

January 27, 2020

REGULAR MEETING 1

The City Council of the City of Sherwood met for a regular meeting on January 27, 2020 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, Sanders, Williams and Broderick.

Mayor Young led in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was given to the flag.

Council Member Brooks, seconded by Council Member Sanders, made a motion to re-adopt the Organization of the governing body Ordinances No. 1976 and No. 2150. Council Member Heye asked if the time should be changed to 7:00 p.m. Council Members Brooks, Harmon, and McMinn stated they believe the time should remain at 6:00 p.m. The roll call vote was unanimous to re-adopt the organization.

Resolution No. 1-2020, entitled, "A resolution establishing a code of conduct" was read. Mayor Young stated the Arkansas Municipal League recommends that cities adopt this resolution. Discussion took place regarding the redundancy of the code of conduct. Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member McMinn, made a motion to adopt the resolution. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Council Member Brooks, seconded by Council Member Sanders, made a motion, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on December 16, 2019 as transcribed. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Mayor Young opened discussion for the December 2019 financials. No comments were made.

Parks and Recreation Director Sonny Janssen and Assistant Director Darren Austin recognized Jim Hobson for receiving the 2019 USTA South Arkansas Tennis Professional of the Year award and Dawn Darter receiving the 2019 South Central PGA Golf Professional of the Year award.

Chief Bedwell, Captain Nicholson and Captain Hagar presented awards to Carol Gregory 2019 Civilian Employee of the Year, Beth Fletcher 2019 Dispatcher of the Year, and David Christman 2019 Officer of the Year. Officer Tammy Turner was awarded an Humanitarian Award. Beth Fletcher also was awarded a Life Saving Award for performing the Heimlich on another employee.

Council Member McMinn, seconded by Council Member Lilly, made a motion to waive the reading requirement on the ordinances. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Council Member Brooks, Chairman of the Advertising and Promotion Commission, stated the commission did meet. The 2019 Trail of Lights was very successful. The 2019 year for the Trail of Lights was record breaking with 20,095 cars that drove through and \$56,694 in donations received.

Council Member Harmon, seconded by Council Member Brooks, made a motion to amend the following ordinance to change the amount from \$48,674 to \$47,907.50 and from *one additional light display* to *two light displays*. The roll call vote was unanimous. **Ordinance No. 2291, entitled, "An ordinance appropriating funds from the Advertising and Promotion Commission budget for the purchase of additional holiday light displays; waiving competitive bidding; and for other purposes"** was read as amended. Council Member Harmon, seconded by Council Member Brooks, made a motion to adopt the ordinance. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Council Member Harmon, Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Committee, stated the committee did meet. The new Soccer/Tennis Complex is 85% completed. The next meeting will be February 10, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the Bill Harmon Recreation Center.

January 27, 2020

REGULAR MEETING 2

Council Member Sanders, Chairman of the Human Resources Committee, stated the committee did not meet. The next meeting will be February 6, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. at the Bill Harmon Recreation Center.

Resolution No. 2-2020, entitled, "A resolution appointing Kate Donovan, re-placing Michelle Oglesby, to serve on the Sherwood Human Resources Committee" was read. Council Member Harmon, seconded by Council Member Brooks, made a motion to adopt the resolution. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Council Member McMinn, Chairman of the Senior Citizen Committee, stated the committee met on January 21, 2020. The annual fish fry will be April 25, 2020. Cornerstone Church is offering free tax resources for senior citizens Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. No appointments, it is first come first serve.

Council Member Lilly, Chairman of the Street Committee, stated the committee did meet. Progress is being made on the construction of the streets. Baring Cross Road, formerly known as Kohl's Extension Project, is coming along. The leaf truck pickup will run until January 31st, then make one last run through the city, after that leaves will need to be bagged.

Ordinance No. 2292, entitled, "An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 1079; allowing certain construction signs; declaring an emergency; and for other purposes" was read. Andy Wilson, an employee of Permits and Planning, explained to the council why he is asking for this ordinance to be adopted. Discussion took place. Council Member Harmon, seconded by Council Member Brooks, made a motion to adopt the ordinance. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Ordinance No. 2293, entitled, "An ordinance waiving competitive bidding, authorizing the purchase of a chassis mount Animal Control box for the Animal Control Department; declaring an emergency; and for other purposes" was read. Robin Breaux, Director of Animal Services, informed the council the need for the emergency clause was so that the department could go ahead and order the chassis mount. Council Member Harmon, seconded by Council Member McMinn, 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. 3-2020, entitled, "A resolution expressing the willingness of the City of Sherwood, Arkansas, to utilize Federal-Aid Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) funds; authorizing the mayor to execute all agreements necessary; and for other purposes" was read. Council Member Brooks, seconded by Council Member Williams, made a motion to adopt the resolution. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Council Member Brooks, seconded by Council Member Heye, made a motion to renew the Sherwood Chamber – Economic Agreement for 2020. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Under old business:

Colleen Carr, Director of Economic Development, gave the council an update on the progress of economic development for the city.

Council Member Harmon asked about the sign ordinance. City Attorney Steve Cobb stated that he and City Engineer Richard Penn have received a proposed ordinance from the Arkansas Municipal League and are currently reviewing the ordinance to bring back to the council.

Under new business:

The Sherwood District Court will have a document destruction on Thursday, January 30, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. and Council Member Brooks will witness the destruction

January 27, 2020

REGULAR MEETING 3

City Engineer Richard Penn gave the council an update of the flooding that occurred in January 2020 and what plans are being made to help with the flooding issue.

Mayor Young distributed copies of the 2019 State of the City to all council members. Mayor Young stated the city has had a good year.

Dan Fowler of the Cromwell Firm addressed the council on the plans for the Sherwood Entertainment District. Council Member Brooks, seconded by Council Member McMinn, made a motion that the information presented be referred to the Sherwood Parks and Recreation Committee and that the Parks and Recreation Committee hold a meeting in February to review the information. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Mayor Young made the following announcements:

Animal Shelter Events: There will be a Mobile Adoption Event on January 29th in the parking lot of F.L. Davis Hardware on E. Kiehl Ave from 11am-2pm: please follow the shelter on Facebook (www.facebook.com/sherwood.shelter) for locations of future Mobile Adoption Events; If our residents need assistance with stray cat problems, Animal Services offers a free Trap-Neuter-Return Community Cats Program to help prevent the overpopulation of unowned cats within our City; If you need help with spay/neuter services for your personal pet, Animal Services can provide assistance through a discount voucher program


Parks and Recreation Director Sonny Janssen will be retiring from the city and his last day is January 31, 2020.

Council Member Broderick announced that the new wrestling program is underway. There was a competition in Conway and one of the Sherwood wrestlers won 2nd Place.


Rhonda Benton, Human Resources Director, informed the council there is an opening on the Retirement Committee.

No further business, Council Member Brooks, seconded by Council Member Heye, made a motion to adjourn at 7:25 p.m.

ATTEST:



Angela Nicholson, City Clerk



Virginia R. Young, Mayor