

The City Council of the City of Sherwood met for a regular meeting on Monday, February 23, 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, Thomas, Wade, Townsend and Treat. Council Member McCullough absent.

Sylvan Hills Church of Christ Pastor Greg Clark led the prayer, and the Pledge of Allegiance was given to the flag.

Sherwood Police Chief Jeff Hagar presented Officer Heather Meadows with a Distinguished Service Award for dedicated effort and extraordinary character as a member of the Sherwood Police Department on August 21, 2025.

Mayor Heye-Townsell recognized the Sylvan Hills High School senior players and coaches for an outstanding 2025 football season.

Council Member Brooks, seconded by Council Member Williams, made a motion to approve the minutes of the special called meeting on January 22, 2026. The motion passed with a roll call vote of 5 ayes including Mayor Heye-Townsell, Council Members Wade, Broderick, and Treat abstained. Council Member McCullough absent.

Council Member Brooks, seconded by Council Member Broderick, made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on January 29, 2026. The motion passed with a roll call vote of 5 ayes including Mayor Heye-Townsell, Council Members Wade, Thomas, and Treat abstained. Council Member McCullough absent.

Council Member Williams noted a small correction that would be made on the January financials.

Council Member Broderick, seconded by Council Member Thomas, made a motion to approve the removal of the 2025 disposed assets from the city fixed asset listing. The motion was approved with a roll call vote of 7 ayes, Council Member McCullough absent.

Committees/Commissions

Planning Commission

Discussion of residential zoning districts updates. James Walden explained that the goals of these updates are to clarify housing types. These updates would include restructuring the residential districts from R-1 to MHP. The proposed updates would set the R-2 district as single family and duplex, and the R-3 district would be smaller density multifamily such as duplex, triplex, and quadplex. The R-4 district would then be high density multifamily such as apartment complexes and manufactured home parks. Mayor Heye-Townsell asked how RVs would be classified. Mr. Walden stated that RVs would need to be located within an RV park. RV parks are generally covered under the commercial use standards. Council Member Broderick asked if there would be any considerations for large residential lots in Sherwood that needed special considerations. Mr. Walden noted that these types of lots will be reviewed in the updates. Council Member Williams asked for an explanation of the difference in manufactured homes and modular homes. Mr. Walden explained that both types of homes are built in a factory. The difference is in what code each type meets. A manufactured home is built to the HUD (federal) standards, and a modular home is built to equivalent standards for a single-family dwelling. Mr. Walden also explained that there has been some discussion about adding an R-T(Residential Traditional) zoning district. An applicant would need to apply for this type of zoning. Council Member Williams asked how tiny homes would be classified. Mr. Walden responded that it depends on how the tiny home is constructed to determine where it would be classified.

Mr. Walden noted that multi-family design standards would also be added to the updated zoning.

A proposed ordinance entitled, **"An ordinance amending ordinances 840, 1014, 2001, and 2236 regarding the contributed benefit paid to eligible retired elected officials and for other purposes"** was read for the second time. Council Member

Brooks, seconded by Council Member Broderick, made a motion to suspend the rules and advance the proposed ordinance to the third reading. The motion to advance the reading passed with a roll call vote of 7 ayes, Council Member McCullough absent. A proposed ordinance entitled, **"An ordinance amending ordinances 840, 1014, 2001, and 2236 regarding the contributed benefit paid to eligible retired elected officials and for other purposes"** was read for the third time. Council Member Brooks, seconded by Council Member Broderick, made a motion to adopt the proposed ordinance. The proposed ordinance was adopted with a roll call vote of 6 ayes, Council Member Townsend a no, and Council Member McCullough absent.

A proposed ordinance entitled, **"An ordinance amending the 2026 rules and procedures for the Sherwood City Council"** was read for the first time. Sherwood City Attorney, Steve Cobb noted that there was a scrivener's error in Section 3 of the resolution attachment. The letter "m" had been left off the word form. Council Member Brooks asked City Attorney Cobb to review the rules for the next year and advise the city council on the best way to set a date and time for any special called city council meetings. Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member Broderick, 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 McCullough absent. A proposed ordinance entitled, **"An ordinance amending the 2026 rules and procedures for the Sherwood City Council"** was read for the second time. Council Member Thomas, seconded by Council Member Wade, made a motion to suspend the rules and place the proposed ordinance on the third reading. The motion passed with a roll call vote of 7 ayes, Council Member McCullough absent. A proposed ordinance entitled, **"An ordinance amending the 2026 rules and procedures for the Sherwood City Council"** was read for the third time. Council Member Brooks, seconded by Council Member Thomas, made a motion to adopt the proposed ordinance. The motion to adopt the proposed ordinance passed with a roll call vote of 7 ayes, Council Member McCullough absent.

