

Williams asked if the cost for the engineering of this trail was in the 2026 city budget. Mayor Heye-Townsell responded that if the engineering cost could not be covered by the professional services line item in the street fund budget, then a budget amendment would be brought to the city council. Finley Vinson, Engineering Consultant estimated the total amount of engineering services to design the trail would be approximately \$477,606. The maximum award for this grant would be \$335,000 and the remainder for the city would be approximately \$142,000. Council Member Broderick asked Mr. Vinson for an estimate on the construction of the trail. Mr. Vinson stated that the estimated cost of construction for the trail is approximately \$6 million, which includes a 20% contingency. Council Member Brooks, seconded by Council Member Williams, made a motion to adopt the resolution. The motion to adopt the resolution passed with a roll call vote of 5 ayes including a yes vote from Mayor Heye-Townsell, Council Member Broderick a no and Council Members Wade, Treat and Thomas absent.

A proposed resolution entitled, **"A resolution expressing the willingness of City of Sherwood Arkansas to utilize federal-aid climate pollution reduction grant funds"** was read. Mayor Heye-Townsell explained the purpose of this proposed resolution. Mr. Vinson noted that the approximate cost provided by Craft and Tull for phase two construction is \$301,981. This grant does not have a funding cap so the city would request \$241,585 leaving the city an approximate cost of \$60,396 for construction. Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member McCullough, made a motion to adopt the resolution. The resolution was adopted with a roll call vote of 5 ayes, Council Members Wade, Treat and Thomas absent.

Council Member Broderick left the meeting.

Old Business

- Director of Public Works, Josh Penland explained the process that the Public Works department goes through to prepare for a winter weather event.
- Council Member Williams announced that Sylvan Hills High School made an additional 100 bird houses for Sherwood residents. The bird houses were distributed from the Sherwood animal shelter.

New Business

- Discussion of adjustment of the March, May and December 2026 City Council Meeting dates. Council Member Brooks, seconded by Council Member McCullough, made a motion to change the Sherwood City Council Meeting dates for March, May and December to March 30th, May 18th and December 14th. The motion passed with a roll call vote of 5 ayes including a yes by Mayor Heye-Townsell, Council Members Wade, Treat, Broderick and Thomas absent.

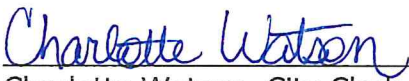
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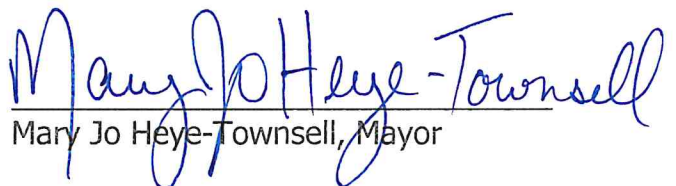
- Feb. 3: Senior Luncheon at Senior Center, 11:30 am, Please RSVP 501-834-5770
- Feb. 5: Monthly Chamber Luncheon; 11:30am, The Green Banquet Center, 501-835-7600
- Feb. 14: Hearts & Hugs Valentine Ball, 2-4 pm, Sherwood Forest;
- Feb. 16: City offices closed to observe Presidents Day. Monday garbage pickup will be on Tuesday and recycling pickup will run one day late.
- Feb. 20: Youth Baseball/T-ball/Softball Spring registration CLOSES
- Feb. 21: Black History Month presentation at 2pm
- 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 2:39 p.m.

ATTEST:


Charlotte Watson, City Clerk


Mary Jo Heye-Townsell, Mayor

The City Council of the City of Sherwood met for a regular meeting on Thursday, January 29, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. in the Sherwood City Council Chambers. The meeting was rescheduled from Monday, January 26, 2026 due to inclement weather. Those present were Mayor Mary Jo Heye-Townsell, City Clerk Charlotte Watson, City Attorney Steve Cobb, Council Members Brooks, Williams, Broderick, Townsend, and McCullough. Council Members Thomas, Wade and Treat were absent.

That Church Pastor Scott Harness led the prayer, and the Pledge of Allegiance was given to the flag.

