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REGULAR MEETING 1

The City Council of the City of Sherwood met for a regular meeting on December 22, 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, 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 Sulcer to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on November 23, 2003, as transcribed. Alderman Henry seconded the motion and the roll call was unanimous to approve the minutes.

Alderman Sulcer announced that more than 5,000 cars has visited the Trail of Lights and more than \$10,000 has been received in donations.

An Ordinance adopting new policies and language changes to the City's Personnel Policy Manual was read for the first time.

Mayor Harmon announced that the City is working to resolve the issue of North Little Rock Waste Water adding customers to our service from North Little Rock.

The annual Christmas lighting contest winners were announced. First Place, Rick and Debbie Ransom of 1211 Koehler Avenue, second place, Les and Gloria Brunson of #6 Laramie, and third place, Laura Peavy of 5922 North Hills Boulevard.

A motion was made to amend the following ordinance to include the year 2003 Arkansas Mechanical Code. A motion was made by Alderman Vassar, seconded by Alderman Davis, to amend the ordinance. The roll call vote was unanimous to amend the ordinance. **Ordinance No. 1619, "AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE ARKANSAS MECHANICAL CODE," 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. The roll call vote was unanimous. The ordinance was read for the second time as amended. A motion was made by Alderman Sulcer, 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 as amended. A motion was made by Alderman Davis, seconded by Alderman Rankin, to adopt the ordinance. The roll call vote was unanimous to adopt the ordinance.

Ordinance No. 1620 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A FEE FOR RESIDENTIAL GARBAGE COLLECTION BY THE CITY OF SHERWOOD, ARKANSAS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES" was read for the first time. Julann Carney addressed the council. She questioned whether or not an age discrimination lawsuit could prevail. She also questioned the group funding of the employee insurance and the bidding of communication services. John Ray, a resident of Sherwood, spoke against the proposed sanitation fee. He stated that in 1983 a

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county sales tax was implemented and at that time the sanitation fee was removed upon passage of the tax. He questioned if the increase was a result of revenue lost from the moving of Wal-Mart. Mayor Harmon announced that the fees would cover the cost of sanitation pickup. He also stated that the City of Sherwood has no property tax into the general fund as other cities do. Alderman Vassar stated that when the sanitation fee was removed, the population of Sherwood was small compared to today. Greg Chastine also spoke against the proposed fee. He is opposed to exempting age 65 and older. He believes that a lot of young families in Sherwood would experience a hardship as a result of the fee. He believes that all citizens should pay the fee. A motion was made by Alderman Rankin, seconded by Alderman Henry, 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 Rankin, seconded by Alderman Fender, to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on the third and final reading. Julann Carney asked for the opportunity to address the council a second time. She asked the council to please review the budget once again for any items which could be cut before passing the increase. The roll call vote was unanimous. The ordinance was read for the third time. A motion was made by Alderman Fender, seconded by Alderman Rankin, to adopt the ordinance. The roll call vote was 5 ayes, 1 nay, and 2 abstentions, to adopt the ordinance.

Resolution No. 15-03, entitled, "A RESOLUTION RE-APPOINTING MEMBERS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS" was read. A motion was made by Alderman Vassar, seconded by Alderman Sulcer to adopt the resolution. The roll call vote was unanimous to adopt the resolution.

Ordinance No. 1622 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE 2003 GENERAL FUND BUDGET ORDINANCE NO. 1602 AND THE 2003 STEET FUND BUDGET ORDINANCE NO. 1596; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES," was read for the first time. A motion was made by Alderman Vassar, seconded by Alderman Davis, to suspend the rules and place it 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 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 Davis, seconded by Alderman Sulcer, to adopt the ordinance. The roll call vote was unanimous to adopt the ordinance. The emergency clause passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Ordinance No. 1623 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE PROVING FOR THE ADOPTION OF A GENERAL FUND DEPARTMENT BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF SHERWOOD, ARKANSAS, FOR THE TWELVE MONTH PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2004, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2004; APPROPRIATING MONEY FOR EACH AND EVERY ITEM OF EXPENDITURE THEREIN PROVIDED FOR; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES," was read for the first time. 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
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for the second time. A motion was made by Alderman Rankin, seconded by Alderman Henry, 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 Sulcer to adopt the ordinance. The roll call vote was unanimous to adopt the ordinance. The emergency clause passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Ordinance No. 1624 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF A STREET FUND DEPARTMENT BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF SHERWOOD, ARKANSAS, FOR THE TWELVE MONTH PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2004, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2004; APPROPRIATING MONEY FOR EACH AND EVERY ITEM OF EXPENDITURE THEREIN PROVIDED FOR; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES," was read for the first time. 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 Henry, 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, seconded by Alderman Stedman to adopt the ordinance. The roll call vote was unanimous to adopt the ordinance. The emergency clause passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Ordinance No. 1625 entitled, "AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ADOPTION OF A WASTEWATER BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF SHERWOOD, ARKANSAS, FOR THE TWELVE MONTH PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2004, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2004; APPROPRIATING MONEY FOR EACH AND EVERY ITEM OF EXPENDITURE THEREIN PROVIDED FOR; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES," was read for the first time. 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 Rankin, seconded by Alderman Stedman, 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, seconded by Alderman Stedman to adopt the ordinance. The roll call vote was unanimous to adopt the ordinance. The emergency clause passed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Resolution No. 16-03, entitled, "A RESOLUTION APPROVING FEES AND COST TO BE ASSESSED AGAINST REAL PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE CITY OF SHERWOOD, ARKANSAS, AS A RESULT OF ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS" was read. A motion was made by Alderman Vassar, seconded by Alderman Sulcer to adopt the resolution. The roll call vote was unanimous to adopt the resolution.

ADJOURN

ATTEST:

Virginia Hillman
City Clerk

Bill Harmon
Mayor