

A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF THE CITY OF SODDY-DAISY, TENNESSEE, WAS
HELD ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 4, 2011 AT 7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:
MAYOR JIM ADAMS
VICE-MAYOR JANICE CAGLE
COMMISSIONER SHANE HARMON
COMMISSIONER RICK NUNLEY
COMMISSIONER GENE SHIPLEY
CITY MANAGER HARDIE STULCE
CITY ATTORNEY SAM ELLIOTT
CITY RECORDER BURT JOHNSON

The minutes of the meeting held July 21, 2011 were approved as presented.

Justin Cox, Tennessee Director for Youth Alliance, gave a presentation to the Board. He said Youth Alliance was the #1 motivational speaking agency in the nation. He said they speak to three million students a year about life, hope and purpose. Mr. Cox stated Youth Alliance also helps teachers take back control of their classrooms. He explained that after Youth Alliance representatives speak to the students in the schools they have a community night where the City Commission, police officers, parents and children are invited. Mr. Cox told the Board that it would cost \$3,600 for them to speak to the schools and have the community night. Mayor Adams asked Mr. Cox which schools and how often would this agency come to speak. Mr. Cox said they had already spoken to Soddy-Daisy High School and Soddy-Daisy Middle School. Mr. Cox stated these two schools have requested them to come back. He said once a year would be the goal but he would like to do it once in the fall and once in the spring. Mr. Cox gave some examples of students that were contemplating suicide and had a change of heart after hearing their message. Mayor Adams asked how many schools they could talk to for \$3,600. Mr. Cox stated it would be any where from 3 to 6 schools, which would include professional development for the teachers and community night. Commissioner Harmon informed everyone Justin Cox

was his nephew and he would not be voting due to the conflict of interest. Commissioner Harmon stated that Mr. Cox would not waste anyone's money and would spend it for the right reasons. City Attorney Elliott stated that he thought for the City to donate money to a charity it had to be in the budget. He requested that action be deferred until City Recorder Johnson double checked the rule. Commissioner Nunley made a motion to defer until City Recorder Johnson checked the rule which was seconded by Commissioner Shipley and the motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Harmon abstained.

Old Business: None

New Business:

2011-2012 RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF SODDY-DAISY, TENNESSEE
AUTHORIZING THE VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA SODDY-DAISY CHAPTER
#942 TO BE THE MANAGER RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FOLLOWING COMMUNITY
FUNCTIONS ON AN ON GOING ANNUAL BASIS AND TERMINATES AT THE WILL OF
EITHER PARTY; INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION (JULY), PUMPKIN FESTIVAL
(OCTOBER), CHRISTMAS PARADE (DECEMBER).

Mayor Adams said this Resolution was a housekeeping item. He said in the past there has not been a formal agreement and this would recognize the Vietnam Veterans as being responsible for these events. City Attorney Elliott said he would prefer to use "manager" rather than "authority". He said there may be an issue when making decisions such as parking for these events and would rather see the Board as the ultimate authority. He felt "sole authority" was too absolute. City Attorney Elliot said the Resolution as presented was open ended and thought it should have a prevision in it stating it could be terminated by either party on 30 or 60 days notice. He said there may come a time when the Vietnam Veterans want out of the responsibility. Robert Cothran said if there ever came a time that he wanted out of it, he would let the Board know a year in advance. Mr. Cothran stated that the Board would do the same. He

said putting the provision in the Resolution would be “wording it to death”. City Attorney Elliott said if something comes up that no one anticipates the question might arise of why the Resolution wasn’t clear. He suggested changing the wording to state “it terminates at the will of either party”.

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

Nancy Jo Ogozalek, 10707 Lovell Road, welcomed back Chief Phillip Hamrick and thanked him for his service and for returning safely.

City Manager Stulce said the Federal Highway Administration has cut \$51,900,000 in federal funds to the State of Tennessee. He said he does not know if it affects any of the City’s tentative projects.

City Manager Stulce said W.V. Roberson who prepares a luncheon for all of the Veterans in town on Veteran’s Day has requested permission to use the South Park for a fund raiser to help pay for the cost of the meal. Commissioner Shipley made a motion to approve the fund raiser which was seconded by Vice-Mayor Cagle and the motion carried unanimously.

