



BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, April 09, 2024 at 7:00 PM

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

MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. INVOCATION - Superintendent Roy Wesley Jr., Pastor - New Hope Tabernacle of Faith Church of God in Christ, 2236 South Adams Avenue, Camden, Arkansas

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Alderman Lawrence Askew

Alderman Chris Aregood

Alderman L.E. Lindsey

Alderman William McCoy

Alderman Marvin Moore

Alderman Edward Winters

Alderman Ebony Gulley

ABSENT

Alderman Gerald Castleberry

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Minutes from the March 2024 Regular Meeting

Alderman Lindsey made a motion to approve seconded by Alderman Winters. Alderman Askew pointed out that only a portion of the vote was recorded for Resolution No. 14-24 under new business.

Alderman Askew made a motion to approve the corrected minutes, Seconded by Alderman Winters. Voting Yea: Alderman Askew, Alderman Aregood, Alderman Lindsey, Alderman Moore, Alderman Winters

Voting Abstaining: Alderman McCoy, Alderman Gulley

F. ACCEPTANCE OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

Alderman Winters made a motion to approve the February Financial report, Seconded by Alderman Lindsey.

Voting Yea: Alderman Aregood, Alderman Lindsey, Alderman Winters

Voting Nay: Alderman Gulley

Voting Abstaining: Alderman Askew, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Moore

Alderman Moore stated that he didn't want to approve any financials until the 2023 finalization was approved.

Motion to approve made by Alderman Aregood, Seconded by Alderman Lindsey.
Voting Yea: Alderman Aregood, Alderman Lindsey, Alderman Winters
Voting Nay: Alderman Askew, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Moore, Alderman Gulley
Alderman Gulley stated that the City needs a forensic audit.

G. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Jacovey Barker, 2365 Country Club Road, said as a young resident in the city he wanted to learn more about local government. He wanted to know how measures were filed, learn about finances and he asked why the former Treasurer quit.

Gene Morton, 905 Memory Lane, invited the aldermen to attend the leadership class that will be meeting at 2:45 in the Council Chambers Thursday. It's the day they learn about local government.

H. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Young introduced Chief Boyd Woody for the Police Department's annual report. Chief Woody stated that crime was down overall in 2023 compared to 2022. There were 16 vehicles stolen, 4 homicides, 272 traffic accidents and 653 arrests.

Mayor Young announced a public meeting on Monday for the youth curfew. The Jamboree is this Saturday, 24 teams will play. There is a free vaccine clinic coming to Carnes Park.

I. OLD BUSINESS

1. **Ordinance No. 3-24**, An ordinance repealing ordinance No. 7-02 assessing a lien on certain property located at 541 Greenwood Street, Camden, AR.

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

Motion to suspend the rules and place the Ordinance for the third and final reading made by Alderman Askew, Seconded by Alderman Lindsey.

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

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

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

J. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Ordinance No. 4-24**, An ordinance assessing a lien on certain property located at 311 B Monroe Street pursuant to section 6-68 of the code of ordinance of the City of Camden.

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

Motion made by Alderman Askew for discussion, Seconded by Alderman McCoy.

Motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance for the third and final reading made by Alderman Askew, Seconded by Alderman Lindsey.

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

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

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

2. **Ordinance No. 5-24**, An ordinance permitting an official of the Water and Sewer Commission to be interested in contracts with the City of Camden, Arkansas.

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

Motion made by Alderman Aregood to approve for discussion, Seconded by Alderman Winters.

The second reading will be held at the next Council meeting.

3. **Ordinance No. 6-24**, An ordinance amending Article II of Chapter 5 of the Camden Code regarding dogs; and for other purposes.

Alderman Moore introduced the ordinance and the City Clerk read the number and title.

Motion made by Alderman Aregood to approve for discussion, Seconded by Alderman Lindsey.

The second reading will be held at the next Council meeting.

4. **Resolution No. 19-24**, A resolution declaring the dilapidated structures located at 719 Clifton St. NW a public nuisance and to order removal of the same.

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

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

5. **Resolution No. 20-24**, A resolution confirming the appointment of Fred Lilly to the Camden Housing Authority to fill a vacancy.

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

Alderman Gulley made a motion to table Resolutions 20-24 and 21-24 until the Director of the Housing Authority has a chance to appear at a Council meeting, Seconded by Alderman Moore.

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

6. **Resolution No. 21-24**, A resolution confirming the appointment of Beverly Golden to the Camden Housing Authority to fill a vacancy.

Tabled

7. **R 22-24**, a resolution amending the 2024 Annual Operating Budget; awarding the bid for a gas generator for the Camden Police Department; and for other purposes.

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

Alderman Lindsey made a motion to amend by deleting Section 2, Seconded by Alderman Moore.

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

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

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

8. **Resolution 23-24**, a resolution amending the Annual Operating Budget for 2024; appropriating and authorizing the transfer of funds from the General fund to the Street Department; and for other purposes.

Motion to approve made by Alderman Aregood, Seconded by Alderman Winters. During discussion, Alderman Gulley resigned from the Finance Committee.

Alderman Lindsey made a motion to accept Alderman Gulley's resignation, Seconded by Alderman Moore.

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

Moore, Alderman Winters
Voting Abstaining: Alderman Gulley

Motion to appoint Alderman Lindsey to replace Alderman Gulley on the Finance Committee made by Alderman Winters, Seconded by Alderman Aregood.

Voting Yea: Alderman Askew, Alderman Aregood, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Winters

Voting Abstaining: Alderman Lindsey, Alderman Moore, Alderman Gulley Mayor Young had to vote to pass.

Motion to table the resolution until next month made by Alderman Aregood, Seconded by Alderman Lindsey.

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

Voting Abstaining: Alderman Moore, Alderman Gulley

- 9. Resolution No. 24-24,** A resolution amending the 2023 Annual Operating Budget for the City of Camden, Arkansas, and appropriating money for each and every item of expenditure therein provided for.

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

Voting Yea: Alderman Aregood, Alderman Lindsey, Alderman Winters

Voting Nay: Alderman McCoy, Alderman Moore, Alderman Gulley

Voting Abstaining: Alderman Askew

- 10. Resolution No. 25-24,** A resolution appointing Douglas Jones to the Civil Service Commission.

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

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

Voting Abstaining: Alderman Moore

K. OTHER BUSINESS

Alderman Moore thank Public Works and the Parks department for their work on the Basket Ball courts.

Alderman Gulley resigned from the City Council. Everyone wished her well.

L. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Alderman Gulley, Seconded by Alderman Askew. Meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Mayor, Charlotte Young

City Clerk, Donna Stewart