READING.**

City Manager Johnson stated that this Ordinance had been prepared by City Attorney Elliott due to legislation. He said that the City has conducted its meetings on a less formal version of Roberts Rules of Order. He said that City Attorney Elliott would explain this further at the next meeting.

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

Ayes - Unanimous

2022-2023 RESOLUTION NO. 8

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SODDY-DAISY, TENNESSEE,
ESTABLISHING RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR ADDING TO A
PUBLICALLY NOTICED AGENDA IN ACCORDANCE WITH 2023
PUBLIC CHAPTER 213.**

City Manager Johnson stated that City Attorney Elliott had prepared this Resolution due to recent legislation. He said that it requires that the agenda be advertised on the City's website 48 hours before a meeting and nothing can be added except in the two instances allowed by the Resolution which then requires six (6) hours notice.

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

City Manager Johnson requested approval to accept the school zone recommendations from TWM Engineering. He stated the Study recommends raising the school zone speed limit on Sequoyah Road from 25 mph to 35 mph. He said this zone is 2 miles long. He said the study also recommends lowering the speed limit 24/7 from Montlake Road to Charlie's Restaurant from 40 mph to 30 mph. All other school zones to remain the same. He said the flashers would be relocated in this area and the spirit of this change is to enforce this during the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. when school is in session as students and faculty of Ivy Academy cross over Dayton Pike.

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

Commissioner Keith questioned when the changes would be made. Police Chief Sneed said that after tonight's approval, changes should be made within 30 days.

City Manager Johnson requested approval of the Security Camera Bid. Police Chief Sneed said that a State grant has been awarded to the City in the amount of \$103,000.00 for the

purchase and installation of the cameras. He said these cameras are 4K and will provide improved security for our parks. He said that notifications can be viewed on cell phones as well.

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

Citizen's Participation:

Curtis Cecil, 9619 Dayton Pike, Soddy-Daisy Community Library, Kelcort Foundation and Kelcort Farms, requested approval of the Board for a movie night in the park to be held at Veterans Park on July 15th at 9:00 p.m.

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

Mr. Cecil said the movie will be "Super Mario Brothers" sponsored by Richardson Engineering & Forensics. Commissioner Keith asked if a rain date had been set? Mr. Cecil said not at this time.

Mr. Cecil noted that a third offsite agricultural center will be open soon. He said they have teamed up with the Soddy-Daisy Food Bank and ten percent of the crops are donated to them. He said the hoop houses are proving to be very successful. He announced the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the third agricultural center to be held at 606 Lee Pike on Saturday, June 17th at 2:00 p.m. He said parking is available at Union Fork Baptist and ride share is recommended.

Mr. Cecil announced the Summer Celebration scheduled for Saturday, August 19th; from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and the Halloween Eekstravaganza scheduled for October 28th from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with the movie "Goose Bumps" being shown at 8:30 p.m., a Tractor Show instead of a car show, as well as a chili and pie cookoff. He asked that everyone please help sponsor the event. He thanked Keep Soddy-Daisy Beautiful for sharing their sponsorship ideas. City Manager Johnson said he would be in touch with Mr. Cecil.

Susan Crowell, 916 Rose Marie Court and Chair Stewardship and Advocacy for the North Chickamauga Creek Conservancy, said that they are pleased to announce that Governor Lee has designated the North Chickamauga Creek as a State Scenic River. She expressed their appreciation for the efforts of Senator Watson and Representative Hazlewood. She said this should provide for extra rangers as well.

Mrs. Crowell gave a brief history of the Gorge. She said in 1999 the North Chickamauga Creek Conservancy secured the funds to purchase approximately 3,500 acres and this was deeded to the State of Tennessee. She said approximately 6 years ago they expressed their concern with the gathering of stone. In 2019, a conditional permit was granted for the rock harvesting. She said today is the deadline for the quarry to cease operation and the reclamation plan to be implemented. She said the Soddy-Daisy Zoning Board of Appeals granted the Conditional Permit on May 19, 2019 with three conditions. She said the reason they care so much about the plan is it borders the State property and they put a lot into that property. She said the trust wants the area stabilized and the easements that pass through 8447 and 8443 Dayton Pike as well as 8447 Springfield Road to remain open. She said they have asked for the inspection process to determine how well the conditions were met. She questioned what inspections have been made? City Manager Johnson noted that he has not visited the site. Public Works Director Grant said that the area has been hydroseeded and TDEC has stated that no water can leave the site. He said a pond is located on the property. Public Works Director Grant stated that TDEC is satisfied and Mr. Rich has given Ivy Academy a check for the purchase and planting of the trees. He said it will most likely be Fall before they are planted. Mrs. Crowell expressed her concern with slope that appears to be 1:4 as the State property borders this property on two sides, what appears to be a vertical cut and the planting of the trees. Mrs. Crowell requested that this be taken back to the Zoning Board of Appeals as she does not feel the conditions have been met. Commissioner Keith asked if she had proof of the claims

being made? City Manager Johnson said that the slope is unknown at this time. Mrs. Crowell said they want to work with the City, Mr. Rich and Ivy Academy, but they need proof the reclamation plan has been met. She presented the board with pictures of the area that were made in June of 2020. She requested proof of no impoundments and slopes. Commissioner Keith said he feels that it is Mr. Rich's obligation to verify that the plan has been met. Commissioner Keith suggested an on-site meeting with Mr. Rich and Public Works Director Grant. Public Works Director Grant stated that he would be willing to meet with Mr. Rich on site after July 4th. Mrs. Crowell said it is up to Mr. Rich to verify as they do not want to deal with Ivy Academy and it is her understanding that the property will be transferred to Ivy Academy soon. Mayor Everett noted that the City cannot prevent the transfer of the property. This is a civil matter. It was the consensus of the Board for Public Works Director Grant to meet with Mr. Rich to review the reclamation plan.

City Manager Johnson said that the Board had voted several meetings back to build a new building behind the current Municipal Building and he was unaware at the time that a recommendation from the Planning Commission was required. He said that the Planning Commission had made their recommendation on June 14th. He requested that the Board approve the building again so that plans can move forward. He said the building will be used as the police department and will be approximately 7,500 square feet. He stated this should be large enough to allow room for future growth.

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

City Manager Johnson thanked Cindi Sanden for coordinating a meeting with the Chattanooga Tourism Group. He said they had a lot of good ideas.

Commissioner Keith said the Dayton Pike paving project is looking good.

Vice-Mayor Coleman announced the Independence Day Celebration scheduled for July 1st at Soddy Lake.

Mayor Everett announced that Cindi Sanden was recently elected President of the North Hamilton Council of the Chattanooga Chamber of Commerce and would begin her duties in 15 days. He said that numerous educators had attended the last meeting of the Chamber. He said that Ivy Academy has an unbelievable program relative to farming and raising animals. Mayor Everett said he feels schools need more vocational programs. He said that good educational programs mean a strong work force.

Adjourned 7:47 p.m.

Recorder Burt Johnson