

April 10, 2007

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING 1

The City Council of the City of Sherwood met for a special called meeting on April 10, 2007, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Those present were City Attorney Steve Cobb, City Clerk Virginia Hillman, Aldermen Vassar, Rankin, Fender, Davis, Sulcer, Brooks, and Harmon. Alderman Henry Absent.

City Attorney Steve Cobb opened the meeting with a brief overview of the purpose of the meeting. Mr. Cobb stated that the purpose of the meeting was for the consideration of the appointment of an interim mayor in light of the resignation of Mayor Danny Stedman. Also, the state law requires a special election for the election of a new mayor. An ordinance will be considered to set the special election. Mr. Cobb also clarified that newspaper articles of the past few days stated that a person appointed interim mayor was not eligible to run for the position of mayor during the special election. This is not true at the municipal level. It is anticipated that the council will go into executive session. The council will leave the City Council Chambers and meet in another room rather than the entire audience leave the chambers.

A motion was made by Alderman Brooks, seconded by Alderman Davis, to appoint Alderman Vassar as the Chair for the meeting. The roll call vote was 6 ayes. Alderman Henry absent. Alderman Vassar abstained from voting throughout the meeting due to serving in the capacity of acting chairman.

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

A motion was made Alderman Davis, seconded by Alderman Rankin to accept Mayor Stedman's resignation. The roll call vote was 6 ayes. Alderman Henry absent. Alderman Vassar gave opportunity for public comments. No public comments were offered. A motion was made by Alderman Brooks, seconded by Alderman Davis for the Council to meet in executive session. The roll call vote was 6 ayes. Alderman Henry absent. Council members left the chambers for executive session.

A motion was made by Alderman Vassar, seconded by Alderman Davis, for the Council to come out of executive session. The roll call vote was 6 ayes. Alderman Henry absent. A motion was made by Alderman Rankin, seconded by Alderman Sulcer, to appoint Bill Harmon as interim Mayor. The roll call vote was 5 ayes. Alderman Henry absent. Alderman Harmon abstained.

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SPECIAL CALLED MEETING 2

Ordinance No. 1734 entitled “AN ORDINANCE DECLARING A VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SHERWOOD, ARKANSAS AND APPOINTING BILL HARMON AS INTERIM MAYOR TO SERVE UNTIL A SPECIAL ELECTION, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES” was read for the first time. Alderman Sulcer seconded by Alderman Rankin, made a motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on the second reading. The roll call vote was 5 ayes. Alderman Henry absent. Alderman Harmon abstained. The ordinance was read for the second time. Alderman Davis, seconded by Alderman Rankin, made a motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on the third and final reading. The roll call vote was 5 ayes. Alderman Henry absent. Alderman Harmon abstained. The ordinance was read for the third time. Alderman Rankin, seconded by Alderman Sulcer, made a motion to adopt the ordinance. The roll call vote was 5 ayes to adopt the ordinance. Alderman Henry absent. Alderman Harmon abstained. The emergency clause was passed. The roll call vote was 5 ayes. Alderman Henry absent. Alderman Harmon abstained.

Ordinance No. 1735 entitled “AN ORDINANCE ANNOUNCING A SPECIAL ELECTION FOR THE OFFICE OF MAYOR OF SHERWOOD, ARKANSAS, ESTABLISHING A FILING PERIOD FOR CANDIDATES, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES” was read for the first time. Alderman Sulcer seconded by Alderman Brooks, made a motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on the second reading. The roll call vote was 6 ayes. Alderman Henry absent. The ordinance was read for the second time. Alderman Vassar, seconded by Alderman Brooks, made a motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on the third and final reading. The roll call vote was 6 ayes. Alderman Henry absent. The ordinance was read for the third time. Alderman Davis, seconded by Alderman Sulcer, made a motion to adopt the ordinance. The roll call vote was 6 ayes to adopt the ordinance. Alderman Henry absent. The emergency clause was passed with a roll call vote of 6 ayes. Alderman Henry absent.

Alderman Harmon requested a two second recess to confer with the City Attorney.

Judge Hale administered the oath for the Office of Mayor to Bill Harmon. Mayor Harmon thanked the Council and audience for the opportunity to serve again.

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

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ATTEST:

Virginia R. Hillman

Becki Vassar

City Clerk

Acting Chair