

**June 27, 2022**

**REGULAR MEETING 1**

The City Council of the City of Sherwood met for a regular meeting on June 27, 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, Lilly, S. McMinn, Heye-Townsell, Sanders, Williams, and Broderick. Council Member Harmon 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 Lilly, made a motion to adopt the minutes of the regular meeting on May 23, 2022, as transcribed. The roll call vote was 7 ayes. Council Member Harmon absent.

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

Parks and Recreation Director Darren Austin introduced Cole and Dakota Wallace. Cole Wallace is a city employee. Cole and his brother Dakota had the opportunity to represent Arkansas and participate in the US Special Olympics. Cole and Dakota won the gold medal in golf. Cole explained that his brother Dakota has a genetic disorder called, Polymicrogyria, a condition characterized by abnormal development of the brain.

Jim Reynolds, the meteorologist in charge of the National Weather Service at the North Little Rock Airport, presented the city with the Storm Ready Community award, for being certified as storm ready from the National Weather Service, also recognizing Tracy Sims work as the Emergency Management Officer.

Council Member Williams recognized the following Sherwood students:

- Sylvan Hills High School Seniors Matthew Spencer and Landry Beeching for winning the State Championship in Wrestling in each of their classes
- Sylvan Hills High School Senior Carter Watson as a National Merit Finalist
- Cato Elementary 5<sup>th</sup> Grader Kinley Hilliard won First Place in Arkansas for writing an essay with the Stock Market Game – Kinley also placed 7<sup>th</sup> as a National Finalist. Marsha Masters of Economic Arkansas presented Kinley with medallions and cash

Council Member Brooks, seconded by Council Member Heye-Townsell, made a motion to approve the removal of assets from the asset list that fall below the required asset dollar amount of \$5,000 that was approved by the council April 25, 2022, by Resolution 8-2022. The roll call vote was 7 ayes. Council Member Harmon absent.

Council Member Brooks, Chairman of the Advertising and Promotion Commission, stated the commission met. The commission has voted not to act on Air BnB's. The commission agreed that the council should research and adopt legislation for Air BnB's. Council Member Brooks stated that City Planner Shelby Schmittou stated she would hold a workshop for the council regarding Air BnB's.

Council Member Heye-Townsell stated the Parks and Recreation Committee did not meet.

Council Member Williams, Chairman of the Human Resources Committee, stated the committee did meet. Council Member Williams was elected to serve as the Chairman. The committee has two ordinances to present to the city council.

**Ordinance No. 2414, entitled, "An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2010 with respect to the special step pay plan for uniformed police personnel, declaring an emergency; and for other purposes"** was read. Council Member Broderick inquired how does the step pay compare with other cities. Chief Jeff Hagar stated that this step pay plan would allow the city to be comparable with other cities the size of Sherwood. Council Member Heye-Townsell, 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 7 ayes. Council Member Harmon absent. 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 7 ayes. Council Member Harmon absent. 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 7 ayes. Council Member Harmon absent. The emergency clause passed with 7 ayes. Council Member Harmon absent.

**Ordinance No. 2415, entitled, "An ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2412, declaring an emergency and for other purposes"** was read. Council Member Williams stated removing the residency requirement would allow for a broader candidate pool. Council Member Heye-Townsell, 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 7 ayes. Council Member Harmon absent. The ordinance was read for the second time. Council Member Heye-Townsell, 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 7 ayes. Council Member Harmon absent. The ordinance was read for the third time. Council Member Lilly, seconded by Council Member Sanders, made a motion to adopt the ordinance. The roll call vote was 7 ayes. Council Member Harmon absent. The emergency clause passed with a roll call vote of 7 ayes. Council Member Harmon absent.

**Ordinance No. 2416, entitled, "An ordinance amending the official zoning districts map and for other purposes"** was read. This ordinance was for a rezoning request at 200 Hillcrest Road. 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 Harmon absent. The ordinance was read for the second time. Council Member Lilly, 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 7 ayes. Council Member Harmon absent. The ordinance was read for the third time. Council Member Brooks, seconded by Council Member Heye-Townsell, made a motion to adopt the ordinance. The roll call vote was 7 ayes. Council Member Harmon absent.

**Resolution No. 14-2022, entitled, "A resolution amending the comprehensive plan for Sherwood"** was read. Council Member Lilly, seconded by Council Member Brooks, made a motion to adopt the resolution. The roll call vote was 7 ayes. Council Member Harmon absent.

