

September 24, 2012

REGULAR MEETING 1

The City Council of the City of Sherwood met for a regular meeting on September 24, 2012, 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 Fender, Brooks, Harmon, Lilly, McMinn, Butler, Heye, and Keplinger.

Wade Radke, Pastor of That Church of Sherwood, led in prayer, and the Pledge of Allegiance was given to the flag.

Alderman Brooks, seconded by Alderman Heye, made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on August 27, 2012, as transcribed. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Mayor Hillman asked the council for a motion on the reading requirement. No motion was made.

Alderman Brooks, Chairman of the Advertising & Promotion Commission, stated they met and discussed Sherwood Fest. The next meeting will be October 3, 2012.

Alderman Harmon, Chairman of the Parks & Recreation Committee, stated the committee met. The next meeting will be October 8, 2012, at 5:00 p.m. at the Bill Harmon Recreation Center

Alderman Butler, Chairman of the Personnel Committee, stated the committee did not meet. The committee is planning a meeting on October 11, 2012.

Don Hindman, Director the Senior Citizens Department, addressed the council and stated the seniors team played Bean Bag Baseball in Hot Springs and won a silver medal in the Olympic game.

Alderman Lilly, Chairman of the Street Committee, stated the committee met and the minutes are in the council packets. Discussion was on the various completed road work. The next meeting will be October 11, 2012, at 5:30 p.m. at the Bill Harmon Recreation Center.

A proposed resolution entitled, "***A resolution authorizing the mayor to negotiate a contract for utility service for the portion of the City of Sherwood, Arkansas, currently served by North Little Rock Electric***" was read. Alderman Harmon, seconded by Alderman McMinn, made a motion to adopt the resolution choosing North Little Rock Electric as the utility company. Discussion took place. Alderman Keplinger stated the council should negotiate a contract with both North Little Rock Electric and Entergy. Alderman Lilly stated he felt like the decision was complicated because this would be a long term contract for the citizens of Sherwood and he didn't feel like he could make the decision to cost the citizens more. Alderman Lilly also stated that he didn't feel like the council had enough information to make an informed decision. Alderman Harmon stated that the city would lose \$470,000.00 dollars if the contract was not signed to go with North Little Rock and that the city was already in debt \$300,000 for the radio system. The city would already be \$800,000 in deficit to start off the 2013 budget, and that other things would have to be raised to cover this deficit, so the citizens would not save by the council choosing another utility and loosing the \$470,000.00. Alderman McMinn agreed the decision was difficult and that he also wants what is best for the citizens of Sherwood, but the city could not go into the 2013 budget with a \$800,000 deficit without cutting jobs or services. Alderman Heye felt she needed more time to go over the information gathered. Mayor Hillman stated that the infrastructure would need to be purchased and the amount of \$10 million or \$20 million would be absorbed by the citizens. Mayor Hillman recommended a citizen committee to review the electric proposals. Alderman Fender stated he did not feel like he had enough information to choose. Alderman Fender stated it was his understanding that the infrastructure cost would be absorbed by all 700 thousand Entergy customers. Alderman Fender also stated that whomever the city council goes with he would like to have the contract for 20 years instead of 30 or 40 years. Alderman Keplinger felt like the city council should choose North Little Rock and

Entergy and see who provides a better contract to the city. The resolution failed to a roll call vote of Aldermen Brooks, Harmon, and McMinn, aye. Aldermen Fender, Lilly, Butler, Heye, and Keplinger no.

A proposed ordinance entitled, *“An ordinance regulating the parking of vehicles on city streets creating obstructions and hazardous conditions; repealing Ordinance 89; and for other purposes”* was read for the second time. Mayor Hillman asked the ordinance only be read one time tonight for further review of amendments that needs to be made to the ordinance. Mayor Hillman was asked by a citizen to ask the council if his handicap vehicle would be affected by the ordinance.

Ordinance No. 1948, entitled, “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 457(b) RETIREMENT PLAN TO ALLOW POLICE UNIFORMED PERSONNEL AND ELECTED OFFICIALS TO DEFER MONIES TO THE CITY OF SHERWOOD 457(b) RETIREMENT PLAN” was read. Alderman Harmon, seconded by Alderman Brooks, made a motion to waive the reading requirement. The roll call vote was unanimous. Alderman Brooks, seconded by Alderman McMinn, made a motion to adopt the ordinance. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Resolution No. 16-2012, entitled, “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO CONVEY CERTAIN PROPERTIES TO THE ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT TO ALLOW THE INSTALLATION OF A TRAFFIC SIGNAL AT HIGHWAY 176 (KIEHL AVENUE) AND OAKBROOKE DRIVE” was read. Alderman Keplinger, seconded by Alderman Brooks, made a motion to adopt the resolution. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Resolution No. 17-2012, entitled, “A RESOLUTION APPOINTING BECKI VASSAR, REPLACING LINDA NAPPER; AND REAPPOINTING CERTAIN REMAINING MEMBERS TO THE PUBLIC FACILITIES BOARD OF THE CITY OF SHERWOOD, ARKANSAS” was read. Alderman Harmon, seconded by Alderman Brooks, made a motion to adopt the resolution. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Mayor Hillman made the following announcement(s):

- Keep Sherwood Beautiful Shred-A-Thon, October 27, 2012, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Wal-Mart Neighborhood Market
- Sherwood National Night Out, October 2, 2012, at 6:30 p.m. at Sherwood Forest
- Amy Sanders Library will hold a block party on Monday, October 15, 2012, 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- Drug Take Back, September 29, 2012, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Gravel Ridge First Baptist Church, Sherwood Police Department, Wal-Mart Neighborhood Market, and St. Vincent North

Robert Walla addressed the council and asked if the council was aware of any investigation on Chief David Teague of the Sherwood Fire Department. The mayor or council were unaware of any investigation.

Alderman Harmon made a motion to adjourn at 7:44 p.m.

ATTEST:

Angela Nicholson, City Clerk

Virginia R. Hillman, Mayor