



BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 7:00 PM

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

MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. INVOCATION - Dr. Steve Watson, Pastor - First Baptist Church, 348 W. Washington St., Camden, Arkansas 71701

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Alderman Lawrence Askew

Alderman Chris Aregood

Alderman Gerald Castleberry

Alderman Ebony Gulley

Alderman L.E. Lindsey

Alderman William McCoy

Alderman Marvin Moore

Alderman Edward Winters

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

August 8, 2023 minutes

1.

Motion made by Alderman Winters, Seconded by Alderman Aregood.

Voting Yea: Alderman Askew, Alderman Aregood, Alderman Castleberry, Alderman Gulley, Alderman Lindsey, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Moore, Alderman Winters

F. ACCEPTANCE OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

Motion made by Alderman Aregood, Seconded by Alderman Lindsey.

Voting Yea: Alderman Askew, Alderman Aregood, Alderman Castleberry, Alderman Gulley, Alderman Lindsey, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Moore, Alderman Winters. Mayor Young voted yes to pass the financials.

G. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

H. MAYOR'S REPORT

1. David Richardson, Manager Camden Water Utilities

I. OLD BUSINESS

1. **Ordinance 03-23** An Ordinance permitting an Official of the Camden Water and Sewer Commission to be interested in contracts with the City of Camden, Arkansas

Died for lack of a motion.

2. **Ordinance No. 4-23**, an ordinance repealing Camden Code Section 2-54 regarding advertising of bids for public improvements; and for other purposes. (third reading)

Alderman Lindsey introduced the Ordinance for the third and final reading. The City Clerk read the number and title.

Motion made by Alderman Lindsey, Seconded by Alderman Castleberry.

Motion made by Alderman Lindsey, Seconded by Alderman Winters.

Voting Yea: Alderman Askew, Alderman Aregood, Alderman Castleberry, Alderman Gulley, Alderman Lindsey, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Moore, Alderman Winters

- 3. Ordinance 05-23** An Ordinance amending Article II of the Camden code; Establishing Rates and Procedures for Collection of Garbage for Commercial Customers; and for other purposes.

Alderman Lindsey introduced the Ordinance and the City Clerk read the number and title.

Motion made by Alderman Lindsey, Seconded by Alderman Aregood.

Voting Yea: Alderman Askew, Alderman Aregood, Alderman Castleberry, Alderman Gulley, Alderman Lindsey, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Moore, Alderman Winters

Lindsey Askew

Motion made by Alderman Gulley, Seconded by Alderman Moore.

Voting Yea: Alderman Askew, Alderman Gulley, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Moore

Voting Nay: Alderman Aregood, Alderman Castleberry, Alderman Lindsey, Alderman Winters

- 4. Ordinance No. 06-23**, an ordinance repealing Ordinance No. 6-12 assessing a lein on certain property located at 777 Bradley Ferry Road SE.

Alderman McCoy introduced the Ordinance and the City Clerk read the number and title.

Motion made by Alderman Askew, Seconded by Alderman Gulley.

Voting Yea: Alderman Askew, Alderman Aregood, Alderman Castleberry, Alderman Gulley, Alderman Lindsey, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Moore, Alderman Winters

Motion made by Alderman Castleberry, Seconded by Alderman Winters.

Voting Yea: Alderman Askew, Alderman Aregood, Alderman Castleberry, Alderman Gulley, Alderman Lindsey, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Moore, Alderman Winters

Motion made by Alderman Castleberry, Seconded by Alderman Askew.

Voting Yea: Alderman Askew, Alderman Aregood, Alderman Castleberry, Alderman Gulley, Alderman Lindsey, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Moore, Alderman Winters

- 5. Ordinance No. 07-23**, an ordinance amending Camden Code 2-46, 2-52, and 2-53, regarding purchases and contracts; and other purposes.

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

J. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Ordinance No. 8-23**, an ordinance fixing the rate of taxation for the year 2024; declaring an emergency; and for other purposes.

Alderman Askew introduced the Ordinance and the City Clerk read the number and title.

Motion made by Alderman Moore, Seconded by Alderman Askew.

