

**April 25, 2022**

**REGULAR MEETING 1**

The City Council of the City of Sherwood met for a regular meeting on April 25, 2022, 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, Williams, and Broderick. Council Member Heye-Townsell arrived at 6:05 p.m. Council Member Sanders absent.

Senior Citizen Center Director Robert Campbell led in prayer, and the Pledge of Allegiance was given to the flag.

Council Member Brooks, seconded by Council Member McMinn, made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular scheduled meeting on March 28, 2022, as transcribed. The roll call vote was 6 ayes. Council Member Heye-Townsell not present during roll call. Council Member Sanders absent.

Mayor Young opened discussion for the March 2022 financials. No comments were made.

Mayor Young announced that Sherwood District Court Clerk Grace Gault received the 2022 Court Clerk of the Year award for the State of Arkansas.

Council Member Brooks, Chairman of the Advertising and Promotion Commission, stated the commission met. The next meeting will be May 4, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. at the Bill Harmon Recreation Center.

Council Member Harmon, Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Committee, stated the committee did not meet. The next meeting will be Monday, May 9, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at the Bill Harmon Recreation Center. Council Member Brooks inquired on the progress of the park study. Parks and Recreation Director Darren Austin stated there was not an update at this time.

Mayor Young announced there was not a Human Resources Committee meeting in April.

**Ordinance No. 2410, entitled, "An ordinance amending the official Zoning Districts Map and for other purposes (9900 Highway 107)"** was read for the second time. Sherwood Planning Commission Chairman Rob Middleton addressed the council stating that he had mis-stated requirements on setbacks in a C-3 zoning. Mr. Middleton stated that every zoning except in commercial requires a 25' setback when it borders residential property. Council Member Harmon, seconded by Council Member Heye-Townsell, made a motion to adopt the ordinance. The roll call vote was 7 ayes. Council Member Sanders absent. The ordinance was read for the third time. Council Member Brooks, seconded by Council Member Williams, made a motion to adopt the ordinance. The roll call vote was unanimous. Council Member Sanders absent.

Council Member McMinn, Chairman of the Senior Citizen Committee, announced the Sherwood Fish Fry on April 30, 2022, at 11:30. There will be a sweets auction.

Council Member Lilly, Chairman of the Street Committee, stated the committee did not meet. The next meeting will be May 12, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. at the Bill Harmon Recreation Center.

Council Member Brooks inquired if the city was funding Central Arkansas Water (CAW) on the Country Club Road project. Council Member Brooks stated that she has received emails from a resident on Claremont who stated that the city is not fiscally responsible for paying the bill for CAW to do work on Country Club. City

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Engineer Richard Penn stated that that information is not correct. The city is not paying for CAW to do work. Council Member Heye-Townsell inquired whose responsibility was it to move the water lines and put the lines back in place. in terms of putting them back. Mr. Penn stated if CAW had a failure of a pipe and had to replace the pipe, CAW would rebuild whatever they had to tear up. Council Member Heye-Townsell stated that in the process of moving the pipes that are located under the road, as the city was doing repairs, CAW said the base was failing. Council Member Heye-Townsell said this information did not coincide with the geo-technical report from 2018. CAW would be responsible for putting the road back. Mr. Penn sited that CAW did pay for everything on Maryland Road because there was enough room. Country Club does not have much space and since the city was going to rebuild the road CAW asked to place the pipe ten feet (10') down. The city advised they could. The city looked into a design approach that would allow CAW to rebuild a better water main that would last approximately fifty years. Council Member Heye-Townsell stated that CAW told the city the base was failing despite the geo-technical report stating otherwise, which did end up costing the city more money. Mayor Young stated that Country Club was identified as one of four projects from the 2018 bond issue that Sherwood residents voted for. When she explains to people that the main problem on Country Club is drainage and CAW is doing a lot of improvements on their own dime, explaining that once this project is finished this would help a lot of people in the surrounding area, not just Country Club. The intent of the project is not to widen Country Club, but to improve drainage and have ADA sidewalks.

A proposed resolution entitled, "*A resolution approving and granting authorization to Mayor Young and other officials to enter into a service agreement with Rock Region Metropolitan Transit Authority; and for other purpose*" was read. Discussion took place regarding amendments to the agreement. Rock Region Metro representative's Justin Avery, Chief Financial Officer and Becca Green, Director of Public Engagement were available for questions. Council Member Broderick went over some suggested amendments. Rock Region will get the council members a clean updated version of the agreement. The council will decide if a workshop will be necessary.

