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The City Council of the City of Sherwood met for a regular meeting on January 26, 2004, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Those present were Aldermen Henry, Vassar, Rankin, Butler, Fender, Sulcer, Davis, and Stedman. 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 December 22, 2003 and special called meeting of January 6, 2004, as transcribed. Alderman Sulcer seconded the motion and the roll call was unanimous to approve the minutes.

Sherwood Police Chief Jim Thomas was present to recognize the Police Officer of the year. Lieutenant Mike Payne announced Officer David McCleod as Police Officer of the year for 2003.

Alderman Sulcer announced that the Advertising and Promotion Commission received more than \$16,745.91 from donations for the Enchanted Forest during the holiday season. Many displays are already being ordered for the 2004 season. There will be no February meeting of the commission.

Alderman Rankin announced that the Parks and Recreation Committee are working out contract negotiations between the Sherwood Optimist Club and the City. There should be a contract by the next meeting of the Council.

Alderman Vassar made a motion to suspend the rules to add a resolution recognizing Bob Dawson and also to waiver from the order of the agenda. Alderman Rankin seconded the motion and the roll call was unanimous to suspend the rules to add the resolution and waiver from the order of the agenda. Alderman Vassar also announced that the following presentations were the consensus of the entire Council.

Resolution No. 1-2004 entitled "A RESOLUTION TO HONOR THE SERVICE OF MAYOR BOB LACOSTE TO THE CITY OF SHERWOOD, ARKANSAS" was read. A motion was made by Alderman Sulcer, seconded by Alderman Butler, to adopt the resolution. The resolution was adopted by a unanimous roll call vote.

Resolution No. 2-2004 entitled "A RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF SHERWOOD, ARKANSAS MAYOR KENNETH COULTER" was read. A motion was made by Alderman Sulcer, seconded by Alderman Henry, to adopt the resolution. The resolution was adopted by a unanimous roll call vote.

Resolution No. 3-2004 entitled "A RESOLUTION IN RECOGNITION OF THE SERVICE OF C. W. MCNUTT" was read. A motion was made by Alderman Davis, seconded by Alderman Stedman, to adopt the resolution. The resolution was adopted by a unanimous roll call vote.

Resolution No. 4-2004 entitled "A RESOLUTION TO HONOR A. M. "BUD" HALL FOR HIS SERVICE TO SHERWOOD, ARKANSAS" was read. A motion was made by Alderman Davis, seconded by Alderman Stedman, to adopt the resolution. The resolution was adopted by a unanimous roll call vote. Mr. Hall was present to receive the presentation.

Resolution No. 5-2004 entitled "A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE SERVICE OF DENNIS DURAN AND AILENE DURAN" was read. A motion was made by Alderman Sulcer, seconded by Alderman Fender, to adopt the resolution. The resolution was adopted by a unanimous roll call vote. Several were present from the Duran family to receive the presentation.

Resolution No. 6-2004 entitled "A RESOLUTION TO HONOR SHERWOOD'S FIRST ELECTED CITY ATTORNEY, BOB DAWSON" was read. A motion was

made by Alderman Sulcer, seconded by Alderman Vassar, to adopt the resolution. The resolution was adopted by a unanimous roll call vote. Mr. Dawson was present to receive the presentation.

Resolution No. 7-2004 entitled "A RESOLUTION TO HONOR RETIRED CITY CLERK BOBBIE CHAPMAN" was read. A motion was made by Alderman Sulcer, seconded by Alderman Rankin, to adopt the resolution. The resolution was adopted by a unanimous roll call vote. Mrs. Chapman was present to receive the presentation.

Resolution No. 8-2004 entitled "A RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE THE SERVICE OF LEVI RUSHER TO THE CITY OF SHERWOOD, ARKANSAS" was read. A motion was made by Alderman Sulcer, seconded by Alderman Stedman, to adopt the resolution. The resolution was adopted by a unanimous roll call vote. Several were present from the Rusher family to receive the presentation.

