

November 24, 2008

REGULAR MEETING 1

The City Council of the City of Sherwood met for a regular meeting on November 24, 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.

Greg Clark, Pastor of Sylvan Hills Church of Christ, led in prayer, and the Pledge of Allegiance was given to the flag.

Alderman Vassar, seconded by Alderman Brooks, made a motion, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on October 27, 2008, as transcribed. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Mayor Hillman introduced Jim Nickels, State Representative elect. Mr. Nickels stated to the council that he is ready to represent his area of Arkansas and would like to be in contact with the council on the needs of the City of Sherwood.

Alderman Sulcer, Chairman of the Advertising and Promotion Commission, stated the commission met and discussed the opening of the trail of lights. The next meeting will be January 7, 2009.

Alderman Keith Rankin, Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Committee, stated the committee met and discussed price increases for the Day Camp services. The committee agreed on raising the fees for childcare that is provided at the Bill Harmon Recreation Center. Sonny Janssen, Director of Parks and Recreation advised that all the parents were notified two months ago that there was a possible increase in the rates beginning in 2009. Alderman Rankin, seconded by Alderman Sulcer, made a motion to accept the rate increase. The roll call vote was unanimous.

An ordinance entitled, "**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LAND USE MAP FOR THE CITY OF SHERWOOD, ARKANSAS**" was read for the second time. No action taken.

An ordinance entitled, "**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MASTER STREET PLAN FOR THE CITY OF SHERWOOD, ARKANSAS**" was read for the second time. *Greg Mueller: (Ashley Group)* The are about 63 acres on the northeast corner of Highway 107 and Brockington Road. We (developers) feel this is the last piece of property that could be great commercial development. At the time the property was purchased there were three different areas proposed for the north belt loop, one came into the northern edge of the property. The first of this year the state came out with their plan for the north belt and it came right through the middle of the property. Having approximately 13 acres on the south and 17 acres on the north. The interchange was changed to not take up so much land on the four corners to allow for development. We (developers) have had some negotiations with the state. The state presented the developers with an offer around July 15th that was created by the state appraisal department. We (developers) felt this offer was a low-ball appraisal. We (developers) had an appraisal done on our own. There were five and half times difference between the two appraisals. The state was going to condemn the property and then the state was going to come back and have their appraisal done. This has been over two months ago. There has been no word from the state at this time. We (developers) believe that the state now believes that our appraisal was more accurate and there is intentional holdup to see what action goes on with the city council. We feel that if the council adopts the north belt as proposed and places it on the master street plan that it will enable the state to prohibit construction and the developers would have to wait until the state has funds to acquire the land in the right way. By doing so this hinders the development of the area. We (developers) are asking the council to exclude the I-440 (north belt) from the master street plan until such time as the state is ready to acquire the land through the area that is effected by the master street plan. We do not know what the consequences are going to be if the state decides to take it to condemnation and they decide our (developers) appraisal is more correct and they do not have the funds to acquire the land. What happens then, do we (developers) just sit in limbo and not be able to proceed with the

