



## BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, May 10, 2022 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 Richard Foster, Pastor - Grace Baptist Church, 1505 California, Camden, Arkansas 71701

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

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

##### PRESENT

Alderman Cecil McDonald

Alderman James Bell

Alderman William McCoy

Alderman Terrie Smith

Alderman Joe Askew

Alderman Chris Aregood

Mayor Julian Lott

##### ABSENT

Alderman L.E. Lindsey

Alderman Marvin Moore

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

Motion made by Alderman Aregood, Seconded by Alderman McCoy.

Voting Yea: Alderman McDonald, Alderman Bell, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Smith, Alderman Askew, Alderman Aregood

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

Motion made by Alderman Askew, Seconded by Alderman Bell.

Voting Yea: Alderman McDonald, Alderman Bell, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Smith, Alderman Askew, Alderman Aregood

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

Ed Winters, 1141 Woodside, invited the Council to the city wide clean up this Saturday, and the upcoming Make a Wish golf tournament. He also stated that the Memorial Day Parade will be more of an event than a parade because it's growing.

Allan Dawson, 618 Washington, and owner of Allan's Restaurant, 107 Washington, spoke on behalf of Ordinance No. 6-22.

Emily Robertson, 3138 Roseman Road, and owner of Postmasters Grill spoke on behalf of Ordinance No. 6-22. She also stated that it will help all restaurants and bars in the City of Camden.

Bryan Smith, 223 North Street, stated that he has cleared up several of the code violations on his property but he is still having problems with neighbors and would like to install a fence around his property if Code Enforcement will approve.

Matt Thomas, 103 East Main, El Dorado, Attorney for High Notes in the Garden Oaks Shopping Center. He said that CBD is here to stay and cities need to accept that. Forcing High Notes to close will cost the city tax revenue on \$30,000 a month.

Sandra Lee, 603 Texas, stated she was there on behalf of a friend who lives out of state. The friend has received letters from Code Enforcement with a deadline. Ms. Lee stated that Code Enforcement has taken action before the deadline by removing vehicles from the property. She also brought pictures of other dilapidated structures in the city.

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

The Mayor listed the items accomplished over the past 30 days. He attended a financial simulation at Harmony Grove School. Several towns and cities in Ouachita County had a meeting with Judge McAdoo.

The Mayor met with Peggy Abbott about grief counseling after a Camden Fairview student drowning.

He celebrated earth day with the girl scouts.

The Mayor asked that we all keep the Merritt family in our prayers as the County continues the search.

He ended with a reminder of the Memorial Day parade at end of month.

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

None

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

1. ORDINANCE NO. 5-22, AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 6-12 ASSESSING A LIEN ON CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED AT 777 BRADLEY FERRY.

Introduced by Alderman Askew. The City Clerk read the number and title.

Motion made by Alderman Aregood for discussion, Seconded by Alderman McDonald.

Motion made by Alderman Askew to amend the lien amount from 3% to 20% for a total of \$450, Seconded by Alderman McDonald.

Voting Yea: Alderman McDonald, Alderman Bell, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Smith, Alderman Askew, Alderman Aregood.

Motion made by Alderman Bell to suspend the rules and put the Ordinance on for the third and final reading, Seconded by Alderman Askew.

Voting Yea: Alderman McDonald, Alderman Bell, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Smith, Alderman Askew,

Alderman Aregood.

Motion made by Alderman Askew to accept the Ordinance as amended, Seconded by Alderman Smith.  
Voting Yea: Alderman McDonald, Alderman Bell, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Smith, Alderman Askew,  
Alderman Aregood

2. ORDINANCE NO. 6-22, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMDEN, ARKANSAS, SETTING FORTH CERTAIN REGULATIONS FOR THE SALE OF ALCOHOL FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Introduced by Alderman Aregood and the City Clerk read the number and title.

Motion made by Alderman Bell to suspend the rules and put the Ordinance up for the third and final reading, Seconded by Alderman Aregood.

Voting Yea: Alderman McDonald, Alderman Bell, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Smith, Alderman Askew,  
Alderman Aregood.

Motion made by Alderman Askew to approve the Ordinance, Seconded by Alderman Bell.

Voting Yea: Alderman McDonald, Alderman Bell, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Smith, Alderman Askew,  
Alderman Aregood.

3. RESOLUTION NO. 28-22, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PORT AUTHORITY TO APPLY FOR A GRANT FOR CRANE REMOVAL AND WAREHOUSE RENOVATION FROM THE ARKANSAS PORT AND WATERWAYS DEVELOPMENT GRANT PROGRAM.

The Mayor introduced the Resolution and the City Clerk read the number and title.

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

Voting Yea: Alderman McDonald, Alderman Bell, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Smith, Alderman Askew,  
Alderman Aregood.

4. RESOLUTION NO. 29-22, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PURCHASE A TRACTOR AND BOOM MOWER THROUGH AN INTERLOCAL CONTRACT FOR COOPERATIVE PURCHASING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Mayor introduced the Resolution and the City Clerk read the number and title.

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

Voting Yea: Alderman McDonald, Alderman Bell, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Smith, Alderman Askew,  
Alderman Aregood

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

Alderman Bell made a motion to amend the agenda and add RESOLUTION NO. 30-22, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR 2022 WITH CAMDEN DOWNTOWN NETWORK, (MAIN STREET PROGRAM) Alderman Askew seconded.

Voting Yea: Alderman McDonald, Alderman Bell, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Smith, Alderman Askew, Alderman Aregood

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

Voting Yea: Alderman McDonald, Alderman Bell, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Smith, Alderman Askew, Alderman Aregood

#### **L. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Alderman Aregood, Seconded by Alderman Askew. 7:44 p.m.