



## BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, December 10, 2024 at 7:00 PM

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

### MINUTES

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#### **A. CALL TO ORDER**

**B. INVOCATION** - Reverend Rodney Frazier, Pastor - Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church, 675 Viser Street, SE, Camden, Arkansas

#### **C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

#### **D. ROLL CALL**

PRESENT

Alderman Lawrence Askew

Alderman Chris Aregood

Alderman Gerald Castleberry

Alderman L.E. Lindsey

Alderman Marvin Moore

Alderman Edward Winters

Alderman Brady Renix

ABSENT

Alderman William McCoy

Alderman McCoy arrived immediately following roll call.

#### **E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Alderman Lindsey made a motion to approve the minutes of the regular November meeting, seconded by Alderman Winters

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

Alderman Winters made a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Called Meeting on November 21. Alderman Askew seconded.

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

Voting Abstaining: Alderman McCoy

#### **F. ACCEPTANCE OF FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Motion to approve made by Alderman Lindsey, Seconded by Alderman Askew.

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

Voting Abstaining: Alderman Moore

#### **G. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Carolyn Green, 108 Hildreth, inquired about the members of the committee helping with the selection of the new Police Chief, and wanted to know why the citizens were not inform who they were. She also accused the Mayor of dividing the city and and council.

Bryan Smith, 223 North St., announced again that he's running for Alderman and stated that he's being discriminated against because he's half Filipino.

Robert Arnold, 518 Sharp Ave., said that more transparency is needed.

Willie Cooper, 544 Louisiana Ave., thanked Aldermen Aregood, Lindsey and Moore for their service.

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

Mayor Young congratulated Alderman Winters and his wife on the opening of their business, The Corner Stop. She announced the grand opening of Healing Hearts and Spirits on December 17 at Greater St. Paul. Camden Lanes will be opening in January. The Mayor shared the Crime Tips hotline: 800-222-Tips (8477) stating that it is anonymous and available 24 hours a day. She wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

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

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

- 1. Resolution No. 58-24**, a resolution awarding the bid for the purchase of oils and lubricants for the year 2025.

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

Quality Petroleum was awarded the bid.

Motion to approve as amended made by Alderman Askew, Seconded by Alderman Lindsey.

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

Voting Abstaining: Alderman Moore

- 2. Resolution No. 59-24**, a resolution awarding the bid for the purchase of tires and tubes for the year 2025.

Bid was awarded to Bounds Tire, Motion to approve made by Alderman Lindsey, Seconded by Alderman Moore.

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

- 3. Resolution No. 61-24**, a resolution awarding the bid for towing regular-sized city vehicles for the year 2025.

Bid awarded to Ray's Towing.

Motion made by Alderman Lindsey, Seconded by Alderman Renix.

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

- 4. Resolution No. 60-24**, a resolution awarding the bid for the purchase of batteries for the year 2025.

Bid was awarded to Smith Generator and Alternator.

Motion made by Alderman Winters, Seconded by Alderman Lindsey.

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

- 5. Resolution No. 62-24**, a resolution awarding the bid for towing large-sized city vehicles for the year 2025.

Bid awarded to Buddy's Wrecker Service.

Motion made by Alderman Lindsey, Seconded by Alderman Aregood.

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

Voting Nay: Alderman Askew, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Moore

- 6. Resolution No. 63-24**, a resolution providing for and adopting for the City of Camden, Arkansas, an Annual Operating Budget for the twelve months beginning January 1, 2025, and ending December 31, 2025; appropriating money for each and every item of expenditure therein provided for; and for other purposes.

Motion made by Alderman Castleberry, Seconded by Alderman Aregood.

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

Voting Abstaining: Alderman McCoy, Alderman Moore

- 7. Ordinance No. 14-24**, an ordinance designating the Camden Police Department Building as the Buckshot Smith Camden Police Department Building.

Motion to suspend the rules made by Alderman Lindsey, Seconded by Alderman Askew.

Voting Yea: Alderman Askew, Alderman Lindsey, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Moore, Alderman Winters, Alderman Renix

Voting Nay: Alderman Aregood, Alderman Castleberry

Motion made by Alderman Askew to amend the Ordinance to read L.C. "Buckshot" Smith Camden Police Department, Seconded by Alderman Lindsey.

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

Voting Abstaining: Alderman Winters

Motion made by Alderman Lindsey, Seconded by Alderman Askew.

Voting Yea: Alderman Askew, Alderman Lindsey, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Moore, Alderman Renix

Voting Nay: Alderman Aregood, Alderman Castleberry

Voting Abstaining: Alderman Winters

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

The Mayor thanked the out-going Council Members for their service and presented each with a plaque.

Alderman Askew also thanked the out-going members.

Alderman Lindsey wished the Council luck going forward and reminded them to treat the budget like their own.

#### **L. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn made by Alderman Lindsey, Seconded by Alderman Moore. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

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Mayor, Charlotte Young

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City Clerk, Donna Stewart