

**April 23, 2012**

**REGULAR MEETING 1**

The City Council of the City of Sherwood met for a regular meeting on April 23, 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.

Brenda Jefferson, Pastor of Covenant Faith Church, 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 March 26, 2012, as transcribed. The roll call vote was unanimous.

Kelly Coughlin, Economic Development Director, gave a quarterly Economic Development report. Ms. Coughlin stated that work is in progress to have the River Trails connect to Sherwood, to have a farmer's market on Thursday evening's through the summer, Sherwood getting its own school district, outreach to existing businesses, marketing and branding the city for tourism, and locations for new businesses. Ms. Coughlin advised that a presentation will be given at the May chamber luncheon in reference to a Retail Leakage Plan that is done by UALR. The plan is to advise as to what is needed for economic development.

Alderman Brooks, Chairman of the Advertising and Promotion Commission, stated the commission did not meet in April, and the next meeting will be the first Wednesday in May. Alderman Brooks asked Sonny Janssen, Parks and Recreation Director, to address the council in reference to the dog park. Mr. Janssen advised that the Advertising and Promotion Commission paid to have a dog park. The park is located at 800 Fairway Avenue and is now open.

Alderman Harmon, Chairman of the Parks and Recreation Committee, stated the committee met and the minutes are in the council packets. The next meeting will be the second of May, at the Bill Harmon Recreation Center. Alderman Fender asked how the golf course is doing. Sonny Janssen, Director of Parks and Recreation, addressed the council and stated the golf course is doing well.

Alderman Butler, Chairman of the Personnel Committee, stated the committee did meet. The committee will meet again next month.

**Resolution No. 7-2012, entitled, "A RESOLUTION APPOINTING JAMES SUMMERS TO THE SHERWOOD SEWER COMMITTEE"** was read. Alderman Brooks, seconded by Alderman Heye, made a motion to adopt the resolution. The roll call vote was unanimous. Mayor Hillman introduced Mr. Summers to the council.

Alderman Lilly, Chairman of the Street Committee, stated the committee met. Alderman Lilly stated the recycling program is going well. The recycling locations at Lois & Kiehl and the old Harvest Foods on Highway 107 are scheduled to be shut down at the end of the month. The Regional Recycling Waste District will provide recycling bins at these locations from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Saturday mornings for citizens that do not have access to the recycling carts. The street overlay program was also discussed. Also, it was discussed that street lights would be placed on Brockington Road. The street committee discussed whether further steps should be taken in reference to the North Belt Loop. Council discussion took place in reference to holding a workshop on the North Belt Freeway. Steve Cobb, City Attorney, stated he would get a status report from David Fuqua, the attorney on the North Belt Loop, and forward the report to the alderman.

Under old business, Alderman Keplinger asked the status of the proposals for electricity for the City of Sherwood. City Attorney Steve Cobb advised that all parties involved have been contacted and the information has been given to the attorney on the electric for the city and request for proposals will go out tomorrow.

Mayor Hillman made the following announcements:

- Sherwood Drug Take Back, April 28, 2012, 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at Wal-Mart Neighborhood Market
- Sherwood Senior Citizen Fun Day, Saturday, April 28, 2012, 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Fish fry tickets \$10.00 per person/children under 10 \$3.00
- Sherwood Shred a Thon, Saturday, April 28, 2012, 9:00-1:00 p.m. at Wal-Mart Neighborhood Market
- Free Electronic Recycling, Saturday, April 28, 2012, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. at the Sylvan Hills High School student parking lot
- Sherwood Mayor's Prayer Breakfast, Tuesday, May 1, 2012, 7:00 a.m. Sherwood Forest, tickets \$8.00 per person
- Prayer Rally at the Flag Pole, Friday, May 4, 2012, 7:45 a.m. behind Sherwood Police Department

Robin Breaux, Director of Animal Services, gave a report on the Pet Fair Fun Raiser. They raised close to \$4,000.00, and there were 11 dogs and 4 cats adopted during the event.

Alderman Harmon, seconded by Alderman Keplinger, made a motion to adjourn at 7:29 p.m.

**ATTEST:**

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Angela Nicholson, City Clerk

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Virginia R. Hillman, Mayor