

**April 26, 2004**

**REGULAR MEETING 1**

The City Council of the City of Sherwood met for a regular meeting on April 26, 2004, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Those present were Alderman Henry, Vassar, Butler, Fender, Sulcer, Davis, and Stedman. Mayor Bill Harmon, City Attorney Steve Cobb, and City Clerk Virginia Hillman. Alderman Rankin absent.

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 March 22, 2004, as transcribed. Alderman Butler seconded the motion and the roll call vote was 7 ayes to approve the minutes. Alderman Rankin absent.

Alderman Vassar inquired about the impact the indoor batting facility at the tee ball field would have on the number of spaces for handicap parking. Sonny Janssen, Parks and Recreation Director advised that the facility will take up some parking spaces, but it will not affect the handicap spaces already available, adding two more handicap spaces to what they already have.

Sonny Janssen addressed the council regarding room rental fees at the Bill Harmon Recreation Center of a ten-dollar increase across the board. A motion was made by Alderman Butler to pass the policy and increase the fees. Alderman Sulcer seconded the motion and the roll call vote was 7 ayes. Alderman Rankin absent.

**An ordinance entitled, "AN ORDINANCE REZONING THE PROPERTY AT 10213 HIGHWAY 107 (LOT 2, BLOCK 1, SYLVAN HILLS ADDITION) FROM R-1 RESIDENTIAL TO C-3 COMMERCIAL"** was read for the second time. Alderman Vassar asked this ordinance only be read for the second time. The planning commission is working on the land use map and looking at changes that will need to be made in the depth issue of this re-zoning.

**Resolution No. 13-2004 entitled, "A RESOLUTION RE-APPOINTING FORREST PENNEY TO THE SHERWOOD PLANNING COMMISSION"** was read. A motion was made by Alderman Sulcer, seconded by Alderman Vassar to adopt the resolution. The roll call vote was 7 ayes. Alderman Rankin absent.

Alderman Fender, Chairman of the Street Commission, stated that they are waiting on the analysis from the Highway Department concerning the intersection of Oakbrooke and Kiehl. The Highway Department did a traffic count on this intersection and there are over eighteen thousand cars a day on Kiehl Ave. Alderman Sulcer asked that the intersection of Patricia Lynn and Pennwood be looked at also.

**Resolution No. 14-2004 entitled, "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE ATTACHED MEMORANDUM AGREEMENT WITH THE CITIES OF LITTLE ROCK, NORTH LITTLE ROCK, JACKSONVILLE, MAUMELLE, AND THE COUNTY OF PULASKI TO PARTICIPATE IN THE STUDY OF A COMBINED EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM"** was read. Mayor Harmon stated this was necessary for the City of Sherwood's radio system. A motion was made by Alderman Sulcer, seconded by Alderman Davis, to adopt the resolution. The roll call vote was 7 ayes. Alderman Rankin absent.

Mayor Harmon announced that the City of Sherwood is giving the owner of the home at 208 Pineview thirty days to improve this home before condemnation is approved. This house will be put on the agenda for condemnation at the next council meeting if the situation is not resolved.

Alderman Vassar announced that some citizens have received tax notice increases in reference to special improvement taxes. The county re-assessed this year, and if you were on the next bracket it increased your special improvement taxes. Alderman Vassar has asked State Representative Jeff Wood and City Attorney Steve Cobb to look into this. The issue was questioned because the City of Sherwood was told there would not be any

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increase this year, and second the City of Sherwood has to approve any increase in special improvement taxes.

Mayor Harmon congratulated Clinton and Oakbrooke Elementary for each being recipients of the Distinguished Service Award for the Keep Arkansas Beautiful Commission. The Neighborhood Market has made a contribution to Clinton so that all the recipients of this award can go to the convention in Hot Springs to receive their award. Sherwood Elementary Odyssey of the Minds has won state competition and they are going to Maryland to the Nationals. Sylvan Hills Elementary is rebuilding the playground and have adopted Dee Jay Hudson drive to keep it clean.

Mayor Harmon announced the National Week of Prayer will be May 3<sup>d</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>. The Prayer Breakfast is Tuesday, May 4, 2004, at Sherwood Forest at 7:00 a.m.

The Taste of Sherwood is May 6, 2004, at Sherwood Forest, all proceeds will go to the Sylvan Hills Athletic Fund. Donations are still being received for the silent auction. The Senior Citizens Fun Day will be May 1, 2004, 11:15 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Alderman Vassar announced the Sherwood Fire Department will be having a fish fry starting at 5:00 p.m. on May 1, 2004.

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

ATTEST:

Virginia Hillman  
City Clerk

Bill Harmon  
Mayor