

**March 24, 2003**

**REGULAR MEETING 1**

The City Council of the City of Sherwood met for a regular meeting on March 24, 2003, 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 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 February 24, 2003, as transcribed. Alderman Sulcer seconded the motion and the roll call was unanimous to approve the minutes.

Alderman Sulcer announced Taste of Sherwood on May 8<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00p.m. with all proceeds benefiting Sylvan Hills Athletic Department. Donations are still needed.

Alderman Rankin announced that the opening ceremonies at the Sherwood ballpark would be on Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:00.

Alderman Vassar announced that the Personnel Commission met for a workshop to consider upgrading the pay scales for employees.

Lieutenant Payne presented a citation for outstanding performance to Detective David McLeod, a member of the criminal investigative division for the Sherwood Police Department. The award was presented as a result of a five-month investigation of a counterfeit check ring.

**Ordinance No. 1604 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE REZONING THE PROPERTY OF CORNERSTONE BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH AT 8616 BARBER STREET AND THE PROPERTY IMMEDIATELY TO THE WEST OF 901 EAST KIEHL AVENUE FROM R-1 RESIDENTIAL TO A CONDITIONAL USE IN AN R-1 ZONE; AMENDING THE ZONING MAP; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES,"** was read for the first time. Theresa Edwards, 8700 Barber Street spoke against the rezoning. She does not want a parking lot, traffic, and extra lighting in the parking lot. Cindy Beck, 8615 Barber Street also spoke against the rezoning. She requested a berm, above required height for the landscaping, that lighting be used only when the facilities are in use, and also the assurance from the City Council that there would not be an entrance onto Barber Street at any point in the future. Doug Freeman also spoke against the rezoning. He chastised the leadership of the church for not planning for growth. He felt the church should have purchased more than the original six acres. He feels that he will eventually be forced out. Walter Buckner, 8612 Barber Street spoke in favor of the rezoning. He originally sold the church the property. It was his understanding that the property would be used as residential. Chris Hill, Pastor of Cornerstone Church and also a resident of 119 King Pine gave history of the church. Originally, the church met in a

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storefront. He stated that they had planned ahead but did not anticipate that the congregation would grow so rapidly from 100 to 600 in five years. His church

annually hosts an award banquet for the Sherwood Fire Department, an alternative event for Halloween, sponsors a night for the Sherwood Police Department at the Wild River Water Park, and participates in the annual Christmas Parade among other community events. He stated that a new landscape plan has been presented. In January the church hosted a meeting with area residents to help resolve any concerns. Kent Sutherland, a member of the church and Sherwood business owner, spoke in favor of the rezoning. John Sturdy, 8812 Barber Street spoke in favor of the rezoning. He feels that a church parking lot is much more acceptable than perhaps a Wal-Mart store. Pat Elimon, Cornerstone church member and resident of Sherwood stated that the church allows the community to use the church playground. Alderman Davis addressed the issue of ingress and egress onto Barber Street in the future. Rick Elimon assured the Council that there were no plans or intent to ingress and egress onto Barber Street. Paul Howard, a deacon at Cornerstone spoke in favor of the rezoning stating that the church is diligently working on the lighting situation. He stated that the church would place a fence behind the residence at 8700 Barber Street. The church would install a fence, berm, and would exceed the 30" required landscaping height. Phillip Temple, member of the church stated that he responds to the alarm calls at the church and is willing to help with the security of the building. 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 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 Davis, seconded by Alderman Sulcer, to adopt the ordinance. The roll call vote was 7 ayes and 1 nay to adopt the ordinance.

**An ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE REZONING THE PROPERTY AT LOT 5, BLOCK 1A, CARROLL HEIGHTS ADDITION (PARK AVENUE) FROM R-1 RESIDENTIAL TO A CONDITIONAL USE IN AN R-1 ZONE; AMENDING THE ZONING MAP; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"** was read for the first time. Frank Hartman, 8211 Park Avenue spoke against the rezoning citing the deflation of property values. Mark Sober, 8209 Park Avenue spoke against the rezoning citing the proposed property was at the bottom of a hill. Ken Ross, 8215 Park Avenue expressed his concerns from watershed from the developed lot. Richard Mancheck, 8207 Park Avenue also expressed concerns of increased traffic and suggested that the church consider purchasing property that joins the church on the other side. Jerry Hall, 8206 Park Avenue also expressed concerns from the increased traffic. Bill McCoy, Pastor of Community Christian Church stated that the church has no intention of using the property for parking or structures, but only as an entrance. Mayor Harmon suggested that the church and the residents meet prior to the next Council Meeting to work toward resolving the differences.

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**An ordinance entitled “ AN ORDINANCE REZONING TRACT 1 AND TRACT 2 OF 9814 HIGHWAY 107 FROM C-1 COMMERCIAL TO C-3 COMMERCIAL; AMENDING THE ZONING MAP; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES”** was read for the first time. Ken Medlock, property owner within 300’ of the proposed rezoning, stated that he was not notified by certified mail as required. The list is secured from an abstract company and apparently was an incomplete listing as another property owner was also left off from the list. The ordinance will be read for the second time at the next Council Meeting after all property owners are notified.

**Ordinance No. 1605 entitled “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 462 PROHIBITING PARKING OF RECREATIONAL VEHICLES OR TRAILERS ON PUBLIC STREETS OR RIGHT-OF-WAYS”** was read for the second time. A motion was made by Alderman Rankin, 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 Vassar, seconded by Alderman Sulcer, to adopt the ordinance. The roll call vote was unanimous to adopt the ordinance.

**Resolution No. 4-2003, entitled “A RESOLUTION RE-APPOINTING RON ROY TO THE CITY OF SHERWOOD CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION”** was read. A motion was made by Alderman Sulcer, seconded by Alderman Davis to adopt the resolution. The roll call vote was unanimous to adopt the resolution.

**Resolution No. 5-2003, entitled “A RESOLUTION TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF SHERWOOD, ARKANSAS, ENDORSING THE UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT LITTLE ROCK, (UALR) TO CONDUCT A STUDY OF THE CENTRAL ARKANSAS TRANSIT AUTHORITY”** was read. A motion was made by Alderman Vassar, second by Alderman Butler to adopt the resolution. The roll call vote was unanimous to adopt the resolution.

Mayor Harmon made the following announcements:

The City of Sherwood has filed a condemnation suit for acquisition of right-of-ways for the property recently franchised to First Electric by the City of Sherwood. North Little Rock Electric has begun utility work despite the franchise recently being given to First Electric.

Document destruction will be April 15, 2003 @ 10:00 a.m. Alderman Henry will witness the destruction.

The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be April 20<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. at Sherwood Forest.

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ATTEST:

Virginia Hillman  
City Clerk

Bill Harmon  
Mayor