

**May 23, 2022**

**REGULAR MEETING 1**

The City Council of the City of Sherwood met for a regular meeting on May 23, 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, Heye-Townsell, Sanders, Williams, and Broderick.

Mayor Young announced the passing of Council Member Tim McMinn.

Senior Citizen Director Robert Campbell led in prayer. In honor of Council Member Tim McMinn, the council observed a moment of silence. The Pledge of Allegiance was given to the flag.

Council Member Brooks, seconded by Council Member Lilly, made a motion to adopt the minutes of the regular meeting on April 25, 2022, as transcribed. The roll call vote was unanimous.

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

Chief Hagar presented Officer Heath Pledger with the Life Saving Award. Officer Pledger performed CPR on an individual until rescue could arrive resulting in the saving of the individual.

Council Member Brooks, Chairman of the Advertising and Promotion Commission, stated the commission did meet. The next regular scheduled meeting will be June 1, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. at the Bill Harmon Recreation Center. Council Member Williams asked if there had been discussion regarding Air BnB's. Council Member Brooks stated the commission did hold discussion on Air BnB's. Council Member Broderick stated that the commission is determining the monetary gain for the city versus the strain of the employees on enforcement on Air BnB's.

Council Member Harmon, Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Committee, stated the committee did meet. Council Member Harmon gave an update on the Parks Study stating that comments will be received by the Steering Committee and there will be well publicized public hearings before being presented to the council.

Council Member Sanders, Chairman of the Human Resources Committee, stated the committee did not meet. The next regular scheduled meeting will be June 2, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. at the Bill Harmon Recreation Center.

**Ordinance No. 2412, entitled, "An ordinance creating the position of Finance Director, declaring an emergency; and for other purposes"** was read. Council Member Brooks, 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 Brooks, 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 Lilly, 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.

**Resolution No. 12-2022, entitled, "A resolution re-appointing Blake Martin to serve on the Sherwood Planning Commission and Sherwood Board of Adjustment"** was read. Council Member Brooks, seconded by Council

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Member Harmon, made a motion to adopt the resolution. The roll call vote was unanimous.

**Ordinance No. 2413, entitled, "An ordinance amending the existing zoning code with respect to the location of mini-storage facilities; declaring an emergency; and for other purposes"** was read. Sherwood Planning Commission Chairman Rob Middleton explained the changes made on the zoning code. 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 Brooks, 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 Harmon, seconded by Council Member Heye-Townsell, made a motion to adopt the ordinance. The roll call vote was unanimous. The emergency clause passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

Senior Citizen Director Robert Campbell informed the council that the Senior Citizen Fish Fry raised \$2,426.00. There was record attendance.

City Engineer Richard Penn gave an update for the Wastewater Treatment Committee informing the council that 1. Horseshoe Construction will begin repairs on the south sewer plant system around Country Club; and 2. a large pipe has failed in the court ordered boundary and North Little Rock Wastewater under an emergency order is doing repairs. There will be a cost share presented to the council at a later date.

Council Member Lilly, Chairman of the Street Committee, stated the committee did meet. Council Member Lilly encouraged everyone to sign up for the city alert system to receive updates on weather, road project updates, etc. Council Member Heye-Townsell inquired as to the completion date of the E. Maryland Avenue and whether the developers have started construction. City Engineer Richard Penn stated they have, and the estimated date of completion is sometime October 2022. Council Member Lilly stated the next regular scheduled meeting is June 9, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. at the Bill Harmon Recreation Center.

Proposed Agenda Item No. 8, 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 purposes"* was tabled until June 2022. No action was taken.

A proposed resolution entitled, "A resolution authorizing the mayor to execute an amended contract for Fire Protection Services with Fire Protection District #5; amending the 2022 General Fund Budget; and for other purposes" was read. Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member Harmon, made a motion to amend Section 2 of the resolution to read *"the 2022 General Fund Budget fire protection staffing fund shall be increased by \$300,338.50 and the Worker's Compensation be increased by \$5,952.00. The total budget increase is \$306,290.50."* The roll call vote was unanimous. **Resolution No. 13-2022, entitled, "A resolution authorizing the mayor to execute an amended contract for Fire Protection Services with Fire Protection District #5; amending the 2022 General Fund Budget; and for other purposes"** was read as amended. Council Member Broderick asked the council to consider making the Sherwood Fire Department and Gravel Ridge Fire Department as a whole. Council Member Heye-Townsell stated that Sherwood Fire Department's coverage area is larger, and that Gravel Ridge Fire Department is assessing the same amount of collections. Sherwood Fire Department Chief Sawyer addressed

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the council stating that Gravel Ridge Fire Department District 9 is in the process of raising their assessment. Council Member Williams stated that this resolution will staff 9 positions for the new fire department. Council Member Heye-Townsell, seconded by Council Member Sanders, made a motion to adopt the resolution as amended. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Under new business:

Council Member Williams will be witnessing the document destruction for the Sherwood District Court on June 10, 2022, at 8:00 a.m.

Council Member Brooks, seconded by Council Member Heye-Townsell, made a motion to adjourn at 6:49 p.m. for the council to enter executive session. The roll call vote was unanimous.

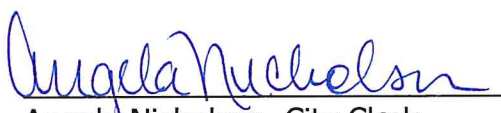
Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member Lilly, made a motion for the council to come out of executive session at 6:57 p.m. The roll call vote was unanimous.


Council Member Brooks, seconded by Harmon, Lilly, Heye-Townsell, Sanders, Williams, and Broderick, made a motion to appoint Sharon McMinn to fill the remainder of Council Member Tim McMinn's term. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Under announcements, Council Member Williams, informed the council and the Sherwood Police Department that a friend from Nashville had traveled to Cabot, Arkansas, for a funeral and had complimented the Sherwood Police Department for having an officer stationed at each exit.

No further business, Council Member Brooks, seconded by Council Member Heye-Townsell, made a motion to adjourn at 6:59 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

  
Angela Nicholson, City Clerk

  
Virginia R. Young, Mayor