

The City Council of the City of Sherwood met for a regular meeting on Monday, May 18, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the Sherwood City Council Chambers. Those present were Mayor Mary Jo Heye-Townsell, City Clerk Charlotte Watson, City Attorney Steve Cobb, Council Members Brooks, Williams, Broderick, Wade, Thomas, McCullough, Townsend and Treat.

Christian Assembly of God Pastor Hugh Yarbrough led the prayer, and the Pledge of Allegiance was given to the flag.

Mayor Heye-Townsell presented a proclamation to the American Legion Auxiliary declaring Friday, May 22 as National Red Poppy Day to honor those who lost their lives in war.

Mayor Heye-Townsell recognized members of the Sylvan Hills High School Track team who set a school record or achieved All State honors.

Council Member Brooks, seconded by Council Member Broderick, made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on April 27, 2026. The motion passed with a roll call vote of 6 ayes, Council Members Townsend and Treat abstained.

Council Member Brooks, seconded by Council Member Thomas, made a motion to suspend the rules and place a proposed resolution entitled, **"A resolution expressing the willingness of City of Sherwood Arkansas to utilize Federal-Aid transportation program funds"** on the agenda as item 10. Motion passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

No questions on April 2026 financials.

Committees/Commissions

Advertising & Promotion Commission: Council Member Broderick mentioned that the commission passed bylaws and the next regularly scheduled meeting would be in August.

Planning Commission: City Attorney Steve Cobb explained that the Planning Commission meeting in May was the same day as the City council agenda deadline. The decision was made to submit the proposed ordinance to be placed on the city council agenda in case the ordinance was approved by the Planning Commission. The proposed ordinance was denied by the Planning Commission and therefore the city council does not need to take any action on this item.

Parks and Recreation Committee: Council Member Thomas noted the committee discussed the policies for music in the pool area and the senior discount at the Bill Harmon Recreation Center (BHRC). Council Member Broderick asked for clarification on the music policy at BHRC. Council Member Thomas and Mayor Heye-Townsell explained the new policy. Council Member Treat asked for an explanation of the city's decision to transition to a cashless policy at the Sherwood Ballparks. Sherwood Parks Director Blake Calloway explained the policy change. Council Member Treat stated that the faster the city could explain the reasoning for the policy change the better. Finance Director Alex Centeno explained that he reviewed the processes surrounding handling cash at the ballpark and determined that retraining of staff should occur. Council Member Brooks asked for the point of service fees to be listed as a separate expense line item. Council Member Treat asked when the city could expect to hear the reasoning behind the change in the policy. Police Chief Hagar stated that there was an incident where some money was missing and an investigation was initiated by the police department. The police do not believe there was any theft involved. Chief Hagar stated that there was not a good system in place to handle the ballpark cash.

Street Committee: Council Member Wade stated that the minutes would be available once Belinda was back from vacation.

A proposed ordinance entitled, **"An ordinance sunseting the benefit granted to certain elected officials and amending ordinances 840, 1014, 2001, 2236 and 2530"** as amended was read for the third time. Council Member Treat read her prepared statement. Council Member Brooks clarified that the eligibility requirement was not changed. She also explained her reasoning behind proposing the ordinance. Council Member McCullough stated her support for the proposed ordinance. Council Member Brooks, seconded by Council Member Broderick, made a motion to adopt the proposed ordinance. The motion to pass the resolution failed with a roll call vote of 6 no and Council Members Brooks and McCullough a yes.

A proposed resolution entitled, **"A resolution authorizing execution of a memorandum of understanding between the City of Sherwood Arkansas and the City of Jacksonville Arkansas for the consolidation of 911 communication services"** was read. Police Chief Hagar stated that the agreement had been reviewed by himself and City Attorney Steve Cobb. Chief Hagar explained that the current Sherwood 911 employees would become City of Jacksonville employees and would move to the Jacksonville employee retirement. Council Member Williams asked how much the new system would cost the city. Chief Hagar responded that it would be less than the amount estimated if Sherwood had consolidated 911 operations with North Little Rock. Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member Thomas, made a motion to adopt the resolution. The motion passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

Police Chief Hagar explained the policy that the city would using going forward for handling blighted properties within Sherwood.

A proposed resolution entitled, **"A resolution authorizing the submission of applications for various grant; and for other purposes"** was read. Bear Davidson of Davidson Engineering explained that this grant would finish the sidewalks in the Indianhead area. This project would extend sidewalks on Indianhead and connect with the sidewalks on Mohave or Shoshoni. The total estimate for the work would be approximately \$600,000 and the total maximum grant awarded by ARDOT would be \$500,000 which would mean the city obligation would be approximately \$125,000. Mr. Davidson noted that this contract would be for 2027. Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member Treat, made a motion to adopt the resolution. The motion to adopt the resolution passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

A proposed resolution entitled, **"A resolution expressing the willingness of City of Sherwood Arkansas to utilize federal-aid transportation program funds"** was read. Daniel Byram of Traffic Engineering Consultants explained the scope of the grant. Mayor Heye-Townsell explained that this is slightly complicated because it involves a wetland area. Mayor Heye-Townsell stated that the total approximate cost would be \$198,000 and the city's approximate financial obligation would be \$39,600 if the grant is awarded. Mr. Byram clarified that this grant is for the design/engineering phase. Council Members Broderick and Treat asked what the approximate construction cost would be. Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member McCullough, made a motion to adopt the resolution. The motion passed with a roll call vote of 5 ayes, Council Members Broderick, Townsend and Thomas a no.

Old Business

- Council Member Williams reported on the Rotary Club Ethics Awards and read a thank you letter from Turner Choate
- Council Member Wade led discussion of funding for Gravel Ridge Fire Department

New Business

- NONE

Announcements

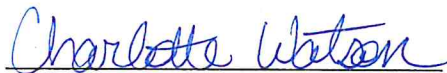
- May 21: Sherwood Police Department Torch Run
- May 21: Third Thursdays in the Park – Cliff & Susan, 6-8pm, City Hall Park
- May 23: Sherwood Pools open for the season

- May 25: City offices closed for Memorial Day, Monday's garbage will be picked up on Tues. 5/26
- May 26: Food Drive at Thornhill & Fairway Pools; free entry with a non-perishable food item.
- June 13: Educators Appreciation Day; free pool entry with valid school ID
- June 18: Third Thursdays in the Park – Copper Flats, 7-9pm, City Hall Park
- June 19: Juneteenth Holiday, City Offices Closed. Thurs. garbage will be picked up on Mon. 6/22. Recycle will run one day late
- June 20: Movie Night at Thornhill Pool – Minecraft
- June 21: Happy Father's Day!

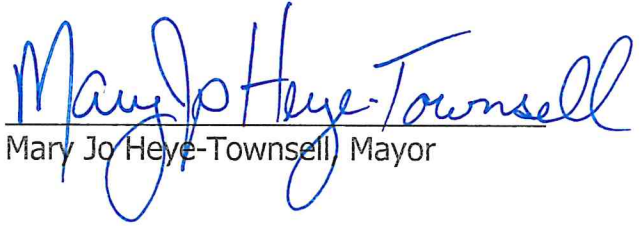
Adjourn

Council Member Brooks, seconded by Council Member Thomas, made a motion to adjourn at 7:36 p.m.

ATTEST:



Charlotte Watson, City Clerk



Mary Jo Heye-Townsell, Mayor