

Sherwood Street Committee  
Minutes  
April 13, 2023

The Sherwood Street Committee met on April 13, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 2199 E. Kiehl, Sherwood, Arkansas. The meeting was open to the public.

Members Present

Kevin Lilly  
April Broderick  
Kyle Wade  
Ross Lovenstein  
Blake Forrest

Staff Present

Brian Galloway  
Lon Warneke  
Dennis Webb  
Chief Jeff Hagar  
Belinda Shaw

Also present were Mayor Heye-Townsell, Colleen Young, Stephen Cobb, Finley Vinson, and Anthony Brown.

Kevin Lilly called the meeting to order.

There was a motion by Kyle to accept the minutes and a 2<sup>nd</sup> by April. The vote was unanimous.

Under Budget, Kevin asked Colleen about the reserve in the street fund. Colleen stated we have a \$4.7 million fund balance and \$879,000 budgeted in fund reserve if we need it. Brian stated there was \$4 million at the end of last year and we were \$879,000 short on revenue to balance the budget this year. All of the rest of the budget is based on revenue. A discussion followed.

Kevin asked to suspend the agenda to add items to Old and New Business. There was a motion by April and a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kyle. The vote was unanimous.

Kevin asked to add Speed Cushion Trial Update and 712 E. Maryland to Old Business and Chief Hagar and New Sidewalk Request to New Business. The sidewalks are on E. Kiehl, Woodruff between Whitewood and Oakbrook, and Windchime including a Pedestrian Bridge across the creek. The meeting returned to the regular agenda.

Under Public Works, there were no issues or concerns.

Under Street Updates, there were no issues or concerns.

Under Old Business, provided updates on the street projects.

At 712 E. Maryland, removed crepe myrtle bushes, removed swell, and repoured at property owner's request, removed sidewalk and repoured with corrected slope.

On E. Maryland, estimated completion date is the end of April 2023.

On Country Club, we have several irrigation systems to be repaired.

On Hemphill, will undercut street next Tuesday.

On Jacksonville Cato, acquisitions are nearing completion. There are a couple of property owners still negotiating. The redesign is almost done.

On Whitewood, drainage improvements are moving quickly and should be completed by the end of April.

On Sherwood Acres, waiting for information from Thomas Engineering.

On Deerfield sidewalks, this is a challenging build, and we have a new route. Sidewalks will go from Deerfield to Park to Mohave to Shoshoni to Halfway and back to Mohave. This is out for bid with construction to possibly start in May.

Kyle asked about the undercut on Hemphill and if the utilities were going to have to be replaced if they were too shallow. Lon was told by AT&T the utilities were deep enough.

On Sherwood Acres, Brian stated there was no new information; he is waiting for a cost estimate from Thomas. Kevin asked the severity of the situation. Brian stated during a heavy rain, the lids blow off down Claremont, it is a 40" pipe going into a 24" pipe. There is corrugated metal failing throughout the drainage system. There is a home on Roberta Ann where water comes out of the grate and has flooded the garage a number of times. If the driveway caves in, the residents will lose access to their home. Kevin asked to get the updated estimate.

At 506 May Ave, there has been no communication and Kevin asked that we remove this from the agenda.

Regarding the speed cushions, Brian stated we have installed 5 to date and have come to a halt on installing others and we are making adjustments on the ones on Shoshoni and Indianhead. Kevin asked what has happened to speeding since they have been installed; getting information prior to the installation and after the installation. What is the effect there? A discussion followed. Kyle asked what streets the speed cushions were installed on. Brian stated Silver Creek, Shoshoni, Mohave, and Indianhead. The Mayor stated there has been an outpouring of people loving the speed cushions. We had two

complaints from Jacksonville residents cutting through the neighborhood. Finley stated we had about half installed and before we installed, we had marked the locations and because of a specific situation we had to move a speed cushion, and this caused a domino effect and required us to move several locations. Finley stated he had gotten Brian a revised map earlier this week so that he can finish installing them and to go back and collect more data after they are installed. A discussion followed.

The Mayor stated we are going to be narrowing Oakbrooke because the street is really too wide. We will be adding bike lanes because people don't park on Oakbrooke. We will see if this helps to reduce speed. We are getting complaints, and this would be cheaper than speed cushions.

Chief Hagar stated he received a call on Tuesday from a council member stating they had received a call from a constituent about the truck traffic on Silver Creek. The residents want PD to write tickets. There are "No Trucks" signs on Silver Creek but there is no state law or ordinance stating they can't go down Silver Creek. Chief Hagar stated he got a copy of the ordinance from North Little Rock, and it is pretty comprehensive and very specific. He said we have two options, take the signs down or pass an ordinance. We can't enforce a law that doesn't exist. Kevin stated we need to look at this and have a more in-depth discussion about this particular issue in our meeting next month. April asked what other alternatives. Chief Hagar stated it is the car haulers unloading on Silver Creek by Buffalo Wild Wings and then they turn around on Silver Oak. A discussion followed.

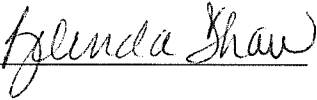
Kevin stated he has had several requests over the last few weeks for sidewalk consideration. Kevin said he wants to get Kiehl Ave out there because it is one of the busiest, if not the busiest street in Sherwood. Also, Woodruff between Whitewood and Oakbrook and Windchime includes a pedestrian bridge across the creek. Kevin stated he wants to start a discussion to figure out how we prioritize sidewalks and what we can potentially get done in 2023. April asked if these would come out of the \$560,000 that was in the budget or would these be from reserve. Brian stated the money this year should already be committed to projects if we can get them designed and done. Anything that Kevin is talking about would be new projects in addition to these. April stated that Kiehl Avenue would touch a lot of citizens with \$1.1 million. Finley stated from a budget perspective it would not be difficult to come up with an average price per linear foot for a 5-foot sidewalk. A discussion followed. The Mayor stated we are specifically looking at an area between Brockington and Oakbrooke. We are trying to figure out where the ROW is because it varies per lot. If we use any of ARDOT's ROW, we need to request that from them and they will give us a permit for that. Since the Mayor was working with a lot of the residents who were impacted by the tornado in that area and their fences were already down, she talked about their willingness to give us an easement and everyone she talked to said yes they would. The mayor stated we could get the back fence in exchange for an easement and that would be a pretty fair exchange. It would help them out and help us out. Let's do this section and see how much it is going to be and then we can do more and continue to do more at a time until we can get it all done. Kevin stated that Kiehl Avenue is a big bite, and we really need to look at it one bite at a

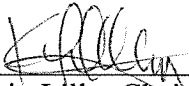
time and look at where we can strategically get the most bang for our buck. Finley stated the mayor has asked him to look at applying for grant funds from the state or Metroplan for sidewalk plans. Finley stated his advice is to apply for those grants in areas like Kiehl where the state is going to be involved anyway. The mayor stated the section between Kum and Go and the Links is already included in the construction grant for the bike/ped trail. A discussion followed.

Kevin reminded everyone that FEMA is taking claims if we know of people needing to file. Their phone number is 800-621-3362. The mayor stated the FEMA center is at the Wildwood Center on Wildwood Ave and they are open from 7 am to 7 pm.

There was a motion to adjourn by Kyle and a 2<sup>nd</sup> by April.

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Kevin Lilly, Chairman