

September 27, 2004

REGULAR MEETING 1

The City Council of the City of Sherwood met for a regular meeting on September 27, 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 August 23, 2004, as transcribed. Alderman Sulcer seconded the motion and the roll call was unanimous to approve the minutes.

Chief Kel Nicholson presented a citizen award to Elaine Trowell. Ms. Trowell assisted the police department in arresting an internet predator. The predator, from Florida, made a trip to Arkansas to meet who he thought was a 12 year old girl. Ms. Trowell volunteered her time corresponding with the predator, resulting in the arrest. The predator now faces charges in Arkansas and Florida.

Alderman Sulcer, Advertising and Promotion Chairman, announced that there is still time to order displays for the Enchanted Forest. The display drive has been increased in length from last year.

Alderman Rankin, Parks and Recreation Chairman, reported that the Women's Senior Softball tournament was a huge success. Twelve states and Canada were represented.

Ordinance No. 1640 entitled "AN ORDINANCE RESTORING A PARTIAL YEAR BUDGET FOR THE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND ONE DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT POSITION IN THE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES" was read for the first time. A motion was made by Alderman Rankin, seconded by Alderman Davis, to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on the second reading. 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 was unanimous. The ordinance was read for the third time. A motion was made by Alderman Vassar, seconded by Alderman Henry, to adopt the ordinance. The roll call vote was unanimous to adopt the ordinance.

An ordinance appropriating \$105,409.11 from the General Fund for salary increases; making said salary increases retroactive to July 1, 2004; declaring an emergency; and for other purposes, was read for the first time. A motion was made by Vassar, seconded by Rankin, to amend the ordinance to appropriate \$104,698.58 from the general fund, to make said salary increases retroactive to June 30, 2004, and the said increases will not include the positions of aldermen and the position of mayor.

Ordinance No. 1641 entitled "AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$104,698.58 FROM THE GENERAL FUND FOR SALARY INCREASES; MAKING SAID SALARY INCREASES RETROACTIVE TO JUNE 30, 2004; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES" was read for the first time, as amended. A motion was made by Alderman Rankin, seconded by Alderman Davis, to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on the second reading, as amended. A motion was made by Alderman Stedman, seconded by Alderman Butler, to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on the third and final reading, as amended. The roll call vote was unanimous. The ordinance was read for the third time. A motion was made by Alderman Sulcer, seconded by Alderman Rankin, to adopt the ordinance, as amended. The roll call vote was unanimous to adopt the ordinance, as amended.

An ordinance entitled "AN ORDINANCE REZONING THE PROPERTY AT 9400 HIGHWAY 107 FROM R-1 RESIDENTIAL TO C-3 COMMERCIAL; AMENDING THE ZONING MAP AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES" was read for the first time. Alderman Stedman asked that the ordinance be read one time only. Residences are opposed to the rezoning. The owner of the property, Mr. Richardson, has verbally agreed to work with the residents regarding a compromise.

REGULAR MEETING 2

Mayor Harmon announced that a traffic signal at Bear Paw and Highway 107 has been approved by the Arkansas State Highway Department. An engineering firm has been hired to design the signal. The estimated time for completion is six months. Also, bids have been advertised for the remainder of the improvements for Wildwood Avenue.

Resolution No. 19-2004 entitled “A RESOLUTION FINDING THE STRUCTURE AT LOT 12, BLOCK 5, ROYAL MANOR SUBDIVISION, COMMONLY KNOWN AS 609 NEWCASTLE, TO CONSTITUTE A PUBLIC NUISANCE” was read. A motion was made by Alderman Vassar, seconded by Alderman Henry, to adopt the resolution. The resolution was adopted by a unanimous roll call vote.

An ordinance entitled “AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING FOR THE CITY OF SHERWOOD, ARKANSAS, THE 2002, AND SUBSEQUENT EDITIONS, OF THE ARKANSAS FIRE PREVENTION CODE, COMPRISED OF VOLUME 1- FIRE, VOLUME 2- BUILDING, AND VOLUME 3- RESIDENTIAL, AS AMENDED, REPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCE” was read for the first time. Mayor Harmon asked that the ordinance be read one time only to allow ample time for builders to review the proposed changes. The changes are necessary in order to be consistent with the state enforcement.

An ordinance entitled “AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING FOR THE CITY OF THE SHERWOOD, ARKANSAS, THE 2002, AND SUBSEQUENT EDITIONS, OF THE NFPA NATIONAL ELECTRIC CODE, AS AMENDED, APPEALING CONFLICTING ORDINANCES” was read for the first time. Mayor Harmon asked that the ordinance be read one time only to allow ample time for builders to review the proposed changes. The changes are necessary in order to be consistent with the state enforcement.

Mike Preston addressed the Council regarding the property zoning at 9400 Highway 107. He stated that the residents object to the commercial zoning in excess of 300 feet in depth.

Mayor Harmon announced the following:

The FireFest - Saturday, October 2nd, from 10:00 a.m – 6:00 p.m.

Halloween Carnival – Saturday, October 30th, from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Sherwood Fest – Saturday, October 16th from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. with the Sherwood Chamber pancake breakfast beginning at 8:00 a.m.

Alderman Sulcer complimented Chief Nicholson for resuming the monthly activity reports of the police department.

Mayor Harmon introduced Tyler Jacobs, Sherwood Youth Council Secretary and Brice Green, Sherwood Youth Council member.

A motion was made by Alderman Vassar, seconded by Alderman Sulcer, to adjourn.

ATTEST:

Virginia Hillman
City Clerk

Bill Harmon
Mayor