Robert Campbell, Director of Sherwood Senior Citizen Center, announced the July 11, 2022, luncheon at the Senior Center.

Council Member Lilly, Chairman of the Street Committee, stated the committee did meet. Council Member Heye-Townsell asked if the council needed to discuss the extension of the contract for Country Club and inquired what fund would the money come from. City Engineer Richard Penn stated that Garver is doing the

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design from North Hills to Highway 107 to know what the costs would be for the failed drainage structure in front of Circle K. Council Member Williams stated if the drainage is not replaced it could cause a sink hole. Council Member Lilly stated that the failure needs to be resolved. Council Member Heye-Townsell stated she did not think it should be paid for out of the street bond issue.

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 purposes"* was read. Council Member Broderick stated that there will be cameras in the vehicles, however, the age of ridership has not been resolved. Council Member Broderick recommended the city begin the service and see if it will be successful while the CARES Funding is available. Council Member Heye-Townsell asked that riders would be able to connect outside of Sherwood. The recommended connection location is Springhill Baptist. Council Member Williams pointed out language in the agreement that was not in the best interest of the city but would be beneficial to Rock Region Metro. Council Member Williams named a few things that needed to be reviewed in the contract such as the \$2.00 fee needs to be written in the agreement, the breach of contract terms, and early termination fee need to be reviewed, the fees collected from Sherwood residents using the service need to be applied to Sherwood etc. Justin Avery, CEO of Rock Region, stated he would meet with Rock Region's attorney, and he believes Rock Region could work through the language. Council Member Brooks, seconded by Council Member Heye-Townsell, made a motion to table the resolution until the July 2022, council meeting. The roll call vote was 7 ayes. Council Member Harmon absent.

**Resolution No. 15-2022, entitled, "A resolution appointing Council Member Sharon McMinn to serve the remaining term on the Sherwood Senior Citizen Committee"** was read. Council Member Heye-Townsell, seconded by Council Member Sanders, made a motion to adopt the resolution. The roll call vote was 6 ayes. Council Member Sharon McMinn abstained. Council Member Harmon absent.

**Resolution No. 16-2022, entitled, "A resolution approving payment of an invoice from North Little Rock Wastewater Utility; and for other purposes"** was read. City Engineer Richard Penn stated that back in August 2020, Michael Clayton, Director of North Little Rock Wastewater Utility found sink holes on Warden Road where a large sewer line crosses at Tractor Supply. The sewer line has failed but has not collapsed. Thomas Engineering completed a survey and determined a portion of the sewer line belonged to Sherwood. North Little Rock Wastewater Utility declared this an emergency. The repair will be approximately \$1.1 million dollars. North Little Rock Wastewater Utility and Sherwood Wastewater Utility will split the costs at 48%-52%. It is estimated that Sherwood will pay \$500,000-\$600,000. Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member Heye-Townsell, made a motion to adopt the resolution. The roll call vote was 7 ayes. Council Member Harmon absent.

**Under new business:**

Mayor Young announced that Council Member Heye-Townsell was voted the Arkansas Democrat/Gazette All Arkansas Preps Outstanding Swim Coach of the Year

Council Member Brooks announced that Mayor Young was elected as President of the Arkansas Municipal League

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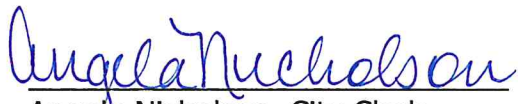
Mayor Young made the following announcements:

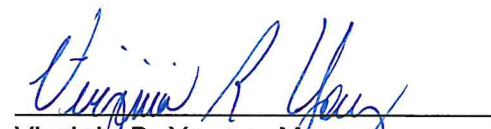
- 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022, at Sherwood Forest from 6-9:30 p.m.
- Sherwood Animal Shelter free adoption events sponsored by CHI St. Vincent, June 27<sup>th</sup> – July 1<sup>st</sup>. Free hot dogs on July 1<sup>st</sup>

Council Member Brooks announced there would be free water, food trucks, and limited parking for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration event.

No further business, Council Member Brooks, seconded by Council Member Heye-Townsell, made a motion to adjourn at 7:12 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

  
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Angela Nicholson, City Clerk

  
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Virginia R. Young, Mayor