Voting Yea: Alderman Askew, Alderman Aregood, Alderman Castleberry, Alderman Gulley, Alderman Lindsey, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Moore, Alderman Winters

Motion made by Alderman Askew, Seconded by Alderman Aregood.

Voting Yea: Alderman Askew, Alderman Aregood, Alderman Castleberry, Alderman Gulley, Alderman Lindsey, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Moore, Alderman Winters

Motion made by Alderman Moore, Seconded by Alderman Askew.

Voting Yea: Alderman Askew, Alderman Aregood, Alderman Castleberry, Alderman Gulley, Alderman Lindsey, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Moore, Alderman Winters

- 2. Resolution No. 52-23**, a resolution amending the 2023 Annual Operating Budget for police and Fire Salaries and employer payroll contributions.

Motion made by Alderman Aregood, Seconded by Alderman Castleberry.

Voting Yea: Alderman Askew, Alderman Aregood, Alderman Castleberry, Alderman Gulley, Alderman Lindsey, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Moore, Alderman Winters

- 3. Resolution No. 53-23**, a resolution authorizing the mayor to enter into a contractual agreement with Michael Rogers Designs LLC, to provide architectural services for the city of Camden.

Motion made by Alderman Aregood, Seconded by Alderman Castleberry.

Motion made by Alderman Lindsey, Seconded by Alderman Aregood.

Voting Yea: Alderman Aregood, Alderman Castleberry, Alderman Lindsey, Alderman Winters

Voting Nay: Alderman Askew, Alderman Gulley, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Moore

The Mayor voted to pass.

- 4. Resolution No. 54-23**, a resolution amending the 2023 Annual Operating Budget; providing pay raises for sworn police officers and dispatchers; and for other purposes.

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

Motion made by Alderman Winters, Seconded by Alderman Castleberry.

Motion to amend made by Alderman Gulley, died for lack of a second.

Voting Yea: Alderman Askew, Alderman Aregood, Alderman Castleberry, Alderman Lindsey, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Moore, Alderman Winters

Voting Abstaining: Alderman Gulley

- 5. Resolution No. 55-23**, a resolution amending the Annual Operating Budget for 2023; 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 Aregood.

Voting Yea: Alderman Askew, Alderman Aregood, Alderman Castleberry, Alderman Gulley, Alderman Lindsey, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Moore, Alderman Winters

- 6. Resolution No. 56-23**, a resolution confirming the appointment of members to the Historic Advisory Commission; and for other purposes.

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

Motion made by Alderman Moore, Seconded by Alderman McCoy.

Voting Yea: Alderman Askew, Alderman Aregood, Alderman Castleberry, Alderman Gulley, Alderman

Lindsey, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Moore, Alderman Winters

7. Resolution 57-23, a resolution appointing LaRhonda Moore to the Civil Service Commission.

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

Motion made by Alderman Moore, Seconded by Alderman Askew.

Voting Yea: Alderman Askew, Alderman Aregood, Alderman Castleberry, Alderman Gulley, Alderman Lindsey, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Moore, Alderman Winters

8. Resolution No. 59-23, a resolution authorizing the Chief Elected Official to sign an application for CDBG.

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

Motion made by Alderman Askew, Seconded by Alderman Winters.

Voting Yea: Alderman Askew, Alderman Aregood, Alderman Castleberry, Alderman Gulley, Alderman Lindsey, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Moore, Alderman Winters

K. OTHER BUSINESS

Alderman Castleberry requested an update on the Caddo Street curb problem.

Alderman Askew stated that the trees on the Trace need to be trimmed by Cleveland and Jackson. He also stated that paving will start Friday on Chestnut, Sycamore, and Cleveland.

Alderman Moore commended Terrell Newton for a good job and informed Chief Woody that he had chased someone out of a vacant house at the corner of Viser and Ratcliff.

Alderman Gulley requested to speak with the Mayor about an incident with the Assistant Mayor.

L. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Alderman Aregood, Seconded by Alderman Castleberry. Meeting was adjourned at 11:07 p.m.

Mayor, Charlotte Young

City Clerk, Donna Stewart