

The City Council of the City of Sherwood met for a regular meeting on Monday, June 22, 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.

Lanita Daniels from North Pulaski United Methodist Church led the prayer, and the Pledge of Allegiance was given to the flag.

Council Member Brooks, seconded by Council Member Broderick, made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on May 18, 2026. The motion passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

No questions on May 2026 financials. Sherwood Finance Director Alex Centeno presented an overview of the city financial report.

Committees/Commissions

Parks and Recreation Committee: Council Member Thomas noted the committee had a resolution to recommend to the council concerning a grant application. A proposed resolution entitled, **"A resolution authorizing application to the Arkansas Department of Parks, Heritage and Tourism for assistance to develop recreational facilities for the City of Sherwood"** was read. Mayor Heye-Townsell explained that the total cost of the project would be \$125,000 and the city's portion would be \$25,000. This project would replace the playground equipment next to the soccer complex. Council Member Broderick asked if the discussion on this item on the agenda could be paused and the proposed resolution for the Greens at North Hills could be discussed.

Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member Broderick, made a motion to suspend the rules and add a proposed resolution to the agenda entitled, **"A resolution appropriating funds to allow the erection of temporary structural supports for the balcony at the club house at the Greens at North Hills."** The motion passed with a unanimous roll call vote. A proposed resolution entitled, **"A resolution appropriating funds to allow the erection of temporary structural supports for the balcony at the club house at the Greens at North Hills"** was read. Mayor Heye-Townsell stated that the city was notified by the Arkansas State Fire Marshall that there was exposed rebar under the balcony at The Greens and the balcony should not be used until a structural engineer could examine it. The city hired a structural engineer and architect to determine what options are available. The structural engineer recommended using scaffolding to support the balcony temporarily until a permanent fix could be found. The temporary scaffolding would allow the exit on the balcony to be used as an emergency exit only. City Attorney Steve Cobb asked for an amendment to the resolution to add a section three declaring this as an emergency situation and waive competitive bidding. Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member Treat, made a motion to amend the proposed resolution to add section 3 declaring an emergency and waiving competitive bidding. The motion to amend the resolution passed with a unanimous roll call vote. A proposed resolution entitled, **"A resolution appropriating funds to allow the erection of temporary structural supports for the balcony at the club house at the Greens at North Hills"** as amended was read. Council Member Wade asked if the fact that the Greens at North Hills is on the Historical Registry would affect the process for repairing the clubhouse. Mayor Heye-Townsell explained that the city would have to work through the U.S. Department of Interior and the Department of Commerce for the repairs. Any plans for repairs would first be submitted to these departments for approval before any work could begin. Council Member Thomas clarified that the waiving of competitive bidding would only apply to the temporary repairs and not to the permanent repairs. Mayor Heye-Townsell confirmed that the competitive bidding would resume for the permanent repairs. Council

Member Broderick, seconded by Council Member Brooks, made a motion to adopt the resolution. The resolution was adopted with a unanimous roll call vote.

Discussion on the proposed resolution entitled, **"A resolution authorizing application to the Arkansas Department of Parks, Heritage and Tourism for assistance to develop recreational facilities for the City of Sherwood"** resumed. Council Member Treat confirmed the cost of the proposed grant if it is awarded to the city. Council Member Brooks, seconded by Council Member McCullough, made a motion to adopt the proposed resolution. The resolution was adopted with a roll call vote of 7 ayes, Council Member Broderick no.

Council Member Brooks asked Sherwood Parks Director, Blake Calloway to give an overview of the Duran Park project. Mr. Calloway indicated that the tennis and basketball courts are being demolished and a new full-size basketball court will be constructed. A new bathroom facility and an additional 32 parking spaces will also be added to the park. The sidewalks will be updated for ADA compliance. The memorial flagpole and Magnolia tree will not be touched. The Duran Park signage will also be replaced.

Old Business

- Mayor Heye-Townsell gave updates on the following city projects:
 - Street overlay are in progress
 - Seminole sidewalks were put out to bid and awarded and the project has started
 - Powerline phase 1 – submitted to ARDOT for bid approval
 - Indianhead sidewalk project (Shoshoni to Oneida) will be submitted to ARDOT for bid approval the week of June 22.
 - Sherwood Acres is currently out to bid with the bid opening on July 8th
 - Jacksonville/Cato is currently out to bid with bid opening on June 30th
 - Woodruff Creek (Henson Trail) received grant but has not been assigned an on-call engineer
 - No decision on engineering grant or sidewalk grant that were approved
 - Gap Creek to Oneida engineering grant is still in engineering with nothing new to report. (Indianhead levies will not be used for project as requested by IPOA)
 - Spillway is in bid process with bid opening scheduled for July 9th
 - Brockington expansion is on the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program with an estimated completion date of 2028.
 - Council Member Townsend confirmed that Sylvan Hills High School students would be allowed to continue the tradition of painting bear paws on the newly overlaid Bear Paw Road. Mayor Heye-Townsell confirmed that this would be allowed.

New Business

- Council Member Williams introduced Ken Keplinger, Chairman of the Military Relations Committee to address the council regarding the Military Relations Representative for Sherwood.

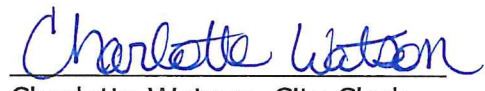
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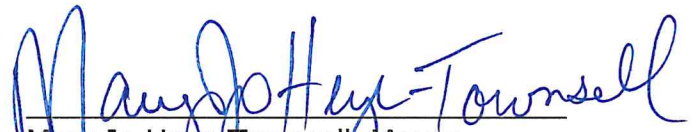
- July 3: Fireworks & Food trucks at the Greens at North Hills, opens at 6pm
- July 3: Independence Day Holiday, City Offices Closed. Friday's garbage will be picked up on Monday 7/6, Recycle will run one day late for Friday.
- July 7: Senior Luncheon, 11:30 am, Jack Evans Senior Center
- July 11: Tax free holiday
- July 18: Movie Night at Thornhill Pool, Back to the Future
- July 19: First Responders & Military Appreciation Day; Free pool entry with valid ID

Adjourn

Council Member Brooks, seconded by Council Member McCullough, made a motion to adjourn at 6:54 p.m.

ATTEST:


Charlotte Watson, City Clerk


Mary Jo Hoyer-Townsell, Mayor