**Resolution No. 7-2022, entitled, "A resolution appointing Lisa Curry, replacing Robert Raeke, to serve on the Sherwood Retirement Committee"** was read. Council Member Brooks, seconded by Council Member Heye-Townsell, made a motion to adopt the resolution. The roll call vote was 7 ayes. Council Member Sanders absent.

**Resolution No. 8-2022, entitled, "A resolution establishing a fixed assets listing for accounting purposes for the City of Sherwood, Arkansas"** was read. The dollar amount approved for the fixed asset listing will be five thousand dollars (\$5,000). Council Member Brooks, seconded by Council Member Harmon, made a motion to adopt the resolution. The roll call vote was 7 ayes. Council Member Sanders absent.

Council Member Harmon, seconded by Council Member Brooks, made a motion to amend the proposed ordinance entitled, "*An ordinance amending the General Fund Budget American Rescue Grant Budgets for the purpose of claiming police and fire salaries and employer payroll contributions*" adding "declaring an emergency, and for other purposes" in the title of the ordinance and striking "and fire" in Section 3 of the ordinance. The roll call vote was 7 ayes. Council Member Sanders absent. **Ordinance No. 2411, entitled, "An ordinance amending the General Fund Budget American Rescue Grant Budgets for the purpose of claiming police and fire salaries and employer payroll**

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**contributions; declaring an emergency; and for other purposes”** was read as amended. Council Member Brooks, seconded by Council Member Harmon, made a motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on the second reading as amended. The roll call vote was 7 ayes. Council Member Sanders absent. The ordinance was read for the second time as amended. Council Member Harmon, seconded by Council Member McMinn, made a motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on the third and final reading as amended. The roll call vote was 7 ayes. Council Member Sanders absent. The ordinance was read for the third time as amended. Council Member Brooks, seconded by Council Member Harmon, made a motion to adopt the ordinance as amended. The roll call vote was 7 ayes. Council Member Sanders absent. The emergency clause passed with a roll call vote of 7 ayes. Council Member Sanders absent.

**Resolution No. 9-2022, entitled, “A resolution authorizing the mayor to sign a contract for construction related to Sherwood Wastewater Utility, and for other purposes”** was read. Council Member Harmon, seconded by Council Member Williams, made a motion to adopt the resolution. The roll call vote was 7 ayes. Council Member Sanders absent.

**Resolution No. 10-2022, entitled, “A resolution designating certain city owned property as green space, and for other purposes”** was read. Council Member Brooks, seconded by Council Member Harmon, made a motion to adopt the resolution. The roll call vote was 7 ayes. Council Member Sanders absent.

**Resolution No. 11-2022, entitled, “A resolution approving the selection of a consulting engineering firm to provide project management services, authorization to enter into contracts for services, and for other purposes”** was read. Council Member Broderick inquired if this would help the City Engineer on the project. City Engineer Richard Penn stated that it would help some. Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member Harmon, made a motion to adopt the resolution. The roll call vote was 7 ayes. Council Member Sanders absent.

Council Member Brooks volunteered to be present at the City Clerk document destruction event. Date to be determined.

Director of Economic Development Josh Alexander gave an update on the progress of economic development. Mr. Alexander detailed pros and cons of the ability of businesses to come to Sherwood. The biggest con is the wet/dry issue in the northern part of Sherwood.

Ed Whitsell of 19 Cardinal Lane addressed the council stating that AT & T has torn up the street and yards while doing construction. Mayor Young stated that their work order has been pulled until they correct their mistakes.

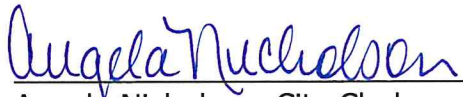
Mayor Young made the following announcements:

- Sherwood Mayor’s Prayer Breakfast, Tuesday, May 3, 2022, 7:00 a.m. Sherwood Forest, 1111 W. Maryland, \$10 per person
- Prayer Rally at the Flagpole, Friday, May 6, 2022, City Complex, 2201 East Kiehl Avenue,
- Animal Shelter Events: May 14<sup>th</sup> 10 am – 3 pm Sherwood Annual Pet Fair & Fund Raiser at Sherwood Forest
- Kids to Parks Day, May 21, 2022
- Senior Citizen Center Fish Fry, April 30, 2022, 11:30 a.m.

- A Day of Reflection and Healing Luminarias on Display sponsored by the Sherwood Police Department Chaplains, April 27, 2022, beginning at 6:30

No further business, Council Member Brooks, seconded by Council Member Heye-Townsell, made a motion to adjourn at 7:15 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

  
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Angela Nicholson, City Clerk

  
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Virginia R. Young, Mayor