The City Council of the City of Sherwood met for a regular meeting on Monday, September 22, 2025 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, Broderick, Thomas, Wade, Townsend, McCullough, and Treat. Council Member Williams absent.

The Ridge Church Pastor Kenny Meckfessel led the prayer, and the Pledge of Allegiance was given to the flag.

Council Member Brooks, seconded by Council Member Thomas, made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on August 25, 2025, as transcribed. The motion passed with a roll call vote of 7 ayes, Council Member Williams absent.

Mayor Heye-Townsell opened discussion for the city of Sherwood August 2025 financials. There were no questions or comments.

Planning Commission

A proposed ordinance entitled, **"An ordinance amending the existing zoning code in respect to §14.10.10 exterior wall surfaces and associated terms in §14.17.02 definitions, repealing conflicting ordinances and for other purposes"** was read for the third time. City Planner Shelby Notias asked if there were any additional questions. Council Member Townsend asked Ms. Notias to explain how this ordinance would improve the zoning process for businesses. Ms. Notias explained that this ordinance would help to streamline the process. The current ordinance does not have allowance for modern materials such as metal wall coverings or structural articulations. Council Member Broderick asked if there was an extra $200 fee for a builder if they were using materials outside of those defined in this ordinance. Ms. Notias responded that this fee was associated with a nonstandard building design application. Mayor Heye-Townsell noted that the city of Sherwood permit fees are below those of neighboring cities. Council Member Brooks, seconded by Council Member Thomas, made a motion to adopt the proposed ordinance. The ordinance was adopted with a roll call vote of 7 ayes, Council Member Williams absent.

A proposed resolution entitled, **"A resolution accepting the donation of a statue and approving the location of the placement of the donated statue"** was read. Council Member Brooks asked who donated the statue. Mayor Heye-Townsell stated that the statue was donated by herself and Tab Townsell in memory of Trey Heye. Council Member Broderick asked about the proposed location. Mayor Heye-Townsell responded that it would be near the pond in City Hall Park. Council Member Broderick, seconded by Council Member Wade, made a motion to adopt the resolution. The motion to adopt the proposed resolution passed with a roll call vote of 7 ayes, Council Member Williams absent.

A proposed ordinance entitled, **"An ordinance amending ordinance 1317 regarding open burning in the city, declaring an emergency and for other purposes"** was read for the first time. Mayor Heye-Townsell explained that the purpose of this ordinance is to codify the existing burn policy of the city. Sherwood Fire Chief Sawyer stated that currently the only burning allowed inside Sherwood is for clearing a lot for construction or storm damage within a certain timeframe. Council Member Thomas, seconded by Council Member Brooks, made a motion to suspend the rules and advance the proposed ordinance to the second reading. The motion to advance the reading passed with a roll call vote of 7 ayes, Council Member Williams absent. A proposed ordinance entitled, **"An ordinance amending ordinance 1317 regarding open burning in the city, declaring an emergency and for other purposes"** was read for the second time. Council Member Brooks, seconded by Council Member McCullough, made a motion to suspend the rules and advance the proposed ordinance to the third reading. The motion passed with a roll call vote of 7 ayes, Council Member Williams absent. Council Member Thomas, seconded by Council Member Broderick, made a motion to adopt the proposed ordinance. The ordinance was adopted with a roll call vote of 7 ayes, Council Member

Williams absent. The emergency clause passed with a roll call vote of 7 ayes, Council Member Williams absent.

Old Business

- None

New Business

- None

Announcements

- Sept. 24: Coffee with a Cop 7:30-9:30am at Sunny Side Up Café, 14204 AR-107
- Sept. 25: Sherwood Chamber Fish Fry Fundraiser 5-7pm at Sherwood Forrest $15 tickets, Children 4 & under are free
- Oct. 7: Senior Luncheon, 11:30 am, Jack Evans Senior Center, RSVP 501-834-5770
- Oct. 11: Shred-A-Thon 9am-noon at Senior Center parking lot 2301 Thornhill
- Oct. 13: Columbus/Indigenous Peoples' Day, City offices are open
- Oct. 16: Sherwood Police Department Night to Unite 5:30-8:30pm at City Hall Park
- Oct. 16: Blood Drive at Bill Harmon Recreation Center
- Oct. 17: Sherwood Chamber Golf Scramble, Greens at North Hills, 501-835-7600

Adjourn

Council Member Brooks, seconded by Council Member McCullough, made a motion to adjourn at 6:15 p.m.

ATTEST:

Charlotte Watson

Charlotte Watson, City Clerk

Mary Jo Heye-Townsell

Mary Jo Heye-Townsell, Mayor