A proposed resolution entitled, **"A resolution finding the structures located on Parcel 22S0200006400, commonly known as 8313 and 8317 Jacksonville Cato Road, Sherwood, Arkansas, to constitute a public nuisance"** was read. Lonn Warneke, Sherwood Engineering Inspector and Code Enforcement Officer, addressed the council. He explained the process and reason for the resolution. He showed the council pictures of the unsafe structures on the property. Council Member Williams asked about the owners of the property. Mr. Warneke noted that the heirs to this property had been notified and no one had contacted the city. The next step is to publish the resolution in the newspaper and mail a copy of the resolution to the owners. The owners have 30 days to come forward. After 30 days, the homes would then be demolished. Council Member Townsend asked what happens to the property once the homes are demolished. Mr. Warneke responded that a copy of the invoice for the cost of demolition plus 25% and fees are filed with the County Clerk, and a lien is put on the property. Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member Wade, made a motion to adopt the resolution. The resolution was adopted with a roll call vote of 7 ayes, Council Member McCullough absent.

A proposed resolution entitled, **"A resolution expressing the willingness of the City of Sherwood, Arkansas to enter into negotiations with the city of Jacksonville, Arkansas to reach a memorandum of understanding regarding the consolidation of 911 communication services"** was read. Sherwood Police Chief Hagar explained that approximately ten years ago the state of Arkansas researched reducing the number of Primary Safety Answering Points (PSAP). As a result, the Arkansas Legislature mandated that PSAPs be consolidated to 79. Originally, the plan was for Sherwood PSAP to consolidate with North Little Rock and Maumelle. To consolidate the North Little Rock, Sherwood and Maumelle PSAPs, a new facility would need to be built. The city anticipated receiving a grant to help pay for the city's portion of the building, but the grant did not come through. The 911 Board recommended that Sherwood look for other options for consolidating. Chief Hagar met with the City of Jacksonville and toured their 911 facility. Jacksonville agreed to a plan to start the consolidation process with Sherwood. Chief Hagar explained that Sherwood would need to obtain an extension for compliance until January 2027 from the 911 Board, and there would be an upfront cost to the city for moving to the Jacksonville facility. Chief Hagar expressed that this was the most cost-effective way for

the city of Sherwood to be in compliance. Council Member Williams asked if there was an approximate cost for the 911 call center to move to Jacksonville. Chief Hagar did not have an estimate due to the possibility that some of the cost could be reimbursed by the 911 Board. Council Member Wade asked if the operating cost by moving to Jacksonville would be comparable to what it would have been if the city had consolidated with North Little Rock. Chief Hagar responded that the operating cost would be approximately 3-4% less by consolidating with Jacksonville. Council Member Thomas asked if the Sherwood 911 employees would be answering any of the Jacksonville 911 calls and vice versa. Chief Hagar explained that Sherwood 911 operators would only answer Sherwood calls. Council Member Wade, seconded by Council Member Thomas, made a motion to adopt the proposed resolution. The motion passed with a roll call vote of 7 ayes, Council Member McCullough absent.

A proposed resolution entitled, "**A resolution approving participation in the Trauma Assistance Program offered by the Arkansas Municipal League**" was read. Mayor Heye-Townsell explained that the resolution would provide licensed counseling for public safety employees. Council Member Williams asked if the coverage would include part-time public safety employees. Human Resources Director Jill Ross stated that she would double check to make sure part time officers are covered. Council Member Brooks, seconded by Council Member Thomas, made a motion to adopt the proposed resolution. The resolution was adopted with a roll call vote of 7 ayes, Council Member McCullough absent.

Old Business

- None

New Business

- None

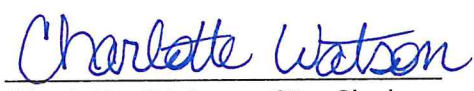
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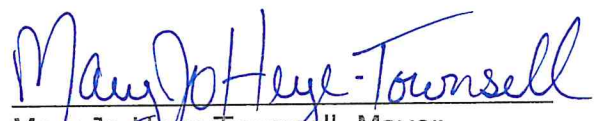
- March 3: Senior Luncheon at Senior Center, 11:30am, RSVP 501-834-5770
- March 5: Sherwood Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet & Community Awards has been rescheduled
- March 8: Daylight Saving Time Begins
- March 17: Summer Day Camp registration begins, 501-835-6893
- March 30: REMINDER – City Council meeting moved to Monday, March 30 at 6pm
- Rotary Club scholarship applications are open and due April 1.

Adjourn

Council Member Brooks, seconded by Council Member Townsend, made a motion to adjourn at 7:18 p.m.

ATTEST:


Charlotte Watson, City Clerk


Mary Jo Heye-Townsell, Mayor