

June 23, 2014

REGULAR MEETING 1

The City Council of the City of Sherwood met for a regular meeting on June 23, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Those present were Mayor Virginia R. Hillman, City Attorney Steve Cobb, City Clerk Angela Nicholson, Aldermen Brooks, Lilly, McMinn, Butler, Heye, Keplinger and Sanders. Alderman Harmon absent.

Alderman Tim McMinn, led in prayer, and the Pledge of Allegiance was given to the flag.

Alderman Brooks, seconded by Alderman Butler, made a motion, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on May 27, 2014, as transcribed. The roll call vote was 7 ayes. Alderman Harmon absent.

Mayor Hillman opened discussion on the 2012 Legislative Audit Report. Alderman Brooks asked about the finding in the district court and how close are they to finding a solution. City Clerk Angela Nicholson advised that the court is still working with the software company to balance. No further discussion took place.

Alderman Brooks, Chairman of the Advertising and Promotion Committee, stated the committee met and their focus was on the July 4th Family Celebration for 2014.

Alderman Butler, Chairman of the Personnel Committee, stated the committee did not meet. The next meeting will be announced.

Don Hindman, Director of the Senior Citizen Center, stated the committee will meet June 24, 2014.

Alderman Lilly, Chairman of the Street Committee, stated the committee did meet.

Alderman McMinn, seconded by Alderman Heye, made a motion to withdraw the amendment on the library ordinance from the May 27, 2014, council meeting. The roll call vote was 7 ayes. Alderman Harmon absent. Alderman McMinn, seconded by Alderman Heye, made a motion to amend the following ordinance to replace “call a general election” to “place on the ballot at the general election”. This wording shall apply throughout the ordinance. Alderman Keplinger stated that the attorney general opinion that was sought has been answered. Steve Cobb, City Attorney, stated that there were two questions submitted to the attorney general: 1) Do the petitioners requesting an annual tax be levied on real and personal property for the purpose of building a new library have the authority to set the month of the special election? AG Opinion: No. 2) Does the city council have the authority to determine whether the issues (issuance of tax-backed capital improvement bonds for a city library) will be submitted at a general election or special election? AG Opinion: Yes. The roll call on the amendment was 7 ayes. Alderman Harmon absent. **Ordinance No. 2027, entitled, “AN ORDINANCE TO PLACE ON THE BALLOT AT THE GENERAL ELECTION ON THE QUESTION OF LEVYING AN ANNUAL AD VALOREM TAX AT THE RATE OF ONE AND THREE TENTHS (1.3) MILLS FOR THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPPING OF LAND AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE CITY’S PUBLIC LIBRARIES WHICH TAX WILL EXPIRE UPON PAYMENT IN FULL OF BONDS TO WHICH IT IS PLEDGED; SAID AD VALOREM TAX TO BE PLEDGED TO AN ISSUE OR ISSUES OF BONDS OF THE CITY OF SHERWOOD, ARKANSAS, ISSUED UNDER AMENDMENTS NO. 30 AND NO. 72 TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS AND ACT 920 OF 1993, NOT TO EXCEED \$6,000,000 IN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT, TO FINANCE THE COST OF ACQUIRING, CONSTRUCTING, AND EQUIPPING LAND AND ADDITIONAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE PUBLIC CITY LIBRARIES OPERATED BY THE CITY OF SHERWOOD AND THE CENTRAL ARKANSAS LIBRARY SYSTEM; PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS PERTAINING THERETO”** was read as amended. Alderman Heye, seconded by Alderman Butler, made a motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance on the second reading as amended. The roll call vote was 7 ayes. Alderman Harmon absent. The ordinance was

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read for the second time as amended. Alderman McMinn, seconded by Alderman Butler, 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. Alderman Harmon absent. The ordinance was read for the third time as amended. Alderman McMinn, seconded by Alderman Butler, made a motion to adopt the ordinance as amended. The roll call vote was 7 ayes. Alderman Harmon absent.

Under old business: Economic Director Barry Sellers addressed the council and gave an update on the progress of the economic development in Sherwood. Mr. Sellers addressed the wet/dry issue and the opening of Teletech, Inc. at the Wildwood Center. There will be a ribbon cutting on July 16, 2014, for Teletech.

Mayor Hillman made the following announcements:

- Sherwood Annual 4th of July Family Celebration 6:00– 9:00 p.m. at Sherwood Forest, 1111 W. Maryland Avenue
- Sherwood Chamber of Commerce Annual Fish Fry July 24, 2014, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
- Sherwood Animal Shelter adoption special June and July 2014, \$5 Cats and Kittens
- Public Hearing at the Bill Harmon Recreation Center June 24, 2014, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. in reference to the widening of Maryland Avenue
- Sherwoof Dog Day, July 12, 2014, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. 800 Fairway Avenue, Sherwood

Alderman Keplinger, seconded by Alderman Brooks, made a motion to adjourn at 7:21 p.m.

ATTEST:

Angela Nicholson, City Clerk

Virginia R. Hillman, Mayor