BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, September 08, 2026 at 7:00 PM

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

MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. INVOCATION - Reverend Gwen Edwards, Pastor - Set Free Ministries, 221 Monroe Avenue NE., 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 made by Alderman Winters, Seconded by Alderman Castleberry.
Voting Yea: Alderman Askew, Alderman Castleberry, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Winters, Alderman Woody, Alderman Cooper, Alderman Steed, Alderman Flannigan

F. ACCEPTANCE OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

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

G. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Abbie Nicholson, 611 Ouachita 78, Camden, Arkansas, requested the removal of the "Flock" cameras purchased by former Chief Carpenter.

H. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Young introduced Camden Water Utilities General Manager Mike Bryant for the Bi-Annual water report.

Mayor Young introduced Keri Weatherford and Kerron Simpson from the Ouachita County Extension Office.

I. OLD BUSINESS

None

J. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Resolution No. 32-26,** a resolution declaring the structure located at 345 Pine Street a public nuisance and to order the removal of same.

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

2. **Resolution No. 33-26,** a resolution declaring the structure located at 415 North Street a public nuisance and to order the removal of same.

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

K. OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Young announced the Ouachita County Fair, the Veteran and Patriot Dinner, and Camden Clean Up. She asked Alderman Steed to update everyone about the dinner. He said there will be door prizes, a weapons display and it all happens Thursday evening. Then Alderman Winters updated about the Clean Up, stating that it will take place Saturday, October 3 at Thrive Church from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

The Mayor also announced that the State Legislative Auditors are here; Street Scape stage 4 has started on Jefferson and will take approximately 90 days; Chief Covington and Fire Marshall Smith have started dismantling the Pavilion; a repair crew for the light at Adams and Grinstead will be here Thursday afternoon, A&P approved shades for Carnes Park, the playground will be shut down for approximately 1 week during installation.

In 1926, the City of Camden became a City of the First Class and officially had a police department. This Friday at 3:00, Cortney Parker will be sworn in as the first female Chief in the City of Camden.

Alderman Castleberry asked if there was an update on the Events Center and was informed that a meeting with Richard Robertson was upcoming.

Alderman Askew thanked the Mayor for mentioning the pavilion and asked what was wrong with the light at Adams and Grinstead. Public Works Director Porchia said they believe it is shorting out and they're going to run new wires.

Alderman Flannigan

Alderman Steed

Alderman Cooper

Alderman Askew

Alderman Cooper

Alderman Woody

Alderman Steed

L. ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Castleberry made the motion to adjourn at 8:07 p.m.

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Mayor, Charlotte Young

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City Clerk, Donna Stewart