City Manager Stulce said he had a request from Bob Uren from the Alhambra Shrine Circus for the City to purchase an ad in their circus program. He said it was \$350 for a full page and \$200 for a half page. City Manager Stulce said he told Mr. Uren that it was not budgeted. City Attorney Elliott mentioned that Recorder Johnson could check on this when he checked on the budgeting issue for donating the \$3,600 to the Youth Alliance since it was not in the budget either. City Manager Stulce said he already knew the answer to the budgeting issue. He said if it is not in the budget, you cannot donate to a charity. Mayor Adams asked if it was a moot issue. City Attorney Elliott said yes unless the Board would like to make a budget amendment. City

Manager Stulce said he told Mr. Uren that even though the City had paid for the ad in the past, it was not in the budget. He informed Mr. Uren the City had just placed a tax increase on the residents of the community. He said items that weren't of absolute necessity will require Board approval. City Attorney Elliott stated that the City's auditors informed "us" a few years back that charitable donations had to be a line item in the budget. Vice-Mayor Cagle stated unless they planned to amend the budget, they cannot donate any money to the Alhambra Shrine Circus or Youth Alliance. The Board raised the question of whether each charity needed its own line item in the budget or of it could be one line item. The discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

Commissioner Shipley said it has been discussed for several years about the cost of having the Christmas Parade in the middle of town. He said several roads have to be closed and it hurts the businesses in that area. Commissioner Shipley stated originally he thought it would help businesses but that is not the case. He said several years ago it was discussed to have the parade at the north end of the City around the lake. Commissioner Shipley said if it were moved to the north end of the City, only 5 roads would need to be closed. He asked Chief Phillip Hamrick how many officers he would need to work the parade if it was at the north end. Chief Hamrick said it would take approximately 5 or 6. Commissioner Shipley asked Chief Hamrick how many officers were needed when having the parade in the middle of town and Chief Hamrick said all of his officers were needed. Commissioner Shipley said the Christmas Parade was "another expensive day for the City". He said "we" have made some "cuts" to the 4th of July and there will need to be some "cuts" to the Pumpkin Festival. Commissioner Shipley stated that "we" want to offer these events to the people of the City but we need to do them in the most economical way as possible. Mayor Adams said it was worth a "trial" to have it at the north end. He said the congestion at the south end pretty much shuts the businesses down for at least three

hours. Mayor Adams commented there were several places for staging areas at the north end. He said there was a lot more room up there. Commissioner Shipley said with the road construction to widen Dayton Pike from the 9100 block to the 9500 block next year, it would be more of a problem than in the past. Vice-Mayor Cagle said since the Board has just given management responsibilities to the Vietnam Veteran she felt they should be asked their opinion. Robert Cothran said the Vietnam Veterans did not care either way. Commissioner Harmon asked Mr. Cothran would delaying a decision for two weeks make a difference. Mr. Cothran stated that it would. He said he is already receiving calls and there are a lot of people that need to be contacted if the location is going to be changed. Commissioner Harmon commented on how much the City spent on candy in the previous year and thought it was around \$1,200. He felt since they were looking at ways to reduce cost that the purchasing of candy should be discussed. Commissioner Nunley made a motion for the City not to buy candy for the Christmas Parade this year which was seconded by Commissioner Harmon and the motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Harmon expressed his opinion that he thought the issue of moving the Christmas Parade should be put on the agenda for the next commission meeting and give the citizens an opportunity to voice their opinion. Commissioner Shipley asked Chief Hamrick how much money would be saved by having the parade at the north end. Chief Hamrick stated it would save between \$3,000 and \$5,000. Commissioner Shipley made a motion to move the Christmas Parade to the north end of the City on a trial basis which was seconded by Commissioner Nunley and the motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Harmon abstained.

Mayor Adams commented on a letter from a City resident regarding a neighbor being in violation of an Ordinance limiting the amount of goats a land owner is allowed to have on a certain size tract of land. City Attorney Elliott explained the details of the Ordinance. Mayor

Adams said the land owner has been sent a letter letting them know they are not in compliance with the Ordinance. City Attorney Elliot stated unless the Board was willing to change the Ordinance to accommodate the current situation, the codes enforcement officer should deal with it. Mayor Adams asked City Manager Stulce if he would have Public Works Director Steve Grant to write the land owner another letter.

Robert Cothran made an announcement that applications to have names printed on the Wall of Honor in the Veterans Park have been printed. He said anyone who wants an application could contact him or Patti Skates.

City Manager Stulce stated he wanted to comment on the Christmas Parade controversy. He said several years ago when he was on the "City Council", it was mentioned to move the parade. He said in addition to moving the parade to the lake, it was discussed to have it at night and have a "singing" at one of the ball fields. City Manager Stulce said this idea was not received well. He said it was worth while to give it try. He remarked not only will it save money but the city loses a lot of sales tax revenue by "running" people away from Walmart, Walgreens and other businesses for part of a day during Christmas season. City Manger Stulce stated that the City gets a tremendous amount of sales tax revenue during the months of November and December. He said when you block off part of the town, people turnaround and drive to the Hixson Walmart and Northgate Mall to spend their money. He said moving the parade should be looked at with an open mind and it could end up being bigger and better than ever.

Mayor Adams welcomed Chief Hamrick back from military service and thanked him for his service.

ADJOURNMENT 7:45 P.M.

RECORDER JOHNSON