



BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, June 14, 2022 at 7:00 PM

City Hall, 206 Van Buren NE, Camden, AR 71701

MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. INVOCATION - REVEREND CONNER DAVIS, PASTOR - FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH, 1275 MAUL ROAD, CAMDEN, ARKANSAS.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. ROLL CALL

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Alderman Lindsey, Seconded by Alderman Askew.

Voting Yea: Alderman Lindsey, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Smith, Alderman Moore, Alderman Askew, Alderman Aregood

F. ACCEPTANCE OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

Motion made by Alderman Aregood, Seconded by Alderman Askew.

Voting Yea: Alderman Lindsey, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Smith, Alderman Moore, Alderman Askew, Alderman Aregood

G. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Ms. Carolyn Oakley, 528 Pine Street, called out individuals and departments to thank them for their work.

Mr. Ronnie Atkins, 751 Anna Street, said he received a notice from Code Enforcement and hired someone to help him but before they could get started, someone went on his property and moved several cars. He said they had to go through the fence to do it.

Mr. Michael Anderson, 430 Church Avenue, presented a list of items that needed to be addressed: street lights that are out; a sharp curve on East Grinstead with a ravine and no railing; a pot hole on Adams that the State Highway Department says the City is responsible for.

H. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor gave a quick update of his activities last month, taught a course on workforce development in Las Vegas, attended the Ouachita River Valley Association meeting, and the first annual Memorial Day parade. Upcoming events include the Arkansas Municipal League, Judge Phil Foster will be honored Thursday afternoon and Juneteenth is this weekend. He also informed the Council that the City is running low on space at the landfill and needs to start making plans now for future space.

I. OLD BUSINESS

None

J. NEW BUSINESS

1. RESOLUTION NO. 31-22, A RESOLUTION CHANGING EMPLOYEE INSURANCE RATES.
RESOLUTION NO. 31-22, A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NUMBER 34-20; SETTING POLICY FOR EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
Motion made by Alderman Lindsey, Seconded by Alderman Aregood.
Voting Yea: Alderman Lindsey, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Smith, Alderman Moore, Alderman Askew, Alderman Aregood
RESOLUTION NO. 32-22, A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR 2022; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
Motion made by Alderman Aregood, Seconded by Alderman Lindsey.
Voting Yea: Alderman Lindsey, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Smith, Alderman Moore, Alderman Askew, Alderman Aregood
2. Resolution to amend the annual operating budget
RESOLUTION NO. 33-22, A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR 2022; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
Motion made by Alderman Lindsey, Seconded by Alderman Moore.
Voting Yea: Alderman Lindsey, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Smith, Alderman Moore, Alderman Askew, Alderman Aregood
3. Resolution 34-22 to donate obsolete fire equipment
RESOLUTION NO. 34-22, A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN FIREFIGHTING APPARATUS OBSOLETE AND AUTHORIZING ITS DONATION TO THE BUENA VISTA AND TWO BAYOU FIRE DEPARTMENTS.
Motion made by Alderman Aregood, Seconded by Alderman Smith.
Voting Yea: Alderman Lindsey, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Smith, Alderman Moore, Alderman Askew, Alderman Aregood
4. Resolution 35-22 to amend the budget - River Valley claim
RESOLUTION NO. 35-22, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SETTLE A CLAIM; AMENDING THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR 2022; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
Motion made by Alderman Lindsey, Seconded by Alderman Askew.
Voting Yea: Alderman Lindsey, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Smith, Alderman Moore, Alderman Askew, Alderman Aregood
5. Resolution 36-32- ARPA Revenue Replacement
RESOLUTION NO. 36-22, A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CITY AND RESCUE GRANT BUDGETS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CLAIMING REVENUE REPLACEMENT FUNDS FOR POLICE AND FIRE SALARIES AND EMPLOYER PAYROLL CONTRIBUTIONS.
Motion made by Alderman Lindsey, Seconded by Alderman Aregood.
Voting Yea: Alderman Lindsey, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Smith, Alderman Moore, Alderman Askew, Alderman Aregood
RESOLUTION NO. 37-22, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF WILLIE COOPER TO THE WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION.
Motion made by Alderman Lindsey, Seconded by Alderman Askew.
Voting Yea: Alderman Lindsey, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Smith, Alderman Moore, Alderman Askew, Alderman Aregood
RESOLUTION NO. 38-22, A RESOLUTION AWARDED THE BID FOR THE PURCHASE OF OILS AND LUBRICANTS FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2022.

Motion made by Alderman Aregood, Seconded by Alderman Askew.

Voting Yea: Alderman Lindsey, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Smith, Alderman Moore, Alderman Askew, Alderman Aregood

RESOLUTION NO. 39-22, A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND THANKING JUDGE PHILLIP J. FOSTER FOR HIS SERVICE.

Motion made by Alderman Aregood, Seconded by Alderman Moore.

Voting Yea: Alderman Lindsey, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Smith, Alderman Moore, Alderman Askew, Alderman Aregood

RESOLUTION NO. 40-22, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR ACEDP GRANT FUNDS TO THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.

Motion made by Alderman Aregood, Seconded by Alderman Askew.

Voting Yea: Alderman Lindsey, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Smith, Alderman Moore, Alderman Askew, Alderman Aregood

K. OTHER BUSINESS

Alderman Askew inquired about the pool. Public Works Director Franklin stated that the chemical well doesn't work, and even though the motors have been replaced, the pumps are not working. The Mayor stated that we need the community to work together to prevent vandalization of the park bathrooms.

Alderman Lindsey asked Director Franklin if he has figured in the higher gas prices for his budget. He suggested that some of the ARPA money be used for the pool. Alderman Lindsey also requested that the new sidewalks be marked along the edge to help draw attention and hopefully keep people from falling off/down.

Alderman Moore asked what the primary problem at the pool is and was informed that it's not draining. Alderman Moore asked if there is a cost effective way to redirect the waterline. Director Franklin said he wants to get it done as soon as possible and asked about forming a committee.

Alderman Aregood agreed that they should form a committee.

Alderman Moore asked for more information on the landfill. Director Franklin stated that 20 of 27 acres have been used. The engineer said to start looking now because it will take at least a year to acquire more land. Mr. Franklin said that it can only expand to the east or west and both directions are private property.

L. ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Aregood made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Askew. The meeting dismissed at 8:35 p.m. after a unanimous voice vote.