plans we have for the property. These are some of the issues we have and we are afraid that including it on the master street plan at this time would enable the state to sit there and leave us in limbo. *Mayor Hillman:* There are residences outside the county by Mine Road that have the same problem. They cannot do anything with their property and they have begged for help and there is nobody to help them. They feel their money was repositioned through Metroplan for a portion of that right of ways, but it did not go further west. Their homes have been built and they cannot sell. They feel like they do not have a voice at all. I am not saying we should not try to help you here, but we worked with the highway department all this time to dedicate that route. We were blamed in 1994 for stopping the north belt. Here it is 2008, we have got to work with them somehow. I am not sure it can be resolved tonight, but we cannot just scratch north belt off of the map. *Alderman Harmon:* I have received calls this week on the master street plan. What I am confused about is the presumption that just because the north belt is not on our master street plan, then the north belt loop in that area does not exist. The north belt loop has been, Metroplan and the Highway Department, it has been located at a specific location at Highway 107. *Dwight Pattison:* The north belt has always been on the master street plan in a general area on the north side of Highway 107. The Highway Department years ago wanted the north belt to go right down the middle of Highway 107. Our master street plan showed it to the north of Highway 107. Then they went back and re-worked the whole thing. If the city takes the north belt off of the master street plan, to me that would be indicating that the city was not interested in the north belt. The first master street plan that I ever saw that had a north belt on it was adopted in 1941 by Pulaski County. It has been moved north over the years. It has always been on the Sherwood master street plan. *Alderman Harmon:* Has this council taken any action, since the public hearings, to the state that the city approves the location of the north belt loop? Has the council done a resolution? *Steve Cobb:* I think we did. I think after they (highway department) made an announcement almost a year ago. They came back and said here is where it is going to be. *Alderman Rankin:* Was it the on and off ramp? I do not believe it was the location. *Alderman Davis:* The general location. They brought the on and off ramps so far over that the council asked if they could push them back. *Alderman Harmon:* It was the general location. *Alderman Davis:* Yes. *Alderman Sulcer:* I know the Highway Department did change the interchange out there because the developers asked them to. *Dwight Pattison:* Right. Like I said the master street plan map is a general corridor. You cannot engineer every single street to show up on the master street plan. It is a general corridor and it can be in that general area. You set up a location, the plat is approved in that area, and the plat should reflect what the master street plan shows. The subdivision process is how the master street plan is incremented. Then such as the situation here with the State Highway Department, they would have a year to come and purchase the property in the area, if they do not, then basically all bids are off. You have a year where it is reserved for purchase. *Alderman Harmon:* Okay. So in other words if we adopt a master street plan that had the north belt loop on it and these gentlemen then file a plat to develop the land based on our new master street plan, that would put the highway department in high gear? They would have a maximum of one year to purchase the right of ways or else they are out of luck. *Dwight Pattison:* Right. They are free to come back and show development in that area. *Alderman Harmon:* (to developers) Does that make sense to you all? If we leave the north belt on the master street plan we can get the highway department moving, whereas if we take it off the master street plan things can continue to be held up almost indefinitely. *Byron McKimney:* The correspondence that I have read is correct. You all are sitting here saying you approved it a year ago to do what they wanted to do. Now more than a year has already passed by. We (developers) waited on it a year. What has happened? Not one thing. This was after this council and Keith, this has been more than a year ago, and we have given them a year and not one thing has happened. *Dwight Pattison:* This is where the city steps in and says this is where it has to be. That is the key point, it is platted, and according to statutes, as I understand it, from that point on is when you have a year to buy that property or all bids are off. *Byron McKimney:* A year ago it was platted. You (council) looked at the plat, and you approved it based on the plats that the highway department wanted and here more than thirteen months later nothing has happened. *Alderman Vassar:* You all (developers) were happy with the situation that happened thirteen months ago? Is that what you are saying? *Byron McKimney:* Thirteen

