

A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF THE CITY OF SODDY-DAISY, TENNESSEE, WAS
HELD ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2011 AT 7:00 P.M.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:
MAYOR JIM ADAMS
CITY ATTORNEY SAM ELLIOTT

The minutes of the regular meeting held August 18, 2011 and the special called meeting held August 25, 2011 were approved as presented.

Old Business: None

New Business:

2011-2012 ORDINANCE NO. _____
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SODDY-DAISY, TENNESSEE,
AMENDING TITLE 3, CHAPTER 2, SECTION 3-206 OF THE
SODDY-DAISY MUNICIPAL CODE. PUBLIC HEARING AND FIRST
READING.

City Manager Stulce explained that the City has an Ordinance in place that regulates dogs but there was nothing in the Ordinance to prohibit dogs from being in the city parks when there are special events. He read the proposed change to the Ordinance which stated “no dogs would be allowed at public gatherings that consisted of one hundred (100) or more people”. City Manager Stulce said this change has been requested by numerous citizens.

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

Citizens Participation:

Pete D'Amico, 277 Brumlow Hollow Road, informed the Board that his problems with his neighbor are getting worse. He stated the neighbor has dug up more of the road making it harder to get across. Vice-Mayor Cagle asked Mr. D'Amico if he has filed a police report. Mr. D'Amico stated he had not. He was informed by the Board that it was not a City street and there was nothing they could do about the issue right now. Commissioner Shipley asked Mr. D'Amico to give the Board two weeks to look at "taking the properties in".

Lee Otis and Lorene Stewart, Palmer Tennessee, came before the Board to request their permission to place a double wide trailer at 233 Layne Road. Mr. Stewart explained that he has cancer and has had to drive from Palmer Tennessee to Chattanooga several times a week for treatment. He also said he would like to get his wife back home to Soddy-Daisy. Vice-Mayor Cagle asked the Stewarts the year model of the trailer. Mr. Stewart said it was a 52 foot by 32 foot 1999 model. City Manager Stulce said the City's Ordinance addresses single wide trailers but double wide trailers come under a different category as a stick built house. He said the building inspector has reviewed the pictures sent by Mr. Stewart but is out of town. The Board informed the Stewarts of a few items they would need to do once the trailer was in place to meet the "building code". Commissioner Nunley asked the Stewarts if they were aware the property was in a flood zone and the Stewarts informed him they were. Commissioner Shipley made a motion to allow the Stewarts to put their trailer at 233 Layne Road which was seconded by Commissioner Harmon and the ayes were unanimous.

City Manager Stulce informed the Board that a new agreement prepared by the Soddy-Daisy-Falling Water Utility District was in their meeting packets. He said the agreement has been reviewed by Public Works Director Steve Grant and himself. City Manager Stulce said

they had two items they disagreed with. He said the contract states the Utility District would install the 30 fire hydrants purchased by the City at \$1,100 each. City Manager Stulce stated if the City was going to have to pay for the fire hydrants to be installed, he would like request permission from the Utility District to use a contractor for the installation. This would allow bids to be taken, possibly reducing the cost of the installation. City Manager Stulce stated he would like to amend in the contract requiring the Utility District to provide the City with a quarterly or annual statement showing the amount of monthly maintenance fees spent on parts and maintenance. Vice-Mayor Cagle asked City Manager Stulce if he had met with the Utility District about these items. He said he had not and that he had just received the new proposed contract the prior week. City Manager Stulce said he thought these issues should be discussed by the Board first. Vice-Mayor Cagle stated the individuals who were appointed to the committee at the prior meeting with the Utility District should meet and discuss these issues. City Manager Stulce said he would contact David Callahan, General Manager of the Utility District, and set up a meeting.

City Manager Stulce said he gave the Board 5 maps in their packets regarding annexation and de-annexation of property and was ready to make a recommendation on how to proceed based on the need and expense of maintaining the roads. He said he did not expect them to vote on anything tonight. City Manager Stulce said he would be willing to answer any questions the Board might have at this time or they could wait and look over the material first. Commissioner Shipley said he would like more time to look over the information. City Manager Stulce said he is recommending annexing 3 of the 5 properties due the fact that the City pays a tremendous amount of money for sanitation and maintaining roads and it would be beneficial to get tax

dollars from both sides of the street. It was the census of the Board to review the information and discuss at a later meeting.

Commissioner Shipley announced that the City was having a fundraiser for Poe's Tavern on Saturday September 17th from 3:00 P.M. to 7:00P.M. He encouraged everyone to come out and have a good time. He said hopefully a lot of logs would be purchased and the City would be able to limit the amount of tax dollars that will have to go into the project.

Commissioner Harmon said he has noticed several landlords moving renters in and out 4 or 5 times a year and putting their trash out by the road. The City ends up spending \$300 to \$400 each time hauling it off. He said several of these landlords have 6 to 10 rental properties and it is costly for the City. Commissioner Shipley said he agreed with Commissioner Harmon and said some of the landlords are abusing the "Sparkle Pick Up". He said in the past the City had to cut back on this service due to the abuse. Commissioner Shipley stated that what the landlords are doing is wrong and something should be done about it. Commissioner Harmon said it is happening all over town and gave examples of the abuse. He asked what could be done about the situation. Vice-Mayor Cagle stated that the City could pass an Ordinance and address rental properties and state in that Ordinance how much the City would pick up. She said it is hard to keep up with how many times each resident has requested a pick up. City Manager Stulce mentioned that he thought the City had agreed to do two "Sparkle Pick Ups" a year per address. Commissioner Shipley suggested the City put together a "stiff" Ordinance addressing these issues and when someone is caught, "turn them over to the Judge". Vice-Mayor Cagle asked City Manager Stulce to get with City Attorney Elliott to see what can be done to deal with the situation.

City Manager Stulce said he met with Robert Cothran of the Vietnam Veterans to discuss having fireworks at the “Punkin’ Festival”. He said he told Mr. Cothran that he thought due to the financial constraints of the City that the Board did not want to pay for fireworks at the festival this year. He said he told Mr. Cothran that it was not his “call” and that the Board would have to decide. Commissioner Nunley made a motion not to buy fireworks for the “Punkin’ Festival” which was seconded by Commissioner Harmon and the ayes were unanimous.

Commissioner Harmon said he was approached by a citizen who voiced his displeasure with the current animal control service the City uses. He stated that the City of Red Bank is exploring other options and may be changing who they use for animal control.

Vice-Mayor Cagle stated she would like the City to look into recycling. She remarked that the City of East Ridge is offering recycling services. Vice-Mayor Cagle asked City Recorder Johnson to call East Ridge and get some information regarding this service.

Vice-Mayor Cagle announced Soddy-Daisy Middle School is celebrating their 50th anniversary on September 24th and encouraged members of the community to attend.

ADJOURNMENT 7:50 P.M.

RECORDER JOHNSON