



BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, July 09, 2024 at 7:00 PM

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

MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. INVOCATION - Reverend Mark Smith, Pastor - Thrive Church, 746 California Avenue SW, Camden, AR 71701

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Alderman Lawrence Askew

Alderman Chris Aregood

Alderman Gerald Castleberry

Alderman L.E. Lindsey

Alderman William McCoy

Alderman Edward Winters

Alderman Brady Renix

ABSENT

Alderman Marvin Moore

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. June 11, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve with corrections made by Alderman Aregood, Seconded by Alderman Askew.

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

F. ACCEPTANCE OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. Financial report for June 2024

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

Alderman Moore arrived during discussion.

Motion to table the financials until the next meeting made by Alderman Moore, Seconded by Alderman Castleberry.

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

Voting Nay: Alderman Lindsey

G. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Bryan Smith, 223 North Street, publicly apologized to the Mayor for some of his previous statements, and lodged a complaint about the house next door to him.

Lilly Gossett, 290 Parker, stated she had received a letter from Code Enforcement on violations at her home but her land lord is responsible for the work not her. It was explained that the landlord and the tennant both receive letters when there is a violation.

Sam Mulligan, 904 Tate, presented some changes he would like to see made to the new dog ordinance.

Bishop Arnold, 518 Sharp, requested a town hall meeting on crime in Lincoln Center, Fort Lookout, the Missouri Street area and the Berg area.

H. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Young introduced interim Police Chief Royce Carpenter, and announced Civil Service testing for July 20th. Mayor Young announced that patrols will be starting soon in conjunction with the Housing Authority.

Mayor Yoiung introduced Thomas Vaughan as the new Commuinity Development Director and Jeanette Sewell as the new Code Enforcement Officer.

The Mayor recognized Evelyn Gulley and other teachers in the audience for stepping up to organize an after school program for the Housing Authority. Ms. Gulley wrote a proposal to the Housing Authority and there will be study halls at Lincoln Center, Ivory Heights, and Fort Lookout this year.

In announcements, the Mayor said that the soup kitchen "Feed my Sheep" will be opening soon; the swimming pool is now open and swim lessons and water aerobics are available; indoor pickleball is available Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at Planting a Seed in Carnes Park.

I. OLD BUSINESS

1. **Ordinance No. 08-24**, an ordinance amending Camden Code Sections 2-46, 2-52 and 2-53, regarding purchases and contracts; and for other purposes. (Third and final reading)

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

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

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

Voting Nay: Alderman Moore

Voting Abstaining: Alderman Askew, Alderman McCoy

J. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Resolution No. 33-24**, a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with the Ouachita County Cooperative Extension Service to provide educational programs.

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

Motion to approve made by Alderman Aregood, 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. 33-24**, a resolution amending the Annual Operating Budget for 2024: and for other purposes.

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

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

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

- 3. Resolution No. 34-24**, a resolution authorizing the Mayor to purchase a compact excavator 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 Lindsey, Seconded by Alderman Castleberry.

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

Voting Abstaining: Alderman McCoy

- 4. Ordinance No. 09-24**, an ordinance amending section 6, Building and Building Regulations, Article II, Plumbing of the City of Camden, Arkansas Code of Ordinances, adopting by reference the 2018 Arkansas Plumbing Code and the 2018 Arkansas Fuel Gas Code; and for other purposes.

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

K. OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Young stated that Alderman Renix was in her office earlier in the week and would like to get his neighborhood watch and the one in Peacock Addition going again.

Alderman Askew inquired about the accounting firm. He was told there were still a few kinks to be worked out and hopefully information will be available at the next meeting.

Alderman Renix asked if the Council still gets to know the prices even if a bid wasn't required. Yes, prices are usually in the resolution.

Alderman Castleberry stated that people are wanting speed bumps on Cherokee and Osage, there's been a lot of speeding. He also said that Summit contracted with Pike Gas for doing pipe work and Pike went through some sewer lines. The water came out and helped the plumber get things fixed.

Alderman Moore requested the name of the contract coordinator for Pike Gas. The information can be found with the Summit coordinator.

Alderman Moore requested more police patrols during kickball, just a few extra drive throughs on Wednesday and Sunday. Mayor Young credited Jasmine Moore with rounding up all the teams. Alderman Moore said it would be nice if some tents were donated.

Alderman McCoy asked if there is a pay scale in place. He also stated that he doesn't feel that the city should be charging to rent Teen Town.

Alderman Moore inquired about the Teen Town grant. He was told it will be two more months before we find out.

Alderman Lindsey made a motion to not rent Teen Town any more. Alderman Moore seconded. Motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

Alderman Lindsey stated that during the bad weather the previous evening, no sirens went off, it was only code red.

Alderman Askew inquired if Ms. Gossett would have to pay a fine for non-compliance and was told no, it would be the landlord.

L. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Alderman Lindsey, Seconded by Alderman Aregood. Meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Mayor, Charlotte Young

City Clerk, Donna Stewart