

**February 27, 2006**

**REGULAR MEETING 1**

The City Council of the City of Sherwood met for a regular meeting on February 27, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Those present were Mayor Bill Harmon, City Attorney Steve Cobb, City Clerk Virginia Hillman, Aldermen Rankin, Fender, Davis, Sulcer, Stedman, Henry, and Brooks. Alderman Vassar was absent.

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

A motion was made by Alderman Brooks to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on January 23, 2006, as transcribed. Alderman Henry seconded the motion and the roll call was seven ayes to approve the minutes. Alderman Vassar was absent.

Alderman Brooks commended Public Works Director Bill Miller and his department for a job well done during the recent ice. Alderman Sulcer also thanked Chief Nicholson for the monthly reports.

Alderman Rankin, Parks and Recreation Chairman, announced that on April 19<sup>th</sup>, the Lady Razorbacks will play a double header here in Sherwood beginning at 5:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

Alderman Sulcer, Advertising and Promotion Chairman, announced that the March 1<sup>st</sup> meeting will meet at 2:30 rather than 3:00. The time change is for this meeting only.

**Resolution entitled “A RESOLUTION FINDING THE STRUCTURE LOCATED ON PARCEL #23S-023-00-132-00, COMMONLY KNOWN AS 207 COTTONWOOD LANE TO CONSTITUTE A PUBLIC NUISANCE.”** was read. Alderman Sulcer asked for clarification of the address. The above address faces Elmwood Street. City Engineer Michael Clayton stated that the tax records are a means of identifying property. The property was posted as well as notification by certified mail. Alderman Brooks, seconded by Alderman Davis, made a motion to table the resolutions for 207 Cottonwood, item number seven on the agenda as well as 512 Jamesway, item number eight on the agenda. The roll call was seven ayes to table the resolutions. Alderman Vassar was absent.

**Resolution No. 3-2006 entitled “A RESOLUTION FINDING THE MOBILE HOME LOCATED ON LOT 634 OF ROYAL OAKS MOBILE HOME PARK AT 4600 RIXEY ROAD TO CONSTITUTE A PUBLIC NUISANCE”** was read. Alderman Sulcer, seconded by Alderman Brooks, made a motion to adopt the resolution. The roll call was seven ayes to adopt the resolution. Alderman Vassar was absent.

**Resolution No. 4-2006 entitled “A RESOLUTION FINDING THE STRUCTURE AT LOT 1, BLOCK 0, SHERER PLACE ADDITION, COMMONLY KNOWN AS 607 SHERER PLACE DRIVE, A TRIPLEX, TO CONSTITUTE A PUBLIC NUISANCE”** was read. Alderman Sulcer, seconded by Alderman Brooks, made a motion to adopt the resolution. The roll call was seven ayes to adopt the resolution. Alderman Vassar was absent.

**Resolution No. 5-2006 entitled “A RESOLUTION APPOINTING RESIDENTS TO COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES”** was read. Alderman Davis, seconded by Alderman Rankin, made a motion to adopt the resolution. The roll call was seven ayes to adopt the resolution. Alderman Vassar was absent.

**Ordinance No. 1698 entitled “AN ORDINANCE TO REQUIRE ELECTRONIC RECORD KEEPING BY OWNERS AND OPERATORS OF PAWNSHOPS, PAWNBROKERS, AND DEALERS IN SECONDHAND GOODS DOING BUSINESS IN THE CITY OF SHERWOOD; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”** was read for the first time. Chief Nicholson stated that Arkansas L.E.A.D.S. online has the capability of allowing cities to participate in a database for second hand dealers. The program has been successful for locating possible stolen property. Alderman Sulcer, seconded by Alderman Rankin, made a motion to

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suspend the rules and place the ordinance on the second reading. The roll call vote was seven ayes. Alderman Vassar was absent. The ordinance was read for the second time. Alderman Stedman, seconded by Alderman Sulcer, made a motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on the third and final reading. The roll call vote was seven ayes. Alderman Vassar was absent. The ordinance was read for the third time. Alderman Rankin, seconded by Alderman Davis, made a motion to adopt the ordinance. The roll call vote was seven ayes to adopt the ordinance. Alderman Vassar was absent. The emergency clause passed with a roll call vote of seven ayes. Alderman Vassar was absent.

Mayor Harmon recognized members of the Mayor's Youth Council as well as their sponsor, Cheryl Ferguson. The group will be attending the National League of Cities March conference in Washington, DC.

Public Works Director Bill Miller announced that the next day would be the last day that the leaf vacuum would be in operation. All leaves must be bagged in order to be picked up after this time.

Mayor Harmon gave the following State of the City Address:

For the year 2005, the City was able to operate under budget. A total of \$493,526.08 was collected above what was spent for the year. The 2005 expenditures were \$600,000 less than budgeted. He commended the department heads, employees, and City Council for doing a fantastic job. Although the sales tax revenue totals for 2005 did not exceed revenues received prior to the exit of the Landers Road Wal-Mart and Best Buy, the amount received was more than projected for the year 2005. The sales tax collected for December 2005 was up \$73,000 from the previous month and \$56,000 more than the same time one year ago.

FTD and Cardinal Health brought approximately 800 new jobs to Sherwood for the year 2005. The Land Use Plan was revised to allow for 115 acres of commercial property in the northern portion of the City. The owners of eight hundred acres of property in northern Sherwood are planning to petition for annexation into the City. For the year 2005, there were 259 new single residential permits issued as well as 160 new apartment units. The two fire departments within the City were merged during 2005 to form one department.

Mayor Harmon announced that this would be his last State of the City address. The audience recognized Mayor Harmon with a standing ovation.

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

ATTEST:

Virginia Hillman  
City Clerk

Bill Harmon  
Mayor