"A motion to reconsider Ordinance 2437, as amended by Ordinance No. 2441, regarding organizational rules and procedures" was read. Mayor Heye-Townsell stated that a provision for rescheduling meetings due to inclement weather needed to be added to the policy. Council Member Brooks suggested adding to the procedures that all items must be passed with a voice vote. She noted that this was already the procedure of the council but best practice would be to add it to the official policy. City Attorney Cobb suggested adding language to Section 1 regarding how meetings are broadcast to reflect updates in the city recording procedures. Mayor Heye-Townsell suggested passing the current motion and then adopting any changes at the February meeting. Council Member Williams noted that at the recent Arkansas Municipal League Winter Conference, it was recommended residents wishing to make public comments must be required to sign up and include their address and telephone number. Council Member Williams stated that many cities stated that if the resident did not include this information, they would not be called upon for public comment. Council Member Brooks suggested that as long as the resident had included all their information on the sign in sheet, it would not be required for them to state it at the podium. Council Member Broderick expressed concern about the process for residents to address the city council at a public meeting. Council Member Brooks stated that each council member had the authority to put a topic of concern to residents on the agenda under either old or new business, and the resident could sign up to speak at the meeting concerning that agenda item. City Attorney Cobb recommended letting residents go through council members, and the council member could decide whether to put the topic on the agenda. Council Member Townsend noted that she did want residents to have the ability to address the council publicly at a meeting. City Attorney Cobb recommended the council go ahead and pass the council procedures as written, and he would draft revisions and bring those to the February council meeting for approval. Council Member Brooks, seconded by Council Member Williams, made a motion to adopt the council procedures as written in ordinance 2437, as amended by ordinance 2441. The motion was approved with a roll call vote of 5 ayes, Council Members Wade, Treat and Thomas absent.

Council Member Brooks, seconded by Council Member Townsend, made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on December 15, 2025. The motion passed with a roll call vote of 5 ayes, Council Members Wade, Treat and Thomas absent.

No questions or comments on the December financials.

Agenda items 7 (Recognition of Sherwood Police Officer by Sherwood Police Chief) and 8 (Recognition of Sylvan Hills High School football coaches and senior players) will be moved to the February city council meeting agenda.

Committees/Commissions

Planning Commission

No business to discuss.

Street Committee

Mayor Heye-Townsell stated that a Sherwood resident had requested a traffic study from the Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT) at the intersection of Highway 107 and Brockington. Once the study was complete, ARDOT recommended lowering the speed limit to 45 miles per hour along highway 107 all the way through Sherwood. The recommendation was shared with Police Chief Hagar, and he agreed the speed limit should be lowered. The Public Works department has been in communication with ARDOT to change the speed limit signs along Highway 107. Mayor Heye-Townsell stated that the city

would publicize the speed limit change on all city social media, newsletters, and the city website. The Sherwood Police Department also plans to issue warnings along this stretch of Highway 107 for approximately 30 days. The council agreed that the speed limit change was needed. Public Works Director Josh Penland stated that he has adjusted the timing of the traffic light at this intersection to allow additional yellow light time as well as adding a pause before the next direction changes to green.

Wastewater Committee

Council Member Williams stated that the committee had been introduced to the attorney that would be assisting the committee.

Advertising and Promotion Commission

Council Member Brooks noted that the commission was working on the first draft of the bylaws.

Parks and Recreation Committee

- a) Parks and Recreation Director, Blake Calloway updated the council on policies for parks and recreation facilities and programs. The tennis center will change to an open facility. The city will continue to contract with the current tennis pro. Mayor Heye-Townsell announced that the silver sneakers program is close to coming to Sherwood. An agreement was reached for the use of the blue baseball building between the city and Sylvan Hills High School baseball program. The Greens at North Hills and Sherwood Forrest will be updating the rental policy and times.
- b) The committee discussed a possible change of senior age classification at Bill Harmon Recreation Center.

A proposed ordinance entitled, **"An ordinance amending the Retirement Committee structure for the City of Sherwood; providing for oversight of the City's 457(b) deferred compensation plan; and for other purposes"** was read for the second time. Sherwood Human Resources Director Jill Ross explained the reason for the proposed ordinance. Council Member Williams asked what items would need oversight by the retirement committee. The committee would need to review the third-party vendor Bank of the Ozarks as well as any legal items that might need to be addressed from any legislation passed by Arkansas legislature. Council Member Brooks, seconded by Council Member Townsend, 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 6 ayes, including Mayor Heye-Townsell; Council Members Wade, Treat and Thomas absent. Council Member Brooks, seconded by Council Member McCullough, made a motion to adopt the proposed ordinance. The ordinance was adopted with a roll call vote of 6 ayes, including Mayor Heye-Townsell; Council Members Wade, Treat and Thomas 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 first time. Council Member Brooks explained the need for the ordinance. Council Member Brooks, seconded by Council Member Broderick, made a motion to suspend the rules and advance the proposed ordinance to the second reading. Council Member Townsend and McCullough expressed concerns with the proposed ordinance. The motion to advance the reading failed with a roll call vote of 4 ayes, Council Member McCullough a no and Council Members Wade, Treat and Thomas absent.

A proposed resolution entitled, **"A resolution reappointing Eric Fleming to serve on the Sherwood Wastewater Committee"** was read. Council Member Williams, seconded by Council Member Brooks, made a motion to adopt the proposed resolution. The motion to adopt the resolution passed with a roll call vote of 5 ayes, Council Members Wade, Treat, and Thomas absent.

A proposed resolution entitled, **"A resolution expressing the willingness of City of Sherwood Arkansas to utilize federal-aid transportation alternatives program or recreational trails program funds"** was read. Mayor Heye-Townsell explained that this resolution is for a grant to help pay for engineering for Henson Trail. Council Member