

A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
OF THE CITY OF SODDY-DAISY, TENNESSEE, WAS  
HELD ON THURSDAY, JULY 21, 2011 AT 7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBER ABSENT:

COMMISSIONER SHANE HARMON

The minutes of the regular meeting held July 7, 2011 and the special called meeting held July 14, 2011 were approved as presented.

The presentation to the Soddy-Daisy Snappers was postponed until the second meeting in August.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Ronnie McNew, 915 Green Pond Road, asked the Board if they knew any details about the toll bridge that had been talked about on the news. Mayor Adams said he, Commissioner Nunley and City Manager Stulce attended a meeting earlier in the week with the Regional Planning Agency regarding the bridge. He noted they received an outline and the project seemed to be gaining a little “steam”. He said the RPA reviewed the four projected routes and they said if the project was started immediately it would take 10 to 12 years for the environmental studies, 2 years for design and 2 to 3 years for construction. Mr. McNew said he would like to see someone “push” for the toll bridge. He asked if the Board could appoint a committee to go to Nashville and other places to

politic for this project. He commented he felt the City should have gotten this bridge many years ago. Mr. McNew remarked that Highway 111 has done a lot for the City's business and growth. He thinks it would be great to have all the traffic from Highway 58 and Cleveland routed toward Soddy-Daisy. Mayor Adams said Jim Cobb has been pushing this project for a long time but after the State re-districts, he will no longer be a part of the Soddy-Daisy area. Mayor Adams said Jim Cobb recommended that Mayor Jim Coppinger assume the leadership. Mayor Coppinger agreed but said he also thought someone in Nashville should take on some leadership. Mayor Adams said he spoke with Richard Floyd and Mr. Floyd said he would take some leadership in Nashville along with the County Delegation. Mr. McNew suggested that someone should contact Claude Ramsey. He said part of the territory in which this project would cover belongs to Mr. Ramsey. Vice-Mayor Cagle stated that "we have been in meetings for the last 5 years" with a committee that Mr. Ramsey was involved with when he was Hamilton County Mayor. She showed Mr. McNew a document from TDOT with the projected routes. Mr. McNew commented that he felt the City has been "short changed" in the past and if "the people" from the City don't "stand up" for it, "we" are not going to get anything. Mayor Adams said he takes issue with the proposed route due to the fact that the bridge will be near the Sequoyah Nuclear Plant. He said he questioned the RPA in the meeting he attended if TVA or Homeland Security had approved the proposed route. Mayor Adams said he was told they have not asked. He stated a better route would be to connect Highway 111 to Exit 20 in Cleveland. He said it was a 15 mile straight route across the river to Cleveland. He said this was a sparsely populated area and that the advantage of this route would be to eventually connect to Corridor K off Highway 64. He said the

current route would go over the river and “dump out” to a high density residential area and use secondary roads heading south to eventually end somewhere around Enterprise South. Mr. McNew stated he was not trying to comment on anyone’s lack of effort in getting the bridge but he would like to see the City continue their efforts in getting it.

Robert Cothran, 10175 Dallas Hollow Road, informed the Board that he had already been receiving applications for the Pumpkin Festival. He said if it was ok with the Board the event was going forward. Mr. Cothran asked if the City was going to have the Christmas Parade and if so he would like to get started with the planning earlier this year. Mayor Adams said it was a consensus of the Board to have both events this year. City Manager Stulce asked Mr. Cothran what dates these events were going to take place. Mr. Cothran said the Pumpkin Festival will always be the first Saturday in October which this year is October 1<sup>st</sup>. He said the Christmas Parade will be the first Sunday in December which is December 4<sup>th</sup>.

City Manager Stulce presented the Board with the Bell Street sewer bids and notified them that Rick Pollard agreed to pay \$5,000 toward the cost of the project. He noted that Mr. Pollard had already agreed to give the City the easements and the right-of-way to bring the sewer line from the interceptor up to Bell Street. He asked the Board if they were willing to proceed. Commissioner Shipley noted the final cost for the City would be about \$44,000. He said several years ago it was agreed that \$19,000 would be the City’s cost for the project. He stated the City has had to make cuts, raise taxes, put delay buying automobiles for the police department and delay buying equipment the City needs. Commissioner Shipley stated he would be on board to pay \$19,000. He said if the homeowners and the WWTA were willing to pay more of the costs then he would be

willing to proceed. He said the City would be paying \$44,000 of the tax payer's money to accommodate 2 residents. Commissioner Shipley stated this problem has been on going for a while and the price has escalated. He said the City Manager has done what he has been asked to do and put the numbers together. He said this is a problem of the WWTA and they should be willing to fund more of the cost. Vice-Mayor Cagle stated that the WWTA would not be willing to fund more of the cost since they could not gain their money back within 10 years. She said she was not willing to accommodate 2 homes for this amount of money. Mayor Adams asked the Board, "Whose responsibility is it?" Commissioner Nunley commented he thought it was the responsibility of the homeowners. City Attorney Elliott raised the question of if the money was spent to extend the sewer line could the homeowners afford to hook on to it. Public Works Director Steve Grant said they would have to hook on to the sewer or their house would be condemned. There was discussion between Board members that it would be at least \$3,300 to hook on to the sewer. Mayor Adams said he wanted to know what the homeowners' plan was and what they are willing to contribute considering the large cost of the project. Vice-Mayor Cagle stated the homeowners were not the one with the problem. She said the person that is suffering is the one that is getting sewage on their property from another home. She said the Board's only option would be to condemn the property because they don't have a proper septic system. Vice-Mayor Cagle expressed that she did not want to condemn anyone's property but felt that it is the Board's only option. Mayor Adams asked Public Works Director Grant to inform the homeowners next time they contact him that the Board believes this is not the City's problem and that it is their problem. He also asked Public Works Director Grant to tell them to come

before the Board to let them know what they plan to do about the problem. Public Works Director Grant stated that he never hears from the homeowners, he hears from the neighbor because their property is getting the sewage run off.

City Manager Stulce informed the Board he had the site plan for Poe's Tavern and had copies for each of them.

ADJOURNMENT 7:28 P.M.

RECORDER JOHNSON