months ago, the Mayor was with us when we met with the highway department. We (developers) said okay we would back off and not do anything. Alderman Harmon: There were new plats filed? Steve Deere: As far as Sherwood land, as far as the land we have that is back behind the two commercial interchanges, there has never been a plat filed. Alderman Harmon: I think that is what Dwight is saying. Steve Deere: We originally started to put one in, and we pulled it back. I think there was some discussion to go ahead and we pulled it back. The problem I have with the north belt is the highway department is going to take, we do not have the money right now to buy the right of way or build it, and we do not know when we are going to. On our property everything north, it reflects the north belt, and then we have about 200 acres north of that that we have no access to. Mike Marlar: They have land locked, this latest plan that just came out this fall, and they have not provided access. It is located along Oakdale, they provided no access north of their proposed location, therefore, they have land locked over 200 acres of Sherwood's prime residential property. Steve Deere: It is not just one access point for that many lots, according to state fire code, we will have to have at least two accesses. Alderman Rankin: I thought we discussed a flyover in that area somewhere. An underpass or something to get to that area. Mike Marlar: They have not provided that in these plans. Steve Deere: They have not said that they would or would not do that. Mike Marlar: The Highway Department ought to at least provide some details to the city to assure that Sherwood's most prime residential area is not land locked and there is some period of time that they give that this property is compensated for. Alderman Vassar: I am concerned about the 200 acres, but I am also concerned about commercial development at probably one of the most important intersections that we (Sherwood) are going to have in northern Pulaski County. That being said, I want to reiterate you can drive to west Little Rock right now and every intersection out there the highway department is doing their part for them and they are going to have retail at every intersection out there and we are being treated like the stepchild of Pulaski County because they are not looking at our situation like they are the development west of the river. Mike Marlar: This to Sherwood is like Chenal Valley is to west Little Rock. Alderman Vassar: Exactly. Mike Marlar: No way would this have happened to Chenal Valley. Alderman Harmon: We have got to come up with a resolution that works with the highway department that has the north belt loop and the four corners. If we remove it from the master street plan there is a rule with Metroplan that says if any state highway or interstate is in conflict with a city master street plan, then that project is not eligible for federal funds. If we take it off our master street plan, technically that project is in conflict with our master street plan. Am I misstating it Dwight? Dwight Pattison: That is correct. Alderman Harmon: If we take it off our master street plan, which makes the north belt loop no longer eligible for the master street plan, and we are back to where we were five or six years ago. When the north belt loop, as the newspapers put it, was dead. Alderman Vassar: I really think we need this action north of the river, and we need both. The city needs the business entity, the city needs access to these prime residential lots and the city needs the north belt loop. Alderman Harmon: The development of the four corners is the most important new residential and commercial development in Sherwood. I would like to see us get this worked out. We are not passing the master street plan tonight, we are only reading it for the second time. We have another month to work this out. Mayor Hillman: Let us speak with the highway department and see if we can get this worked out. Steve Deere: I have said this all along, I do not think they (highway department) have the funds to build it. In our meeting that we all had at the very end, Chief Engineer Frank Vozele asked us point blank what our true feelings were on this, if we really need to do this. I think he was giving us an out right there. I have an interest in it, but I think more than just the interest in it, sooner or later, if they decide to build it, we will get paid for our land. I just do not think it will be any time in our lifetime. I think it is destroying some of the best development property in the City of Sherwood. The corners there that everyone is wanting to develop commercial. Some of the best commercial and residential land left in the city. Alderman Vassar: They can do it all in west Little Rock, why can't we? That is my point right there. I think it is something we can work out, and I think we need to stand up and get serious about this and come to terms and take care of business. Steve Deere: I think everyone would agree that if they would come up and say "okay, here is your right of way, and here are the access points, and here is money for the right of way, and we can develop around it". My thought, is

that they are trying to get you all (city) by putting it on the master street plan to buy them time and we (developers) will be in limbo. *Mayor Hillman:* We have been in limbo on the north belt a very long time. *Developer:* The folks that are in limbo are the investors who are accumulating massive interest payments to carry the land. The more you have the land the more difficult it is to develop it. *Byron McKimmey:* We went to the highway department in good faith and gave them plenty of time to work on this and if you will check the records it has been thirteen months plus, since we have made an agreement with them. We (developers) gave them what they wanted and then went back and met with them and we gave them the hill. Here it is thirteen months later and nothing has happened. If they want to work with you then they should not hold us up another year. If you remember before that ever happened they came to you all (council) and asked to have a moratorium on the property and that has been almost two years ago. For two years plus, on Highway 107 with an exit to develop the Oakdale property, and right now they have never given us permission to come up highway 107 with an exit. *Alderman Vassar:* Bryon, have you met with the highway commissioner north of the river? *Bryon McKimmey:* Yes, he was in those meetings. He set the meetings up. *Alderman Vassar:* Do you feel like he can help us in this? *Byron McKimmey:* He has not at this point. *Mike Marlar:* I have a question, Dwight mentioned that if you adopt the master street plan and in one year the highway department has not moved forward, all bets are off? *Alderman Harmon:* No, it is one year after a plat has been filed. *Mike Marlar:* What does that mean all bets are off? Does that mean we can develop our property. *Dwight Pattison:* Basically they have a year to purchase the property and then all bets are off as far as developing the property. You come through and purchase undeveloped property. *Alderman Vassar:* Mike, I am glad you pointed out the situation about the residential, because it is not just commercial. Many people need and want the north belt loop. I cannot understand that there is going to be 200 acres land locked if we do not come to terms on this. It is not that we are doing something special for the retail people, we are looking at the future residents of Sherwood. We have got to move traffic. We need the north belt to move traffic, but in order to do it we cannot land lock these residences. *Mike Marlar:* You are saying all bets are off, and you are free to go ahead and develop, but knowing that the highway is still imminent how many people are going to go ahead and develop knowing that the property may be taken away later. Especially residential, it would be very hard to get people to build a house, essentially it blocks us down. *Alderman Vassar:* Keep your thumb on the pulse for the next thirty days because we need to work on this.

