

August 22, 2005

REGULAR MEETING 1

The City Council of the City of Sherwood met for a regular meeting on August 22, 2005, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Those present were Aldermen Vassar, Rankin, Fender, Davis, Sulcer, Stedman, Henry, and Brooks. Mayor Bill Harmon, City Attorney Steve Cobb, and City Clerk Virginia Hillman.

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 July 25, 2005, as transcribed. Alderman Rankin seconded the motion and the roll call was unanimous to approve the minutes.

Alderman Sulcer announced that Sherwood Fest is coming up in October if anyone is interested in a booth for \$25, please contact Cheryl Ferguson, Advertising and Promotion Director.

Ordinance No. 1674 entitled, “AN ORDINANCE REZONING THE PROPERTY AT 7601 HIGHWAY 107 FROM C-2 COMMERCIAL TO R-3 MULTI-FAMILY; AMENDING THE ZONING MAP AND LAND USE MAP; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES” was read for the first time. Marlar Engineering, represented by David Jones, requested that the property be rezoned. Alderman Vassar stated that the presented plan looked very nice. A motion was made by Alderman Vassar, seconded by Alderman Davis, to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on the second reading. The roll call vote seven ayes, Rankin abstained. The ordinance was read for the second time. 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. The roll call vote seven ayes, Rankin abstained. The ordinance was read for the third time. A motion was made by Alderman Davis, seconded by Alderman Vassar, to adopt the ordinance. The roll call vote seven ayes, Rankin abstained, to adopt the ordinance.

Alderman Fender reported the following from the Street Commission. Kiehl Avenue has been resurfaced and the Arkansas State Highway Department did a good job of completing the work without interrupting traffic flow. Also, the Arkansas State Highway Department will be advertising to accept bids for the 67/167 portion of Landers Road and Warden Road between Wildwood and Kiehl Avenue. The estimated completion time will be two to three years. The next phase will be between Kiehl Avenue and Redmond Road. He also requested that citizens contact the Public Works Department to report street light outage.

Ordinance No. 1675 entitled, “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1643, ESTABLISHING A SQUARE FOOT PRICING STRUCTURE FOR BUILDING PERMITS FOR NEW HOMES BUILT IN SHERWOOD” was read for the first time. Mayor Harmon explained that currently building permits are based upon cost of construction. There are times when applicants are not consistent with submitting actual costs. The proposed ordinance will help ensure that each permit is accurately charged. A motion was made by Alderman Sulcer, seconded by Alderman Rankin, 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 Vassar, seconded by Alderman Davis 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 Brooks, seconded by Alderman Rankin, to adopt the ordinance. The roll call vote was unanimous to adopt the ordinance.

Ordinance No. 1676 entitled, “AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING THAT ALL SWIMMING POOLS LOCATED IN SHERWOOD BE ENCLOSED HAVING FENCE OR GUARDRAIL AND GATE LATCHES MEETING MINIMUM STANDARDS AND REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES” was read for the first time. Mayor Harmon explained that we require a five-foot fence where most chain link fences are four foot. The five foot requirement is requiring home owners to erect a second fence to meet the five-foot requirement. A motion was made by Alderman

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Rankin, seconded by Alderman Fender, 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 Vassar 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 Rankin, seconded by Alderman Sulcer, to adopt the ordinance. The roll call vote was unanimous to adopt the ordinance.

Mayor Harmon announced that item numbers 10 –12 on the agenda will be passed until the next meeting to allow time for further study. All three of the items are related and would be much better served to allow for additional time for review. Alderman Sulcer asked the status of past property condemnation in regards to collection of funds for razing. City Attorney Steve Cobb stated that approximately \$30,000 has been collected and additional liens have been placed on property.

Ordinance No. 1677 entitled, “AN ORDINANCE REFERRING TO THE CITIZENS OF SHERWOOD THE QUESTION OF WHETHER OR NOT THEY WISH TO EXTEND THE TERM OF THE CITY ALDERMAN FROM A TWO-YEAR TERM TO A FOUR-YEAR TERM PURSUANT TO ARKANSAS LAW” was read for the first time. Alderman Sulcer stated that the possibility of all newly elected officials at one time could be a possibility and that staggered alderman terms would eliminate that chance. Steve Cobb recommended having a special election prior to February 2005 in order to be effective by the November 2006 general election. The cost of the special election would be about \$7,000 to \$8,000. A motion was made by Alderman Vassar, seconded by Alderman Davis, to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on the second reading. Alderman Stedman questioned when the election would be held. Steve Cobb stated that there would have to be a special election since at the time there were no other elections scheduled. The roll call vote seven ayes, Stedman nay. The ordinance was read for the second time. A motion was made by Alderman Sulcer, seconded by Alderman Rankin to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on the third and final reading. The roll call vote seven ayes, Stedman nay. The ordinance was read for the third time. A motion was made by Alderman Rankin, seconded by Alderman Davis, to adopt the ordinance. The roll call vote seven ayes, Stedman nay, to adopt the ordinance.

Mayor Harmon introduced two members of the Mayor’s Student Council. Also, there will be a public meeting of the Pulaski County Fire Protection District No. 5 Board on August 30, 2005, 7:00 p.m. at Central Fire Station, 400 Lantrip.

Alderman Davis announced the Little Rock Air Force Base annual Air show on October 8th and 9th. Also, Robert Jackson with AET will be available following the council meeting to demonstrate the GPS and radio systems.

Lee Church, Sherwood Fire Chief, announced Fire Fest on October 8th at St. Vincent.

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

ATTEST:

Virginia Hillman
City Clerk

Bill Harmon
Mayor