Resolution No. 9-2004 entitled "A RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF CRAWFORD WELCH" was read. A motion was made by Alderman Sulcer, seconded by Alderman Rankin, to adopt the resolution. The resolution was adopted by a unanimous roll call vote. Several were present from the Welch family to receive the presentation.

Resolution No. 10-2004 entitled "A RESOLUTION TO HONOR AND REMEMBER CLARA HENRY FOR HER TWENTY-TWO YEARS OF SERVICE TO SHERWOOD, ARKANSAS" was read. A motion was made by Alderman Sulcer, seconded by Alderman Rankin, to adopt the resolution. The resolution was adopted by a unanimous roll call vote. Several were present from the Rusher family to receive the presentation.

A motion was made by Alderman Rankin, seconded by Alderman Fender, to suspend the rules and place the following ordinance on the agenda. The roll call vote was unanimous to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on the agenda.

Ordinance No. 1627 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$40,027.00 FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT CAPITAL ACCOUNT, AMENDING THE BUDGET ORDINANCE NO. 1623, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES," was read for the first time. Mayor Harmon explained that the budget originally allocated cars to be purchased on a lease purchase. However, after researching the cost in more depth, it was discovered that it would cost \$18,000 more to purchase the cars on a lease purchase. It is his recommendation to the council to purchase four new cars and pay when ordered rather than a lease purchase plan to purchase nine cars over a three-year period. A motion was made by Alderman Vassar, 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 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 Rankin, seconded by Alderman Fender, to adopt the ordinance. The roll call vote was unanimous to adopt the ordinance.

Ordinance No. 1628 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE FILING DEADLINE FOR MUNICIPAL OFFICES WITHIN THE CITY OF SHERWOOD, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES" was read for the first time. Mayor Harmon clarified that this was the same filing deadline as used for the past two elections. The legislature clarified some ambiguous wording. 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 Vassar, seconded by Alderman Butler, 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 Sulcer,

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seconded by Alderman Stedman, to adopt the ordinance. The roll call vote was unanimous to adopt the ordinance.

Mayor Harmon gave the State of the City for the year 2003 as follows:

The City had a fund balance of \$3,023,864.59 as of December 31, 2003. During the year 2003, \$73,555.59 more was spent than was actually collected. State general fund turn back was down \$46,000 from the budgeted amount, city sales tax down \$29,000, county wide sales tax down \$297,828 and interest received was down \$21,582 from the budgeted amount. Non-uniformed city employee retirement contribution was \$337,000.

The Hot Check division income was down \$241,264 from the budgeted amount. The number of warrants issued were down 5,437, Hot Check cases down 964 and the number of letter warrants served were down 896. Prosecutor fees collected down \$31,000, court cost collected down \$63,000, monies deposited into General Fund down \$397,000. The Municipal Court revenue was up for the year 2003. Total funds received from both courts to the General fund were \$3,051,000.

All department heads worked together to decrease spending. Administration spent \$296,000 less than budgeted, Computer Services \$28,000 less and Human Resources right on budget. The Police Department was right on budget, managing to do an outstanding job despite operating throughout the year with five to eight officers short due to the war on terrorism. Rental income is up for Sherwood Forest. Volunteers number anywhere from 200 – 300 people which makes Sherwood so successful. Economic Development has been put on hold. Engineering and planning expenses were \$40,000 less with 245 residential single family permits being issued for the year. The Sanitation Department has often operated with two employees short throughout the year and still managed to be \$57,000 below budget. Parks and Recreation had 9000 players and 22,000 spectators. Over 1,000 players were local. Soccer and basketball had 370 participants and the Recreation Center has already been visited 150,000 times since the opening of less than two years ago. After school and summer day camp income is up. Parks and Recreation operated with \$65,000 under budget. The Senior Citizens department was \$3,600 under budget. The Animal Control Department received 1,417 animals into the shelter, 761 adopted out, 478 reclaimed and only 178 euthanized. The department responded to 1,633 calls and worked closely to sterilize pets of low income families. Public works has been short staffed but have managed to get the job done and still be \$25,000 under budget.

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ATTEST:

Virginia Hillman
City Clerk

Bill Harmon
Mayor