



BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, January 14, 2025 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 Christian 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 Brady Renix

Alderman Boyd Woody

Alderman Willie Cooper

Alderman Josh Steed

Returning Aldermen were sworn in by the Mayor.

Alderman Winters made a motion to move audience participation after the agenda items. Alderman Castleberry seconded.

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

Voting Nay: Alderman Askew, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Renix The motion failed to receive the 2/3 vote required to amend the agenda.

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the December minutes made by Alderman Castleberry, Seconded by Alderman Askew.

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

F. ACCEPTANCE OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

Motion to approve the financials made by Alderman Castleberry, Seconded by Alderman Askew.

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

G. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Bill Hawkins, 304 Cleveland

Gerald Castleberry, 2929 Cherokee

Eric Gunter, 28 Chaffee Creek Trail

Brian Smith, 223 North Street

Julie A. Brown, 422 Arkansas

H. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Young stated that everyone is looking forward to a great 2025, and introduced T.J. Robertson as the Chief of Police. He will be sworn in on January 31.

I. OLD BUSINESS

J. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Resolution No. 1- 25**, a resolution recognizing Meetings and Procedures as set forth in the Code of Ordinances of the City of Camden and adopting other procedural rules.

Motion made by Alderman Winters, Seconded by Alderman Castleberry.

Alderman Askew made a motion to amend Section 3 of the resolution by striking "excluding campaign announcements, business promotions, and verbal attacks" and placing a period after subject matter. Seconded by Alderman Cooper.

Voting Yea: Alderman Askew, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Winters, Alderman Renix, Alderman Woody, Alderman Cooper, Alderman Steed

Voting Nay: Alderman Castleberry

Motion to accept as amended made by Alderman Askew, Seconded by Alderman Cooper.

Voting Yea: Alderman Askew, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Winters, Alderman Renix, Alderman Woody, Alderman Cooper, Alderman Steed

Voting Nay: Alderman Castleberry

2. **Ordinance No. 1-25**, an ordinance amending Chapter 10, Fire Prevention and Protections, Article I, and amending Chapter 6, Building and Building Regulations, Article I, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Camden, Arkansas.

Alderman Castleberry introduced the ordinance for the first reading and the city clerk read the number and title.

K. OTHER BUSINESS

The City Clerk

Alderman Castleberry

Alderman Cooper

Alderman Woody

Alderman Askew

Alderman McCoy

L. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Alderman Steed, Seconded by Alderman McCoy. Meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

City Clerk, Donna Stewart