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REGULAR MEETING 1

The City Council of the City of Sherwood met for a regular meeting on May 27, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. Those present were Mayor Virginia R. Hillman, City Clerk Angela Nicholson, Aldermen Brooks, Harmon, Lilly, McMinn, Butler, Heye, Keplinger and Sanders. City Attorney Steve Cobb absent.

Terrance Underwood, Pastor of New Beginnings Church of Sherwood, 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 April 28, 2014, as transcribed. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Captain Jeff Hagar presented Officer Timothy Norvell with the Combat Cross for his professionalism in the apprehension of an armed suspect.

Alderman Brooks, Chairman of the Advertising and Promotion Commission, stated the commission did not meet. The next meeting will be June 4, 2014, at 3:00 p.m. at the Bill Harmon Recreation Center.

Alderman Harmon, Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Committee, stated the committee did not meet. The next meeting will be June 9, 2014, at 5:00 p.m. at the Bill Harmon Recreation Center.

Alderman Butler, Chairman of the Personnel Committee, stated the committee did not meet. Any further meetings will be announced.

Alderman Lilly, Chairman of the Street Committee, stated the committee did not meet. The next meeting will be June 12, 2014, at 5:30 p.m. at the Bill Harmon Recreation Center.

A proposed ordinance entitled, *“An ordinance to call a special 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; and declaring an emergency”* was read for the second time. Alderman McMinn asked if there has been any clarification as to whether the council sets the election date or if the date is set by the petitioners. Alderman Lilly stated that an opinion has been sought by the Attorney General. Alderman Lilly stated that an opinion was provided by Legislative Attorney Kerry Carlock, who opined that the right to set the election rests with the governing body. Alderman McMinn, seconded by Alderman Heye, made a motion to amend the ordinance and remove special election and replace it with “general election to be held November 4, 2014,” and to strike the emergency clause. Discussion took place on the issue. The roll call vote was Aldermen Keplinger and Harmon no. Aldermen Butler, Heye, Brooks, Lilly, McMinn, and Sanders yes. The ordinance was read one time as amended.

Under new business:

Jason Mitchell addressed the council about his concern about the property on Trammel Road that was purchased to be used as an outdoor firing range for the police department. Mayor Hillman stated that at this time the decision has been made to not make the property into an outdoor firing range.

Julann Carney, President of Sherwood Animal Shelter Helpers (SASH), addressed the council asking that as further needs for the city are discussed that a new animal shelter be

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included. Ms. Carney stated the city has grown substantially and the current shelter has limited space available for the animals.

Mayor Hillman made the following announcements:

- Sherwood Annual 4th of July 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., Tickets Adults \$10, Children 6-10 \$5 and under 5 eat free

Alderman Keplinger, Acting Chairman for Keep Sherwood Beautiful (KSB), stated that KSB has a Yard of the Month Program and asked that the council, as well as residents, submit addresses for Yard of the Month nominations.

Alderman Brooks, seconded by Alderman Harmon, made a motion to adjourn at 7:37 p.m.

ATTEST:

Angela Nicholson, City Clerk

Virginia R. Hillman, Mayor