BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, February 10, 2026 at 7:00 PM

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

MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. INVOCATION - Reverend Randy Seale, Pastor - Fairview United Methodist Church, 2603 Mt. Holly Road, Camden, Arkansas

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. ROLL CALL

PRESENT
Alderman Lawrence Askew
Alderman Gerald Castleberry
Alderman William McCoy
Alderman Edward Winters
Alderman Boyd Woody
Alderman Josh Steed

ABSENT
Alderman Willie Cooper
Alderman Patric Flannigan

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made to approve by Alderman Castleberry, Seconded by Alderman Winters.
Voting Yea: Alderman Askew, Alderman Castleberry, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Winters, Alderman Woody, Alderman Steed

F. ACCEPTANCE OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

Motion to approve made by Alderman Castleberry, Seconded by Alderman Askew.
Voting Yea: Alderman Askew, Alderman Castleberry, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Winters, Alderman Woody, Alderman Steed

G. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Sandra Lee, 603 Texas Street, asked if the City had any job openings because she hadn't seen anything on the bulletin board.

Shadia Walker, 529 Jefferson, on behalf of Ouachita County Reach, invited everyone to the next meeting on February 23 at 4:00 p.m.

Julie A Brown, 422 Arkansas, on behalf of Impact Camden, thanked the City for support of the MLK Parade and asked for clearer communication with the City.

H. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor informed the Council that the Highway Department is still waiting for the parts to repair the light on the 278 Bypass. Parker Environmental will begin removing the tile floor from Teen Town and plan to have it completed by the end of the month.

Mayor Young offered special thanks to the Police Department, Fire Department, Public Works, the Ouachita County Sheriff's Office and Alderman Josh Steed for all their work and cooperative effort during the recent ice storm.

The Mayor announced that the L.C. "Buckshot" Smith honorarium is up and she is working with Alderman Askew to plan a dedication with Buckshot's family and they will announce the date and time when plans are complete.

I. OLD BUSINESS

1. **Ordinance No. 2-26**, an ordinance abandoning Lena Street located near Fairview.

   Alderman Winters introduced the Ordinance for the second reading and the City Clerk read the number and title.

   Alderman Winters made a motion to amend the ordinance in section one in part, to read "the rights of the public generally, to the One-Hundred and Fifty Foot (150') of Lena Street next to Fairview Road", Seconded by Alderman Castleberry.
   Voting Yea: Alderman Askew, Alderman Castleberry, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Winters, Alderman Woody, Alderman Steed

   Motion to put the ordinance up for the third and final reading made by Alderman Winters, Seconded by Alderman Castleberry.
   Voting Yea: Alderman Askew, Alderman Castleberry, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Winters, Alderman Woody, Alderman Steed

   Motion to approve the amended ordinance made by Alderman Castleberry, Seconded by Alderman Winters.
   Voting Yea: Alderman Askew, Alderman Castleberry, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Winters, Alderman Woody, Alderman Steed

J. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Resolution No. 5-26**, A resolution confirming the re-appointment of Beverly Golden to the Camden Housing Authority.

   The Mayor introduced the resolution and the City Clerk read the number and title.

   Motion made by Alderman Castleberry, Seconded by Alderman Steed.
   Voting Yea: Alderman Askew, Alderman Castleberry, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Winters, Alderman Woody, Alderman Steed

2. **Resolution No. 6-26**, a resolution confirming the appointment of Darryl Moore to the Camden Port Authority.

   The Mayor introduced the resolution and the City Clerk read the number and title.

   Motion made by Alderman Castleberry, Seconded by Alderman Winters.
   Voting Yea: Alderman Askew, Alderman Castleberry, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Winters, Alderman Woody, Alderman Steed

3. **Resolution No. 7-26**, a resolution confirming the appointment of members to the Historic District Commission; and for other purposes.

   The Mayor introduced the resolution and the City Clerk read the number and title.

   Motion made by Alderman Castleberry, Seconded by Alderman Askew.
   Voting Yea: Alderman Askew, Alderman Castleberry, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Winters, Alderman Woody, Alderman Steed

4. **Resolution No. 8-26**, a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with the Ouachita Partnership for Economic Development (OPED) to provide certain Economic Development Services for the City of Camden.

   The Mayor introduced the resolution and the City Clerk read the number and title.

   Motion made by Alderman Castleberry, Seconded by Alderman Askew. During discussion, Alderman Askew stated for the record that $100,000 had been budgeted but $1,000 had already been spent.

Voting Yea: Alderman Askew, Alderman Castleberry, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Winters, Alderman Woody, Alderman Steed

5. **Resolution No. 9-26**, a resolution confirming the re-appointment of David Reynolds and Steven Word to the Camden Port Authority.

   The Mayor introduced the resolution and the City Clerk read the number and title.

   Motion made by Alderman Winters, Seconded by Alderman Castleberry.
   Voting Yea: Alderman Askew, Alderman Castleberry, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Winters, Alderman Woody, Alderman Steed

K. OTHER BUSINESS

Alderman Winters stated that since the Daffodil Festival will be March 14, a City-Wide Clean Up has been planned for March 7, 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. with registration at Thrive Church. Trash bags will be provided.

The City Clerk informed everyone that there is a space on the sign-in sheet for speakers to put their phone numbers if they want someone from the city to contact them about their issue(s).

Alderman Askew inquired about the downtown pavilion, wanting to know if it was completed. The Mayor informed him that there will be rails along the steps and it's hoped that will be done before the Daffodil Festival. A stage will be added at a later date with the fund raising committee efforts.

Alderman Askew said in the future he would like to see the Council support everything. "Show face to save face" Support all activities like you do the Daffodil Festival.

L. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Alderman Castleberry, Seconded by Alderman Askew. Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

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Mayor, Charlotte Young

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City Clerk, Donna Stewart