An ordinance entitled, “**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ZONING FOR THE CITY OF SHERWOOD, ARKANSAS**” was read for the second time.

Steve Cobb, City Attorney stated the next item on the agenda was a planned residential development for Bayou Meto commons. This was passed at the planning commission level and comes before the council for review or comment. If approved it goes back to the planning commission for further action. David Jones, Marlar Engineer representative was present for questions. The plans are for an area that is a quarter of a mile from the back gate of the Little Rock Air Force Base. The development would be quality and affordable housing for military. Alderman Vassar, seconded by Alderman Harmon, made a motion to send this back to the planning commission. The roll call vote was unanimous. Alderman Vassar asked if the 104 acres on Tract B was in the hundred-year flood. Mr. Jones confirmed it was. Alderman Rankin asked if this lake adjoins the Bayou Meto swamp. Mr. Jones stated that in the future it is possible to develop it into a dam and make it a nice lake. Alderman Rankin asked if this had been designated as wetlands. Mr. Davis stated it had not.

Alderman Vassar asked if the sewer minutes for the present month could be turned into the council. The last minutes received were a month behind. Amy Sanders, Chairman of the Sewer Committee stated she would speak to Mr. Carpenter. Mayor Hillman stated the city could provide someone to take the minutes.

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Alderman Fender stated the street committee met at a later date this month due to Veteran's Day holiday. The leaf truck began on November 3, 2008 and will pickup all the way through January 2009. One of the new boom trucks has been delivered.

Resolution No. 22-2008, entitled, "A RESOLUTION FINDING THE STRUCTURE LOCATED ON PARCEL #22S-002-00-258-00, COMMONLY KNOWN AS 8908 TEETWOOD ROAD, TO CONSTITUTE A PUBLIC NUISANCE" was read. Alderman Vassar asked if the property was occupied. Scott Kelley, Code Enforcement, advised it was vacant. Alderman Harmon, seconded by Alderman Rankin, made a motion to adopt the resolution. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Resolution No. 23-2008, entitled, "A RESOLUTION FINDING THE STRUCTURE LOCATED ON PARCEL #22R-021-00-081-01, COMMONLY KNOWN AS 311 KING PLACE TO CONSTITUTE A PUBLIC NUISANCE" was read. Alderman Brooks, seconded by Alderman Harmon, made a motion to adopt the resolution. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Resolution No. 24-2008, entitled, "A RESOLUTION APPOINTING CLINT BELL, REPLACING NORMAN LADD, TO THE SEWER COMMITTEE" was read. Alderman Vassar, seconded by Alderman Sulcer, made a motion to adopt the resolution. The roll call vote was unanimous.

An ordinance entitled, **"AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF A GENERAL FUND DEPARTMENT BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF SHERWOOD, ARKANSAS, FOR THE TWELVE MONTH PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2009, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2009; APPROPRIATING MONEY FOR EACH AND EVERY ITEM OF EXPENDITURE THEREIN PROVIDED FOR; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"** was read.

An ordinance entitled, **"AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF A STREET DEPARTMENT BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF SHERWOOD, ARKANSAS, FOR THE TWELVE MONTH PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2009, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2009; APPROPRIATING MONEY FOR EACH AND EVERY ITEM OF EXPENDITURE THEREIN PROVIDED FOR; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"** was read.

