

**June 27, 2005**

**REGULAR MEETING 1**

The City Council of the City of Sherwood met for a regular meeting on June 27, 2005, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Those present were Aldermen Vassar, Rankin, Fender, Davis, Sulcer, Stedman, Henry, and Brooks. Mayor Bill Harmon, City Attorney Steve Cobb, and City Clerk Virginia Hillman.

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

A motion was made by Alderman Vassar to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on May 23, 2005, as transcribed. Alderman Sulcer seconded the motion and the roll call was unanimous to approve the minutes.

Alderman Davis made a motion, seconded by Alderman Sulcer, to move agenda item number nine to agenda item number five. The roll call vote was unanimous to approve the motion. The following ordinance was introduced.

**Ordinance No. 1670 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$20,999 FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE ANIMAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, AMENDING GENERAL FUND BUDGET ORDINANCE NO. 1623, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"** was read for the first time. The funds will be used for a mobile adoption unit. A motion was made by Alderman Davis, seconded by Alderman Rankin, to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on the second reading. The roll call vote was unanimous. The ordinance was read for the second time. A motion was made by Alderman Stedman, seconded by Alderman Vassar to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on the third and final reading. The roll call vote was unanimous. The ordinance was read for the third time. A motion was made by Alderman Vassar, seconded by Alderman Davis, to adopt the ordinance. The roll call vote was unanimous to adopt the ordinance. A motion was made by Alderman Vassar, seconded by Alderman Brooks to add an emergency clause. The roll call vote was unanimous to approve an emergency clause.

City Attorney Steve Cobb announced that Camp Robinson is doing some acreage swap with a group of investors with property located on the western portion of Camp Robinson with property located on the eastern portion of Camp Robinson. The eastern portion of property is adjacent to our softball fields. The City has been advised that a survey has been performed that indicated that a portion of our parking lot property and the batting cages to some extent, may encroach onto Camp Robinson's property. Additionally there is a concern that the cellular Cingular tower may also encroach on Camp Robinson's property. The City does not wish to be an impediment to the transaction. Attorney Tim Grooms will assist the City in assuring that the contracts and transfers are in place. Colonel House from Camp Robinson addressed the Council. No monies will be requested from the City. All of the documentation necessary has been delivered to Steve Cobb and Tim Grooms. The new owners will hold the City of Sherwood harmless also. Colonel House stated that Camp Robinson enjoys the friendly family relationship between itself and the City and desires for it to continue.

Alderman Sulcer announced that final plans are being made for the annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration. More volunteers are needed.

Alderman Rankin announced that all outdoor pools will be open beginning Memorial Day. There will be modified hours during the first week. The Busch tournament is also in progress.

Alderman Fender announced that a bid to contract the traffic signal at Bear Paw Drive and State Highway 107 has been accepted. It will take a minimum of six months to receive all necessary equipment for installation. Also, Warden and Landers Road are scheduled to flow one-way beginning next week. The Arkansas State Highway Department will resurface East Kiehl Avenue in the near future. The new garbage truck has been received and is working great.

**Ordinance No. 1669** entitled, “**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES REGARDING SOLICITATION BY DOOR-TO-DOOR ITINERANT AND LOCAL BUSINESSES. ESTABLISHING REQUIREMENTS AND REGULATIONS FOR DOOR TO DOOR SOLICITATION REPEALING ORDINANCES NO. 552, 562, 1437, AND 1668 DETERMINING THAT AN EMERGENCY EXISTS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**” was read for the first time. A motion was made by Alderman Rankin, seconded by Alderman Sulcer, to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on the second reading. The roll call vote was unanimous. The ordinance was read for the second time. A motion was made by Alderman Vassar, seconded by Alderman Henry to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on the third and final reading. The roll call vote was unanimous. The ordinance was read for the third time. A motion was made by Alderman Sulcer, seconded by Alderman Brooks, to adopt the ordinance. The roll call vote was unanimous to adopt the ordinance. The emergency clause was adopted by a unanimous roll call vote.

**Resolution No. 10-2005** entitled “**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO CONTRACT FOR AMBULANCE SERVICE FOR THE CITY OF SHERWOOD, ARKANSAS**” was read. Alderman Vassar seconded by Alderman Henry, made a motion to adopt the resolution. The resolution was adopted by a unanimous roll call vote.

Questions were fielded. Alderman Sulcer asked for clarity of the process of the steps taken once a 911 call was placed. Police Chief Nicholson explained the required actions. Alderman Vassar if asked Hazmat uniforms were available. The Sherwood Fire Department has the uniforms.

Michael Hutton addressed the council regarding the death of his son on March 7, 2005. AET’s response time was 21 minutes. AET made stops at two local schools, and passed up Sylvan Hills High School before locating the correct place. Upon arrival at the High School, AET wanted to transport the patient to Rebsamen Hospital in Jacksonville as the ambulance driver stated that he did not know where St. Vincent North was located. Mr. Hutton requested that the Council consider MEMS over AET. Mayor Harmon stated that AET now has the proper communication and guidance system, which was not in place at the time of the March 7<sup>th</sup> incident.

Alderman Vassar questioned the number of units that MEMS would station in Sherwood. Mr. John Swanson, director of MEMS, stated that seven units are currently stationed North of the river. Two additional units, for a total of nine, would be stationed North of the river if the City of Sherwood contracts with MEMS. Housing of the units has not been established.

Alderman Stedman asked Mr. Swanson to address the slightly higher cost of MEMS versus AET. Mr. Swanson stated that in-house training and the sophisticated communication systems do increase the cost somewhat.

Roger Hosman spoke for AET. He stated that AET has three different sizes of ambulances available depending on the need. Terrain often mandates a smaller ambulance, which AET provides. Alderman Vassar expressed concern regarding the inability of the ambulance drivers to locate structures such as Sylvan Hills High School. Mr. Hosman stated that additional training is being implemented to resolve future problems. Also, the communication systems were in the process of being updating prior to the March 7<sup>th</sup> incident. Alderman Stedman asked Mr. Hosman if GPS systems are currently in place. Mr. Hosman stated that implementation is currently in progress. MEMS stated that all of their units have GPS systems and additional mapping is being added to the MEMS.

Doris Anderson requested that the Council choose MEMS over AET due to the lack of a GPS system.

Alderman Rankin made a motion to renew the contract with AET. The motion was seconded by Alderman Fender. The roll call vote was five ayes and three nays.

Mayor Harmon presented Matt Holden, Sherwood Youth Council, with a \$500 scholarship from the Sherwood Youth Council.

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**REGULAR MEETING 3**

Mayor Harmon announced the Annual Fourth of July Celebration on July 4<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Sherwood Forest. Mayor Harmon also announced that the two Sherwood Fire Departments have voted to consolidate the two departments.

Alderman Vassar made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Sulcer.

ATTEST:

Virginia Hillman  
City Clerk

Bill Harmon  
Mayor