

**October 27, 2003**

**REGULAR MEETING 1**

The City Council of the City of Sherwood met for a regular meeting on October 27, 2003, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Those present were Alderman Vassar, Rankin, Butler, Fender, Sulcer, Davis and Stedman; Mayor Bill Harmon, City Attorney Steve Cobb, and City Clerk Virginia Hillman. Alderman Henry was 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 September 22, 2003, as transcribed. Alderman Sulcer seconded the motion and the roll call was 7 ayes, Alderman Henry absent.

Alderman Vassar announced the leaf truck will begin pickup on November 3, 2003.

Mayor Harmon commended the Sylvan Hills Fire Department for the report they had given and the equipment they have been able to obtain through grants.

Alderman Sulcer announced that the Advertising and Promotion Commission met and discussed the Halloween Carnival and the Enchanted Forest for Christmas. The Enchanted Forest will open on December 1, 2003. There is still room available for anyone who wishes to purchase a display.

Alderman Rankin announced that the Parks and Recreation Committee met and discussed the fee increases for the tennis center. Effective January 1, 2004, the fees will increase approximately \$1.50. Sonny Janssen advised that the prices are comparable with surrounding facilities.

Alderman Vassar announced that the Personnel Commission met and they are working on a new employee handbook that will be more compact and easier for the employees to read through. They have discussed some recommended policy changes, and anyone wishing to question or review the changes before they are presented may do so at the Human Resources office. The November meeting will be on Wednesday, November 5, 2003, instead of the regular scheduled meeting of Thursday, November 6, 2003.

Ordinance No. 1618 entitled, "**AN ORDINANCE REZONING THE PROPERTY AT 203 SOUTH FAIRWAY AS A CONDITIONAL USE IN AN R-1 RESIDENTIAL ZONE; AMENDING THE ZONING MAP; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES,**" was read for the first time. Mayor Harmon asked if anyone wanted to speak for or against the ordinance. Alderman Vassar advised she had a comment that her concern was that this was the third time this kind of situation has come up. Her problem with it was that she felt the City was setting precedence and it concerns her greatly. The difference with this situation and the others that have come to the Council is when this one got to the Planning Commission there was no one there to speak against it. Her question for the City Attorney is if the Council passes this ordinance and allows the parking lot, could any of the others come back to the Council, or is the Council indeed setting precedence for

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the future concerning parking lots between two residences? Attorney Steve Cobb answered the first question, that the Council is setting precedence. Mayor Harmon advised the Council has already set the precedence, that it was set a long time ago with Victory Baptist Church zoning a parking lot between two residences. Attorney Steve Cobb advised that if anyone were to come back he would need to review the facts and know why they were petitioning again. Ordinarily there would need to be some factors that make the conditional use merited based upon the configuration or use of the property. It depends upon the facts of the issue. Alderman Rankin advised that on previous ones there were issues on ingress-egress. Alderman Vassar verified that this was the issue, and it concerns her to see the parking lots encroach on the neighborhoods. Attorney Steve Cobb said the ingress-egress issue was recently on Park Avenue. Alderman Vassar felt better that no one came to oppose this ordinance, but it weighs heavily on her decision. A motion was made by Alderman Rankin, seconded by Alderman Butler, to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on the second reading. The roll call vote was 6 ayes, 1 abstain, Alderman Henry absent. The ordinance was read for the second time. A motion was made by Alderman Rankin, seconded by Alderman Davis, to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on the third and final reading. The roll call vote was 6 ayes, 1 abstain, Alderman Henry absent. The ordinance was read for the third time. A motion was made by Alderman Stedman, seconded by Alderman Rankin, to adopt the ordinance. The roll call vote was 5 ayes, 1 nay, 1 abstain, Alderman Henry absent.

Michael Clayton, Director of Permits & Engineering, announced the Sewer Committee met and discussed the financial status of the sewer account and updates on the sewer projects.

Mayor Harmon introduced Boy Scout Troop No. 427 members Tanner Angel, JP Escovedo, Henry Stefano, and Collier Miers.

A motion was made by Alderman Vassar to adjourn.

ATTEST:

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Virginia Hillman, City Clerk

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Bill Harmon, Mayor