

February 28, 2005

REGULAR MEETING 1

The City Council of the City of Sherwood met for a regular meeting on February 28, 2005, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Those present were Aldermen Rankin, Davis, Sulcer, Stedman, Henry, and Brooks; Mayor Bill Harmon, City Attorney Steve Cobb and City Clerk Virginia Hillman. Aldermen Vassar and Fender were absent.

Alderman Sulcer led in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was given to the flag.

A motion was made by Alderman Sulcer to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on January 24, 2005, as transcribed. Alderman Rankin seconded the motion and the roll call was 6 ayes; Aldermen Vassar and Fender were absent.

Alderman Sulcer announced that the Advertising and Promotion meeting did not meet in February but will meet in March.

Resolution No. 4-2005 entitled “**A RESOLUTION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARKANSAS CODE 26-75-605, APPOINTING NITA PILKINGTON TO THE ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION COMMISSION**” was read. A motion was made by Alderman Sulcer, seconded by Alderman Rankin, to adopt the resolution. The roll call was 6 ayes; Aldermen Vassar and Fender were absent.

Resolution No. 5-2005 entitled “**A RESOLUTION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARKANSAS CODE 26-75-605, TRANSFERRING MARINA BROOKS FROM THE POSITION OF RESIDENT MEMBER TO THE POSITION OF ALDERMAN MEMBER FOR THE ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION COMMISSION AND ALSO APPOINTING MARINA BROOKS TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE**” was read. A motion was made by Alderman Sulcer, seconded by Alderman Henry, to adopt the resolution. The roll call was 6 ayes; Aldermen Vassar and Fender were absent.

Alderman Stedman announced that the Personnel Commission did meet. Alderman Stedman requested that a proposed ordinance adopting amendments to the deferred compensation plan be withdrawn for additional review.

Approval of the Preliminary Development Plan, Lots 1-30, Glenwood Subdivision, with the full dedication of Teague Lane was referred back to the Planning Commission at the request of City Engineer Michael Clayton.

An ordinance No. 1662 entitled, “**AN ORDINANCE REZONING THE PROPERTY AT 8550 LANDERS ROAD FROM C-3 COMMERCIAL TO C-4 COMMERCIAL; AMENDING THE ZONING MAP AND LAND USE MAP; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**” was read for the first time. A motion was made by Alderman Rankin, seconded by Alderman Davis, to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on the second reading. The roll call vote was 6 ayes; Aldermen Vassar and Fender were absent. The ordinance was read for the second time. A motion was made by Alderman Stedman, seconded by Alderman Rankin, to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on the third and final reading. The roll call vote was 6 ayes; Aldermen Vassar and Fender were absent. The ordinance was read for the third time. A motion was made by Alderman Davis, seconded by Alderman Sulcer, to adopt the ordinance. The roll call vote was 6 ayes; Aldermen Vassar and Fender were absent.

Resolution No. 6-2005 entitled “**A RESOLUTION FINDING THE STRUCTURE AT LOT 6, BLOCK 6, LAKE CHERRYWOOD #1 ADDITION, COMMONLY KNOWN AS 108 AND 110 GUM DRIVE, TO CONSTITUTE A PUBLIC NUISANCE**” was read. A motion was made by Alderman Sulcer, seconded by Alderman Henry, to adopt the resolution. The roll call was 6 ayes; Aldermen Vassar and Fender were absent.

Resolution No. 7-2005 entitled “**A RESOLUTION FINDING THE STRUCTURE, A MOBILE HOME, LOCATED AT PARCEL NO. 23S-003-00-001-26, COMMONLY KNOWN AS 312 CHERRIE AVENUE, TO CONSTITUTE A PUBLIC**

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NUISANCE” was read. A motion was made by Alderman Davis, seconded by Alderman Brooks, to adopt the resolution. The roll call was 6 ayes; Aldermen Vassar and Fender were absent.

An ordinance granting First Electric Cooperative Corporation, its successors and assigns, the exclusive right, privilege and authority to sell, furnish, and distribute electric power and energy was withdrawn at the request of Mayor Harmon.

An ordinance No. 1663 entitled, “AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$28,750.00 FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, AMENDING GENERAL FUND BUDGET ORDINANCE NO. 1623, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES” was read for the first time. Mayor Harmon stated that the funds were originally budgeted in 2004. A motion was made by Alderman Stedman, seconded by Alderman Sulcer, to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on the second reading. The roll call vote was 6 ayes; Aldermen Vassar and Fender were absent. The ordinance was read for the second time. A motion was made by Alderman Rankin, seconded by Alderman Henry, to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on the third and final reading. The roll call vote was 6 ayes; Aldermen Vassar and Fender were absent. The ordinance was read for the third time. A motion was made by Alderman Stedman, seconded by Alderman Rankin, to adopt the ordinance. The roll call vote was 6 ayes; Aldermen Vassar and Fender were absent.

Linda Nickle was introduced as the new Economic Development Director for the City of Sherwood.

A resolution establishing the official position of the City of Sherwood regarding the Five Mile Creek Bridge and completion of Fairway Avenue was removed at the request of Alderman Davis.

Mayor Harmon gave the annual State of the City.

In 2004 \$1,705,000 was received over disbursements. This will be needed as we adjust to the decrease in revenues due to the recent loss of Wal-Mart, Best Buy, and Sofa Mart. Gander Mountain, a large sporting goods store has recently applied for a building permit to remodel the former Wal-Mart store on Landers Road. Gander Mountain will occupy two-thirds of the building and Tractor Supply will occupy the remaining third. The Best Buy and Sofa Mart have not been filled as of yet but progress is being made. The Municipal Court and Hot Check Division returned \$3,290,000 to the general fund during 2004. The Arkansas Municipal League is working to protect our courts within the City. Administration had 10% remaining budget for the year. The Police Department spent 99%, Hot Check and Court spent 97%. Engineering and Permits had 5% of their budget remaining for 2004. Building permits were greatly increased. The 1% sewer sales tax has been beneficial in allowing growth within the City. Bids have been received to expand the Indian Head Lakes Sewer Plant. Advertising and Promotion only spent 81% of budget for 2004. They are doing a good job of promoting the City and renting the facilities. Economic Development had 33% of budget left but will use it in 2005. The Computer Services Department had 5% of budget remaining for the year. The Sanitation Department does a great job of picking up garbage. Parks and Recreation spent 97% of budget for the year. The Senior Citizen Center spent 99% of budget. Animal Control Department has done a great job with the budget. Public Works includes mechanics, street and drainage and is doing a great job. For the year 2004, 97% of budget was spent.

Brockington Road design is being modified. We are currently waiting for Federal funding.

The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be Sunday, March 27th, 2:00 p.m. at Sherwood Forest.

There will also be a Metroplan meeting on Tuesday, March 1st @ Harmon Recreation Center from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

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Alderman Stedman announced that ground breaking would be March 23rd, 11:30 a.m. for the Sherwood Veteran's Memorial. Also, Congressman Snyder will present Alderman Davis with a purple heart.

Alderman Davis introduced the Mayor's Youth Council. Present were: Sarah Longwell, Brice Green, Matt Holden, Lance Green, Caitlin Berry, Ashley Harris, and Rene Ronquillo. Eight will be attending the National League of Cities meeting in Washington, DC. Funds were raised by the Youth Council to fund the trip.

A motion was made by Alderman Sulcer, seconded by Alderman Rankin to adjourn.

ATTEST:

Virginia Hillman, City Clerk

Bill Harmon, Mayor