

October 27, 2008

REGULAR MEETING 1

The City Council of the City of Sherwood met for a regular meeting on October 27, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Those present were Mayor Virginia R. Hillman, City Attorney Steve Cobb, City Clerk Angela Nicholson, Aldermen Vassar, Rankin, Fender, Davis, Sulcer, Henry, Brooks and Harmon.

Brenda Jefferson, Pastor of Covenant Faith Worship, led in prayer, and the Pledge of Allegiance was given to the flag.

Alderman Vassar, seconded by Alderman Rankin, made a motion, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on September 22, 2008, as transcribed. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Alderman Sulcer, Chairman of the Advertising and Promotion Commission, advised the commission did not meet for the month of October. There will be a meeting on November 5, 2008 at 3:00 p.m. at the Bill Harmon Recreation Center.

Alderman Rankin, Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Committee, informed the council that improvements on the club house at the North Hills property is coming along great.

**“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LAND USE MAP FOR THE CITY OF SHERWOOD, ARKANSAS”** was read. Alderman Vassar asked that the ordinances pertaining to the changes on the Land Use Map, Master Street Plan, and Zoning Map for the Gravel Ridge annexation be read only one time to allow the public more time for input on this matter. The maps will continue to be on display at City Hall.

**“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MASTER STREET PLAN FOR THE CITY OF SHERWOOD, ARKANSAS”** was read.

**“AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ZONING FOR THE CITY OF SHERWOOD, ARKANSAS”** was read.

**Ordinance No. 1798, entitled, “AN ORDINANCE REZONING THE PROPERTY AT 8019 HIGHWAY 107, PULASKI COUNTY, ARKANSAS, FROM R-1 NON-CONFORMING USE TO C-3 GENERAL COMMERCIAL; AMENDING THE ZONING MAP; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”** was read. Alderman Vassar, seconded by Alderman Rankin, made a motion 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. Alderman Harmon, 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 unanimous. The ordinance was read for the third time. Alderman Sulcer, seconded by Alderman Davis, made a motion to adopt the ordinance. The roll call vote was unanimous. Alderman Vassar asked if the property is sold would there be a problem with the right-of-way with the new owners. Pastor Tim McMinn advised that if there were a need to sell, the church would make a stipulation that a right-of-way would be needed to get in and out of the property.

Steve Cobb, City Attorney, advised the ordinance regarding Hemphill and Maryland would not require any action tonight. There has not been sufficient communication between the parties involved.

**Resolution No. 20-2008, entitled, “A RESOLUTION FINDING THE STRUCURE LOCATED ON PARCEL #23S-003-00-001-29, COMMONLY KNOWN AS LOT 355 OF THE SUNWOOD MOBILE HOME COURT, LOCATED AT THE 300 BLOCK OF CHERRIE AVENUE, TO CONSTITUTE A PUBLIC NUISANCE”** was read. Alderman Harmon, seconded by Alderman Brooks, made a motion to adopt the resolution. The roll call vote was unanimous.

**Resolution No. 21-2008, entitled, “A RESOLUTION FINDING THE STRUCTURE LOCATED ON PARCEL #22S-001-07-026-00, COMMONLY KNOWN AS 10618**

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**ROCKBROOK DRIVE, TO CONSTITUTE A PUBLIC NUISANCE”** was read. Alderman Sulcer asked when this house burned. Scott Kelley, Code Enforcement, stated it was late September 2008. Alderman Vassar asked what contact has been made with the owner. Alderman Harmon advised the house was burned by arson. Alderman Vassar asked if Mr. Kelley had communicated with the owner as to his plans on repairing the property. Mr. Kelly stated no one has contacted him at this time. Alderman Vassar seconded by Alderman Davis, made a motion to adopt the resolution. The roll call vote was unanimous.

**Ordinance No. 1799, entitled, “AN ORDINANCE VACATING INDIANHEAD COVE IN THE CITY OF SHERWOOD, ARKANSAS”** was read. Steve Cobb, City Attorney, stated this property, which sits next to Indianhead Baptist Church, during sale of the property it was found that the city held the right of way to this property, which was never developed into a street. The city can vacate the property so there will be no liability by the city. Mayor Hillman stated the city needed to remove itself from liability. Alderman Rankin, seconded by Alderman Brooks, made a motion 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. Alderman Davis, 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 unanimous. The ordinance was read for the third time. Alderman Sulcer, seconded by Alderman Davis, made a motion to adopt the ordinance. The roll call vote was unanimous.

**Ordinance No. 1800, entitled, “AN ORDINANCE APPROVING SETTLEMENT OF THE EXISTING LITIGATION BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK AND SHERWOOD, ARKANSAS; APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT GRANTING NORTH LITTLE ROCK THE FRANCHISE AS PROVIDER OF ELECTRICITY FOR SHERWOOD; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”** was read. Alderman Vassar, seconded by Alderman Brooks, made a motion 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. Alderman Harmon, 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 unanimous. The ordinance was read for the third time. Alderman Vassar, seconded by Alderman Davis, made a motion to adopt the ordinance. The roll call vote was unanimous. The emergency clause passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

Alderman Sulcer stated she has received several telephone calls in reference to grass not being cut on vacant lots. Mayor Hillman stated that the code enforcement officer would attempt to locate owners and enforce this. Alderman Harmon stated that some of the newer subdivisions have a property owner’s association that could place liens on the lots if they were not maintained.

Steve Cobb, City Attorney stated he received email from Jason Carter, Attorney for the City of North Little Rock, advising that the City of North Little Rock passed their ordinance concerning the agreement.

Mayor Hillman made the following announcements:

- Mayor’s Youth Council would be available after the meeting to sell tickets to the Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser on November 6, 2008, 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at Sherwood Forest. There will also be a silent auction.
- Halloween Carnival, Sherwood Forest, October 31, 2008, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
- Early voting is in the second week and will continue until Friday, October 31, 2008, from 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. and on Saturday, November 1, from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Epilepsy Race, Saturday, November 1, 2008, registration 8:00 a.m., Run/walk at 9:00 a.m.

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Alderman Brooks announced that the Sherwood Rotary invites everyone to the second annual Sherwood Veterans Memorial on Sunday, November 9, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. at Sherwood Forest, 1111 West Maryland Avenue.

Mayor Hillman announced to the budget committee members that a time and date would be forwarded to them for the 2009 budget meetings.

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

**ATTEST:**

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Angela Nicholson, City Clerk

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Virginia R. Hillman, Mayor