

**April 24, 2006**

**REGULAR MEETING 1**

The City Council of the City of Sherwood met for a regular meeting on April 24, 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 Vassar, Rankin, Fender, Davis, Sulcer, Stedman, Henry, and Brooks.

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 March 27, 2006, as transcribed. Alderman Sulcer seconded the motion and the roll call was unanimous to approve the minutes.

Police Chief Kel Nicholson presented Officer Steve Henker with the Life Saving Award. On February 4, 2006 Officer Henker was successful in saving the life of Ethan Smith, a seven-month-old child who was not breathing. Ethan's mother, Mandy Ochoa made the presentation to Officer Henker. Ms. Ochoa stated that Officer Henker was both a "Hero" and "Angel", and that he wears the "Badge of Courage".

Alderman Sulcer announced that the Advertising and Promotion Commission met. The Volunteer Appreciation Dinner was a success. They are getting ready for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July event. Alderman Sulcer advised there would be no meeting in May.

Alderman Rankin announced that opening ceremonies were rescheduled due to rain. Opening ceremonies have been rescheduled for Friday, April 28, at 7:00 p.m. Alderman Rankin announced the Parks and Recreation Department and Sherwood Police Department did a tremendous job during the University of Arkansas Lady Razorback vs. University of Louisiana at Monroe game played at the Sherwood ballpark.

Alderman Vassar announced that the Personnel Commission met. They are asking the council to approve the following positions: Wastewater Maintenance and Repair Position, and an Office Assistant Position in Engineering and Permits Department. Also, Policy and Rules changes to the City's Policy Manual are also on the agenda for tonight. Human Resources director Bob Wheeler addressed the council regarding each of the positions.

**Ordinance No. 1701 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE CREATING ONE WASTEWATER MAINTENANCE & REPAIR LABORER POSITION & ONE OFFICE ASSISTANT POSITION IN THE ENGINEERING, PERMITS AND PLANNING DEPARTMENT; 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 Davis, seconded by Alderman Sulcer, to adopt the ordinance. The roll call vote was unanimous. The emergency clause passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

A motion was made to amend Ordinance No. 1702 for an implementation date of 30 days. A motion was made by Alderman Vassar, seconded by Alderman Brooks, to amend the ordinance. The roll call vote was unanimous.

**Ordinance No. 1702 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE ATTACHED NEW POLICY AND RULES CHANGES TO THE CITY'S POLICY MANUAL, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"** was read for the first time as amended. A motion was made by Alderman Davis, seconded by Alderman Sulcer, to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on the second reading as amended. The roll call vote was unanimous. The ordinance was read for the second time as amended. A motion was made by Alderman Sulcer, seconded by Alderman Davis, to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on the third and final reading as amended. The roll call vote was

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unanimous. The ordinance was read for the third time as amended. A motion was made by Alderman Vassar, seconded by Alderman Brooks, to adopt the ordinance as amended. The roll call vote was unanimous to adopt the ordinance as amended.

**An ordinance entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 729, SCHEDULE OF USES, TO ALLOW A NURSING HOME IN AN O-2 ZONE DELCARING AN EMERGENCY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"**, was read for the first time. Mayor Harmon advised this ordinance to only be read once since there are still questions to be considered.

**An ordinance entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 729, SECTION 8, PLANNED RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT, TO ALLOW ZERO LOT LINE HOMES (PATIO/GARDEN HOMES) AS A CONDITIONAL USE IN AN R-1 RESIDENTIAL ZONE; AND BY RIGHT IN AN R-2 RESIDENTIAL ZONE AND FOLLOW THE GUIDELINES AS SET FORTH IN A PLANNED RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT; ALSO AMENDING THE SCHEDULE OF USES; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"** was read for the first time. Mayor Harmon announced this ordinance would also be read one time to give people thirty more days. Alderman Vassar presented to the council a petition on behalf of a group of people from the neighborhood that is opposed to this ordinance.

Alderman Vassar announced she is in the process of determining the best location for this type of zoning. Alderman Vassar spoke with City Planner Dwight Pattison concerning this matter. Mr. Pattison advised that Little Rock and Maumelle had numerous subdivisions being developed that had the zero lot line patio/garden homes. The property construction per square foot is typically one hundred twenty dollars per square foot for the home with this type of design. This is not low-market income housing. The size of the home is anywhere from two thousand to thirty-five hundred square feet.

Alderman Fender announced that the Street Commission did meet. The traffic signal at North Hills and Seminole has been re-bid, with a low bid of \$89,582.00. The proceedings for this light will be moving forward. The Commission proposed some changes in the street signs posted in Sherwood. The standard street sign is going to be nine inches in height with six-inch letters, to conform to State standards. The street signs posted at the major intersections are going to be twelve inches in height with nine-inch letters, conforming to State standards. Public Works Director Bill Miller commended the Commission for standardizing the size of the signs. Mr. Miller advised that the signs could be done in house, but it would be a slow process because they do not have the proper equipment to speed up the process. Bids will be received for the signs. Alderman Sulcer asked if the builders could turn in the names of the streets so the process could be faster. Alderman Fender advised this has been addressed. Alderman Vassar asked for a date for the opening of East Maryland from Overcup to Robin Lane. Alderman Sulcer asked for an update of the streets in the Stonehill Subdivision, and Brockington Road. Mayor Harmon advised that the contractor and bonding company for the streets in the Stonehill Subdivision were going to be sued. City Engineer Michael Clayton advised the City has filed a complaint with the bonding company. Attorney Steve Cobb has been in contact with the Attorney representing the bonding company, and asked for a proposal to be made and was told they would make one, but they haven't disclosed what it is yet. Mr. Cobb also advised that the Permitting and Planning department had put them on notice before the year had run out. Alderman Sulcer asked if there was a certain filing time period for when the streets are dedicated to the City. Mr. Clayton stated there are safe guards in place, and this is the first time in twelve years that the City has had a problem with a contractor on the streets. He stated it is believed the contractor brought in gravel or SB2, instead of what was to be used. Lab tests were run and the gravel showed to have too many fines in it. This is the possible cause of the roads to crack. The patches the contractor used are holding up, which were of different material. Mr. Clayton stated the City received an environmental report back from the Highway Department for

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Brockington Road, and they want the City to do studies at three intersections to see if they warrant traffic signals. A contractor with Peterson and Associates is conducting an analysis to see if it justifies signal lights as part of this project or not. Once the environmental document is closed the City can begin, if properly funded. This project would only cover the north half of Brockington from East Maryland to Highway 107.

The City of Sherwood Youth Council went to Washington, DC for the National League of Cities and spoke on their experience while there. Bryce Green, the Vice Mayor of the Mayor's Youth Council, stated that he and nine other youth council members went to Washington, DC and thanked the Mayor and the Council for the opportunity. They were able to meet other youth delegates from across the nation. They listened to speakers such as Barbara Bush, and many Senators. A PowerPoint presentation of the trip was viewed by the Council and audience.

Mayor Harmon made the following announcements:

- Senior Citizens Fun Day Fish Fry, May 6th, from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- Mayor's Prayer Breakfast, May 2nd, 7:00 a.m.
- Opening Ceremonies, April 28th, 7:00 p.m.

Alderman Danny Stedman made the following announcement:

- The Sherwood Veteran's Memorial Dedication, May 29, 2006, at 2:00 p.m.

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

ATTEST:

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Virginia Hillman  
City Clerk

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Bill Harmon  
Mayor