An ordinance entitled, **"AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF A WASTEWATER BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF SHERWOOD, ARKANSAS, FOR THE TWELVE MONTH PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2009, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2009; APPROPRIATING MONEY FOR EACH AND EVERY ITEM OF EXPENDITURE THEREIN PROVIDED FOR; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"** was read.

An ordinance entitled, **"AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE PURCHASE OF LAND FOR THE EXPANSION AND IMPROVEMENTS OF CITY SEWER SERVICES, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"** was read. Alderman Rankin asked why we need the property. Mayor Hillman stated to expand the plant. This was a recommendation that came from the sewer committee approximately three or four months ago. Ellen Norvell, City Engineer, stated to the council there were several reasons for the purchase of the property. The obvious being the expansion, secondly anytime there is residential property that close to a sewer plant there are always liability issues. Generally you want a buffer around a sewer plant and there is not one in this area. The residential building next to the plant would serve as a lab and office space. Alderman Harmon asked city attorney Steve Cobb what the original appraisal was for this property. Mr. Cobb stated \$499,000.00. Alderman Sulcer stated that an appraisal is a man's opinion. Mr. Cobb stated the appraiser was contacted and asked if he felt a need to do an updated appraisal and he advised that he was still comfortable with the appraisal we had. Alderman Davis asked how many acres were involved. Alderman Harmon stated 16.27 acres. Alderman Sulcer stated this

property has been on the market for 524 days and it is not worth anything except to the City of Sherwood. As of today the property value in the MLS system was \$249,900. We would be giving the money away. Alderman Brooks asked if this was going to be funded from the 1% Sales Tax money. Alderman Harmon stated yes. The use of this money is restricted. Alderman Rankin stated there was eighteen acres of land there that belonged to the city. Alderman Rankin believed there was room to add to the plant. The council bought five acres right next to the pool. Mayor Hillman advised there was some ballpark property that could not be used. Kevin Lilly, a member of the Sewer Committee was asked by Alderman Rankin if the property was north of the driveway by the plant itself. Bill Miller, Wastewater Manager, stated that the problem with the city not obtaining the property was the road going into the property is split, half belongs to the landowner and half belongs to the city. Alderman Vassar and Rankin both agreed that the city's access could not be blocked. Bill Miller further stated there are things that could happen that would cause the city security problems. Alderman Sulcer asked if another road could be built. She was concerned with giving the landowners \$229,000.00. Alderman Sulcer does not believe the house would sale because it is next to a sewer plant. Bill Miller stated this is the largest sewer plant the city has and there is future work that needs to be done to the plant. Alderman Sulcer stated that the 1% Sales Tax money could only be used to purchase the property, not for any renovations or repairs. Bill Miller stated he did not want to loose the property. Alderman Sulcer stated that for someone else to purchase the property they would be spending a whole lot of money out of their own pocket. Right now the city is the only buyer for this property. Alderman Vassar asked if the city has made an offer. Steve Cobb stated it was a contingent offer. The offer was submitted to the city and Mr. Cobb advised that the council would have to make the decision. Mayor Hillman asked a member of the sewer committee that voted for this acquisition to come forward and speak to the council on this matter. Kevin Lilly stated this was brought before the sewer committee and the committee thought the price would be reasonable for around \$150,000.00, not \$229,000.00 this was part of the recommendation from the sewer committee. He stated that Bill Miller voiced to the committee his concern for security and that this would be a good investment for the sewer committee for future expansion. The whole recommendation to bring to the city council was based on a purchase price of approximately \$150,000.00. Mayor Hillman asked Mr. Lilly if the price was right did he believe it would be a good purchase for future expansion. Mr. Lilly stated if the price is right. Mayor Hillman stated the city did not need to condemn the sewer system and have someone else acquire the property and the city go back and pay more for it. The city is growing north and it seems to be logical that the city expand in this location rather than try to find a new location on down the road. Alderman Sulcer asked if this plant took care of Miller's Crossing. Bill Miller stated the sewer is going to the north plant, which is in Indianhead. There is a pump station on Brockington Road and this was designed to take in the entire development north. Alderman Vassar asked if the sewer could expand sixteen thousand households. Bill Miller stated the city has three basin systems and is only operating off of two. The third is being prepared for operation when needed. Another reason Mr. Miller wants the land is there is no place to build a building for the sewer vacuum truck to keep it from freezing up. The truck is currently in Searcy. If the land was purchased the truck could be kept on site. Alderman Vassar asked if the house next to the sewer plant is occupied. She was advised yes. Alderman Davis asked if the pond is going to be filled in that was dug out to make the sewer. Mayor Hillman suggested that this ordinance be read one time until further discussion. Steve Cobb stated that the expiration on the offer was at 11:00 p.m. tonight.

