

January 25, 2021

REGULAR MEETING 1

The City Council of the City of Sherwood met for a regular meeting on January 25, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Those present were Mayor Virginia R. Young, City Attorney Steve Cobb, City Clerk Angela Nicholson, Council Members Brooks, Harmon, Lilly, McMinn, Heye-Townsell, Sanders, Williams and Broderick.

Council Member Tim McMinn led in prayer, and the Pledge of Allegiance was given to the flag.

Council Member Lilly, seconded by Council Member Heye-Townsell, made a motion to re-adopt the Organization of Governing Body Ordinances No. 1976 and No. 2150 for 2021. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Council Member Brooks, seconded by Council Member Lilly, made a motion, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on December 28, 2020 as transcribed. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Mayor Young opened discussion for the December 2020 financials. There was no comment.

Council Member Brooks, Chairman of the Advertising and Promotion Commission, stated the committee did meet. The next meeting will be February 3, 2021 at the Bill Harmon Recreation Center at 3 p.m.

Council Member Harmon, Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Committee, stated the committee did meet. The next meeting will be February 8, 2021 at the Bill Harmon Recreation Center at 6 p.m.

Council Member Sanders, Chairman of the Human Resources Committee, stated the committee did not meet. The next meeting will be February 4, 2021 at the Bill Harmon Recreation Center at 5:30 p.m.

Ordinance No. 2337, entitled, "An ordinance authorizing the mayor to sign a dedication plat of a portion of Maryland Avenue; and for other purposes" was read for the third time. Discussion took place. Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member Harmon, made a motion to add the following to the ordinance: "*WHEREAS, the City Council acknowledges that this unusual approach is necessary to save taxpayer dollars in furtherance of the timely completion of a priority street project approved by the voters in 2018, which should not be construed as the method for financing street improvements going forward*" and "**Section 3. It is specifically declared policy of the City Council that this specific method for completing an existing arterial street shall not act as a precedent for future streets.**" The roll call vote was unanimous. Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member McMinn, made a motion to adopt the ordinance with the amendments. The roll call vote was Council Members Harmon, McMinn, Sanders, Heye-Townsell, and Williams yes. Council Members Brooks, Lilly, and Broderick no.

Ordinance No. 2338, entitled, "An ordinance granting a petition for vacation of existing public right-of-way; and for other purposes (E. Maryland Avenue)" was read. Council Member McMinn, seconded by Council Member Harmon, made a motion 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. Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member Sanders, made a motion 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. Council Member McMinn, seconded by Council Member Brooks, made a motion to adopt the ordinance. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Ordinance No. 2339, entitled, "An ordinance amending the official zoning district map; and for other purposes (Stonehill 8)" was read for the third time. Council Member McMinn, seconded by Council Member Williams, made a motion to adopt the ordinance. The roll call vote was unanimous.

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Council Member McMinn, Chairman of the Senior Citizen Committee, stated the committee did not meet. The attendance at the Senior Citizen Center has not increased or decreased.

Under Wastewater Treatment Committee a question was asked regarding the Gravel Ridge Sewer System. Council Member Lilly stated the system was in need of great repair and deferred questions to City Engineer Richard Penn and/or Wastewater Manager Scott Greenwood.

Council Member Lilly, Chairman of the Street Committee, stated the committee did not meet.

Ordinance No. 2340, entitled, "An ordinance adjusting the monthly fee for residential garbage and recycling collection; declaring an emergency; and for other purposes" was read. Council Member Brooks, seconded by Council Member Lilly, made a motion 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. Council Member Brooks, seconded by Council Member Williams, made a motion 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. Council Member McMinn, seconded by Council Member Sanders, made a motion to adopt the ordinance. The roll call vote was unanimous. The emergency clause passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

Resolution No. 1-2021, entitled, "A resolution expressing the willingness of the City of Sherwood, Arkansas, to accept a donation of land; authorizing the mayor to execute all agreements necessary; and for other purposes" was read. Council Member Brooks, seconded by Council Member Heye-Townsell, made a motion to adopt the resolution. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Ordinance No. 2341, entitled, "An ordinance authorizing business to be conducted between the City of Sherwood, Arkansas, and an elected official's company concerning the servicing of fire extinguishing equipment; declaring an emergency; and for other purposes (A&A Fire and Safety Company)" was read. Council Member Brooks, seconded by Council Member Williams, made a motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on the second reading. The roll call vote was 7 ayes. Council Member Broderick abstained. The ordinance was read for the second time. Council Member Brooks, seconded by Council Member McMinn, made a motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on the third and final reading. The roll call vote was 7 ayes. Council Member Broderick abstained. The ordinance was read for the third time. Council Member McMinn, seconded by Council Member Sanders, made a motion to adopt the ordinance. The roll call vote was 7 ayes. Council Member Broderick abstained. The emergency clause passed with a roll call vote of 7 ayes. Council Member Broderick abstained.

Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member Heye-Townsell, made a motion to substitute the following ordinance. The roll call vote was unanimous. **Ordinance No. 2342, entitled, "An ordinance granting expanded sick leave benefits for employees of the City of Sherwood, Arkansas, in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic; declaring an emergency; and for other purposes"** was read. Council Member Williams stated that this ordinance for a one time total of eighty (80) hours. Employees who received 80 hours last year under the FFCRA will not receive and additional 80 hours in 2021.. Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member Sanders, made a motion 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. Council Member Heye-Townsell, seconded by Council Member McMinn, made a motion 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. Council Member Heye-Townsell, seconded by Council Member Williams, made a motion to adopt the ordinance. The roll call vote was unanimous. The emergency clause passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

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Ordinance No. 2343, entitled, “An ordinance appropriating funds to reimburse Fire District 5 for Workers Compensation Expenses; and for other purposes” was read. Council Member Heye-Townsell, seconded by Council Member Lilly, made a motion 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. Council Member Heye-Townsell, seconded by Council Member Lilly, made a motion 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. Council Member Heye-Townsell, seconded by Council Member Lilly, made a motion to adopt the ordinance. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Resolution No. 2-2021, entitled, “A resolution appointing Sarah Breshears, replacing Beverly McCay, to the Sherwood Wastewater Treatment Committee” was read. Council Member McMinn, seconded by Council Member Heye-Townsell, made a motion to adopt the resolution. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Mayor Young handed out the State of the City. (A copy of the State of the City is attached to minutes)

Under new business:

Council Member Harmon stated there is property available for sale at 10523 and 10603 Highway 107 for \$127,500.00 for both lots. Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member Brooks, made a motion to have the mayor move forward with negotiations to purchase the property. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Under announcements:

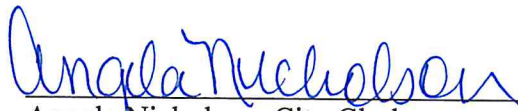
Mayor Young stated there will be a Zoom (virtual) meeting on Thursday, January 28, 2021 from 4-6 p.m. for residents of Hemphill Road.


Council Member Brooks stated the retirement party for Chief Bedwell will be Thursday, January 28, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. at the Sylvan Hills Community Church

Council Member McMinn informed the council that he has been diagnosed with Stage 4 cancer. Council Member McMinn resigned from the Street Committee, but will remain on the Senior Citizen Committee and will remain as Council Member, but may have to attend meetings virtually.

No further business, Council Member Brooks, seconded by Council Member Heye-Townsell, made a motion to adjourn at 7:07 p.m.

ATTEST:


Angela Nicholson, City Clerk


Virginia R. Young, Mayor