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The City Council of the City of Sherwood met for a regular meeting on July 25, 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 Sulcer to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on June 27, 2005, as transcribed. Alderman Brooks seconded the motion and the roll call was unanimous to approve the minutes.

Mayor Harmon introduced a proclamation declaring the month of September Save A Life month. A motion was made by Alderman Vassar to adopt the proclamation. Alderman Rankin seconded the motion. The roll call vote was unanimous to adopt the proclamation.

Alderman Sulcer announced that there will be no August meeting of the Advertising and Promotion Commission. The next meeting will be September 7th at 3:00 p.m. at Sherwood Forest.

Alderman Rankin announced that the Ball Park has been very busy this summer with tournaments.

Alderman Vassar introduced the following Ordinance.

Ordinance No. 1671 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$111,468.46 FROM THE GENERAL FUND FOR SALARY INCREASES; MAKING SAID SALARY INCREASES RETROACTIVE TO JUNE 29, 2005; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES" 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 Sulcer, 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 Vassar, seconded by Alderman Davis, to adopt the ordinance. The roll call vote was unanimous to adopt the ordinance. The roll call vote was unanimous to adopt an emergency clause.

Alderman Vassar asked for an update regarding the traffic signal at Bear Paw Drive and State Highway 107. Alderman Fender stated that the production of the traffic signal equipment is about 24 weeks out.

Ordinance No. 1672 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE ATTACHED AMENDMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT PLAN, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES" was read for the first time. A motion was made by Alderman Vassar, 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 Sulcer, seconded by Alderman Brooks 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 Rankin, seconded by Alderman Sulcer, to adopt the ordinance. The roll call vote was unanimous to adopt the ordinance.

Ordinance No. 1673 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE RENAMING CAYUGA LANE, AUSTIN LAKES ON THE BAY SUBDIVISION, IN THE CITY OF SHERWOOD, ARKANSAS TO SOUTHSORE BAY COVE" was read for the first time. City Engineer Michael Clayton stated that he would officially like to object to the changing of a street name after the plat has been accepted. Approximately 15 agencies must be notified. The numbering system for nine lots would also have to be changed along with a \$200 plus expense. Alderman Davis stated that the street in discussion is located in a new subdivision. Mayor Harmon suggested a different proposed name. Phillip Reed

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addressed the Council. He stated that the proposed name will tie in with the theme of the subdivision and that the residents want to be recognized in the subdivision for which they belong. Steve Morgan, 8740 Cayuga Lane addressed the Council. Mr. Morgan is the only resident thus far on the street. He will changing the numbering on his mailbox in order to change the name. He stated that the name is difficult to pronounce, spell, and creates a problem with mail delivery. A motion was made by Alderman Vassar, 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 Sulcer, 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 Davis, to adopt the ordinance. The roll call vote was unanimous to adopt the ordinance.

City Engineer Michael Clayton presented a proposed route to the City Council that will be presented to Arkansas State Highway Transportation Department (ASHTD), at their request, regarding the North Belt Loop location. The purpose of the proposal will be the City's desired route to get from point A to point B with the City changing the Master Street Plan for a route that is north of Miller Road and within the flexible corridor. The proposed plan will go on record with ASHTD on behalf of the City. The proposal consists of a flexible range that would be acceptable to our Master Street Plan. It is desired that if the ASHTD does choose a route within the proposed flexible range, the City Council would be willing to change the Master Street Plan if needed, as long as it is within the flexible corridor. The City Master Street Plan calls for an interchange at Arkansas State Highway 107 and Brockington Road area. The farther North the interchange is located, the better for the City. Alderman Vassar asked if the ASHTD had the money to acquisition rights-of-ways today. Mr. Clayton stated that he did not know the answer. Alderman Stedman asked for clarification of the proposed area regarding the Loop and Miller Road. The City is proposing north of the area questioned. However, no one knows for sure, this is only a proposal by the City. Alderman Sulcer asked how close to Hidden Creek that the proposed corridor would come. Mr. Clayton estimated one-eight to one-quarter of a mile from the Hidden Creek area. The ASHTD is currently doing an environmental impact study on the proposed area. Mayor Harmon stated that he expects that the ASHD to make a recommended route by January 2006. Alderman Fender made a motion to accept the proposal. Alderman Vassar seconded the motion. The roll call vote was unanimous to accept the motion.

Colonel House, from Camp Robinson addressed the Council regarding the cellular tower at Bear Paw Drive, which was discussed at the June 27, 2005 Council meeting. He requested a resolution from the City Council releasing the State of Arkansas of any harm. Mayor Harmon stated that a Limited Liability Partnership, who is working to assume ownership of the property from the State of Arkansas where the tower is located, will possibly exchange the property where the tower is located with the City. He plans to have a meeting in his office within the next week to involve all of the partners to work out a possible solution. He stated that the City was in negotiations to acquire the land and will meet to work out some plans with the partners regarding property that the developers have that is in need of sewer improvements. Sewer improvements may be exchanged for the property.

City Engineer Michael Clayton addressed the Council regarding recent flooding. Three inches of rainfall was received within 45 minutes. The Pulaski County Office of Emergency Services as well as the State of Arkansas has declared certain areas a disaster. To date 21 homes and 3 businesses received flood damage. The Engineering Department has information regarding where to apply for financial assistance for repair of damages. Funds are available up to the amount of \$3,982. Declaration must be made within five business days.

Julian Clazada of 113 Shady Oak Drive addressed the Council in regards to flooding problems in his subdivision. Mayor Harmon stated that the recent development, which included the removal of trees, has compounded the recent flooding problems. The

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engineering department will be extending an existing drainage ditch in order to move more water. The mayor stated that the City will clean out the ditch. Mr. Clazada also requested a fence between the Sherwood North Subdivision and the new apartments to the West. Doris Anderson, president of the Westlake Property Owner's Association stated that the developers had already approved a solid brick fence to be constructed.

Thurman Booth addressed the Council. He thanked the City and Alderman Davis for providing computer lessons at the Senior Citizens Center. Also, a bridge is still needed over Five Mile Creek. He encouraged our Council to work with the City of North Little Rock regarding the bridge. Mayor Harmon stated that the City is involved in a lawsuit regarding the Fairway Bridge.

Charlene Prowse of 7800 Club Lane addressed the Council regarding flooding. Her home has been flooded numerous times. Mayor Harmon stated that the City Engineer will be contacting her regarding the matter.

Alderman Vassar announced that the Senior Citizens Program will receive \$60,000 from the state for senior programs.

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

ATTEST:

Virginia Hillman
City Clerk

Bill Harmon
Mayor