



## BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, July 08, 2025 at 7:00 PM

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

### MINUTES

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**A. CALL TO ORDER**

**B. INVOCATION** - SUPERINTENDENT DWAYNE SCRIBNER, PASTOR - WESTSIDE CHURCH OF CHRIST,  
1695 W WASHINGTON, 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 Willie Cooper

Alderman Josh Steed

Alderman Patric Flannigan

**E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2025 meeting made by Alderman Winters, Seconded by Alderman Cooper.

Voting Yea: Alderman Askew, Alderman Castleberry, Alderman Winters, Alderman Woody, Alderman Cooper, Alderman Steed, Alderman Flannigan

Voting Nay: Alderman McCoy

**F. ACCEPTANCE OF FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Motion to accept the June 2025 financials made by Alderman Cooper, Seconded by Alderman Steed.

Voting Yea: Alderman Askew, Alderman Castleberry, Alderman Winters, Alderman Woody, Alderman Cooper, Alderman Steed, Alderman Flannigan

Voting Nay: Alderman McCoy

**G. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Kanisha Davis, 2920 Fairview Road, stated that the traffic light reset at Cash and 278 caused an accident and she wanted to know what the City's protocol was. Public Works Director Earl Porchia explained it to her.

Paul Kelly, 117 N Green St., Stephens, stated that his grandson stole his gun while he was in the hospital and he wanted his gun back. If Law Enforcement can't return his gun to him then they should release his son from jail.

Michael Fountain, 410 Palisade, asked about the cameras and microphone for the Council Chambers. He was informed that certain parts are on backorder and hopefully everything will be here before the August meeting.

Sandra Lee, 603 Texas, said she noticed that FEMA was at the Court House and she wondered if she should get her neighbor to go there for help.

#### **H. MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Young introduced Kyle Gatling, Jason Fletcher, and James Green to give the annual report from the Airport Commission. The gentlemen highlighted the work accomplished in the past year shared some of the future plans for the airport including eventually building a new terminal.

#### **I. OLD BUSINESS**

Alderman Askew requested an executive session for a personnel issue concerning old business. The Council left the chambers and returned at 8:19. When they returned, they had questions for the City Attorney and Chief Robertson. Alderman Askew wanted to know why Resolution 24-25 was presented last month if part time officers were going to be hired anyway. It was explained that the resolution was for a line item for payment of part-time officers, not to hire part time officers. Since the resolution was not approved, the part time officer was paid from an empty full-time officer position as had been under previous administrations.

#### **J. NEW BUSINESS**

1. **RESOLUTION NO. 25-25**, A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF MANPREET SINGH KANG TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION/BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS.

Motion to approve made by Alderman Steed, Seconded by Alderman Castleberry.

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

2. **RESOLUTION NO. 26-25**, A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF TERRY THORNHILL TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION/BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS.

Motion to approve made by Alderman Winters, Seconded by Alderman McCoy.

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

3. **RESOLUTION NO. 27-25**, A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF ROSEANNE PEPPERS TO THE CITY-COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD.

Motion to approve made by Alderman Woody, Seconded by Alderman McCoy.

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

#### **K. OTHER BUSINESS**

Alderman Woody asked what the policy is if a citizen has a complaint on the police department. The Mayor said the complaints should come to her. He also stated that he had received a complaint about the ditch along McCullough. It is overgrown and the city used to clean it, why aren't they doing it anymore? The Public Works Director informed him that it is usually only done once a year. Alderman Askew commended Earl Porchia, Public Works Director and Mike Bryant, Camden Water Utilities Manager for their efforts to get repairs made and the water flowing again on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Holiday. He also said that No Pets Allowed signage needs to be up around the playground immediately. He saw a woman pull a wagon load of dogs to the playground.

Alderman McCoy asked about erosion on Crestwood. Mr. Porchia said a resident dammed an area which caused another area to flood and wash out. The City will have to rent an excavator to dig it out and redo the area.

Alderman Cooper said that Carter Street is washing out. Mr. Porchia said that the water is coming down the hill and the culverts are too small to handle it. Some are stopped up which exacerbates the problem.

**L. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn made by Alderman Castleberry, Seconded by Alderman Winters. Meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

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Mayor, Charlotte Young

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City Clerk, Donna Stewart