Ordinance No. 1801, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR A ONE TIME BONUS TO SHERWOOD EMPLOYEES BASED UPON LENGTH OF SERVICE, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES" was read. Mayor Hillman stated this was discussed in the budget committee meeting. This will be the only time this will be done. An annual one-time pay raise for employees in 2009 was discussed. This is not a measure as to what the employees do, but it is what the city can do at this time. Alderman Fender, seconded by Alderman Sulcer, 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 Sulcer, 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 unanimous. The ordinance was read for the third time. All aldermen present made a motion to adopt the ordinance and all aldermen seconded the motion. The roll call vote was unanimous. The emergency clause passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

Resolution No. 25-2008, entitled, "A RESOLUTION RE-APPOINTING KAREN BRYANT TO THE ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION COMMISSION" was read. Alderman Vassar, seconded by Alderman Sulcer, made a motion to adopt the resolution. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Ordinance No. 1802, entitled, "AN ORDINANCE WAIVING THE REQUIREMENT OF COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND APPROPRIATING MONEY FOR THE REMODELING AND UPGRADE OF THE RADIO DISPATCH ROOM IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES" was read. Chief Kel Nicholson approached the council and advised that the dispatch room in the police department has had the same equipment since 1986. It has been remodeled and rearranged, but the tables and counters are the same and the room needs sturdy equipment. Two quotes were obtained and the company, Wright-Line, was recommend because they provided equipment that would last a long time, and have done the same work for other departments. Mayor Hillman stated that you could not allow just anyone to come in and move things around because of all the radio equipment. The police department worked with Motorola to see how the room needed to be built. Motorola recommended Wright-Line. Alderman Vassar asked if service would be interrupted. Chief Nicholson stated only one radio would be down at a time. The time it would take to have the work done is one week. Alderman Vassar, seconded by Alderman Davis, 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 a second time. Alderman Harmon, seconded by Alderman Sulcer, made a motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on third and final reading. The roll call vote was unanimous. The ordinance was read for the third time. Alderman Sulcer seconded by Alderman Brooks, made a motion to adopt the ordinance. The roll call vote was unanimous. The emergency clause passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Hillman made the following announcement:

- The enchanted Forest Trail of Lights will open on December 1-30th and run from 6:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., a reception and lighting ceremony will be on December 1, 2008, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. with the lights turned on at 6:00 p.m.
- Festival of Lights will be on December 4, 2008 at the North Hills Park for viewing and bidding will take place on Saturday, December 6, 2008.
- Children's Christmas Party, Friday, December 5, 2008, at the Duran Youth Center from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- The Mayor's Youth Council was in attendance at the council meeting
- Council workshop, December 4, 2008, at the Bill Harmon Recreation Center at 1:30 p.m. in reference to options on Maryland Avenue
- Sherwood Christmas Parade, Sunday, December 7, 2008, at 2:00 p.m.
- Breakfast with Santa, Saturday, December 13, 2008, 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at Sherwood Forest.

John Swanson, Director of MEMS, addressed the council with a 2008 annual report with an update of the financial situation with MEMS. The 2009 fee for Sherwood has been reduced. MEMS continues to stay up to date on life saving tools.

Alderman Vassar, seconded by Alderman Davis, to adjourn.

ATTEST:

Angela Nicholson, City Clerk

Virginia R. Hillman, Mayor