

The City Council of the City of Sherwood met for a regular meeting on Monday, April 27, 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, McCullough, and Thomas. Council Members Townsend and Treat absent.

Council Member Thomas led the prayer, and the Pledge of Allegiance was given to the flag.

Mayor Heye-Townsell and Council Member Williams recognized Sylvan Hills High School Teacher and Coach Chad Collins for receiving the Sherwood Chamber of Commerce Educator of the Year, Sherwood Educator of the Year, and the April Inspiration in Education winner for the Pulaski County Special School District.

Mayor Heye-Townsell recognized Sylvan Hills Middle School students Turner Choat, Zylar Hinson, Zynlee Anderson, Caiden Jakes, Macee Laird, and Griffin Harris for qualifying for FBLA Nationals.

Mayor Heye-Townsell recognized the 2025-26 Sherwood Mayors Youth Council.

Council Member Brooks, seconded by Council Member Williams, made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on March 30, 2026. The motion passed with a roll call vote of 5 ayes, Council Member Thomas abstained and Council Members Townsend and Treat absent.

No questions on the March 2026 financials.

Committees/Commissions

Planning Commission: No business items

Wastewater Committee: No business items

A proposed ordinance entitled, **"An ordinance sunseting the benefit granted to certain elected officials and amending ordinances 840, 1014, 2001, 2236 and 2350"** was read for the second time. Council Member Brooks explained the reason behind the proposed ordinance. The council decided to only read the proposed ordinance for the second time at this meeting and carry it to the April meeting.

A proposed resolution entitled, **"A resolution authorizing the expenditure of funds for the asbestos abatement and raising of two municipal properties"** was read. Lon Warneke, Sherwood Engineer Inspector, explained that the property being considered for demolition is city owned. He displayed pictures of the structures which include two homes and a double wide trailer. Two of the properties contain asbestos. Mr. Warneke showed a summary of the cost associated with this property. Council Member Brooks, seconded by Council Member Thomas, made a motion to adopt the proposed resolution. The motion to adopt the resolution passed with a roll call vote of 6 ayes, Council Members Townsend and Treat absent.

Old Business

- Council Member Brooks noted that Summit Utilities have left numerous open holes on Club Road. In addition, two Sherwood residents contacted Council Member Brooks regarding street work near Maryland and Hemphill. Lon Warneke explained that at Maryland and Hemphill Superior Pipeline was installing a new pipe. The work had been incorrectly completed so it had to be redone. At the corner of Highway 107 and Johnson, the work is currently being finished and the sidewalk is being repaired. The roadwork at Club and Pennwood has been delayed due to the change in subcontractors by Summit Utilities. Mr. Warneke stated that the city has denied a permit for work on Brockington until Summit Utilities completes the open projects around the city. Council Member Williams noted that there are some homes on Country Club Road that have been abandoned and the

residents in this area are asking the city to intervene. Mr. Warneke stated that these issues would need to be handled by code enforcement.

New Business

- Council Member Brooks volunteered to sign off on the Sherwood Finance Department document destruction.
- Jeff Thrasher, Gravel Ridge Fire Board Member gave a presentation detailing the condition of the current Gravel Ridge Fire Station and the plans for moving to a newly renovated facility. Mr. Thrasher stated that the Pulaski County Fire Board for District 9 is requesting \$1.2 million to help with the construction costs of this new fire station. Council Member Thomas asked if any effort had been made to equalize the ad valorem tax between various districts. Andy Traffanstedt, Gravel Ridge Fire Chief stated that District 9 Fire Board has been increasing the rate over the last two years. Council Member McCullough asked if the sale of the old facility and the money received had been factored into the future financial plan for the Gravel Ridge Fire District. Mr. Thrasher answered that an appraisal would be obtained and the proceeds from the sale would go into the future budget. City Attorney, Steve Cobb, read a statement of support for the Gravel Ridge Fire Department from Council Member Treat who could not be at the meeting.
- A report was given by Tammy Tompkins, Sherwood Economic Developer that detailed the new businesses that have opened in the first quarter of 2026.
- Council Member Williams read the following announcement from the Sherwood Public Education Foundation:
 - As many Sherwood residents know on February 26, 2026, Judge Price Marshall stated "PCSSD had met its obligation" and "PCSSD is released from court supervision." In anticipation of this ruling, the Sherwood Public Education Foundation commissioned a second feasibility study regarding Sherwood forming its own school district. We anticipate that this study will be available soon and we await the opportunity to share this report with Sherwood residents.
- Council Member Brooks noted that a resident had called her and requested additional police presence at Lake Cherrywood Park to deter speeders.

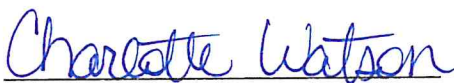
Announcements

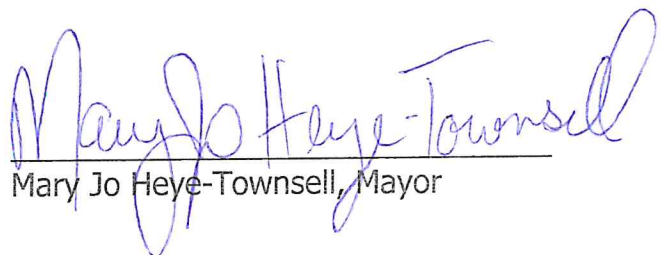
- April 30: Fly the American Flag to support our Vietnam Veterans
- May 5: Senior Luncheon, 11:30am, 2301 Thornhill Dr. RSVP to 501-834-5770
- May 7: Mayor's Prayer Breakfast, Sherwood Forest. Breakfast begins at 6:30am and the program begins at 7am. Tickets are \$10 each.
- May 7: Chamber of Commerce Legislative Luncheon; call 501-835-7600 to register
- May 10: Mother's Day
- May 16: COPPS Kids' Fishing Derby, 11am-3pm, City Hall Park
- May 18: City Council Meeting at 6pm. Meeting moved up one week due to Memorial Day holiday
- May 21: Third Thursday in the Park. Cliff & Susan will perform from 6-8pm at City Hall Park
- May 22: Sherwood Police Department's Torch Run
- May 23: Opening day for the Splash Pad, Thornhill, and Fairway Pools
- May 12: Sherwood Rotary Club Scholarship awards ceremony at the Greens at North Hills from 5:30-7

Adjourn

Council Member Brooks, seconded by Council Member McCullough, made a motion to adjourn at 7:23 p.m.

ATTEST:


Charlotte Watson, City Clerk


Mary Jo Heye-Townsell, Mayor