



BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, July 12, 2022 at 7:00 PM

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

MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. INVOCATION - Reverend Connell Muse, Pastor - Price Chapel Church of God In Christ, Taylor, Arkansas.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Alderman Cecil McDonald

Alderman James Bell by phone

Alderman L.E. Lindsey

Alderman William McCoy

Alderman Marvin Moore

Alderman Joe Askew

Alderman Chris Aregood

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Alderman Aregood, Seconded by Alderman Lindsey.

Voting Yea: Alderman McDonald, Alderman Bell, Alderman Lindsey, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Moore, Alderman Askew, Alderman Aregood

F. ACCEPTANCE OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

Motion made by Alderman Lindsey, Seconded by Alderman Askew.

Voting Yea: Alderman McDonald, Alderman Bell, Alderman Lindsey, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Moore, Alderman Askew, Alderman Aregood

G. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Mr. Ed Winters, 1141 Woodside Drive, thanked Public Works for their efforts and asked the status on street light repairs. He also inquired which employees would be getting raises.

Ms. Mary Armstrong, 905 Bradley Ferry Road, her daughter is having a stalker type problem and would like more help from the police department.

Ms. Paulette Seals, 513 Warner Street, was unhappy because she was sideswiped and the responding officer told her to wait in her car.

Gregory Nettles, 317 Lakeside, thanked Kevin Franklin and Ben Wooten for their work on the pool.

H. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor stated that Arkansas has been awarded 95 million dollars to help mitigate flooding in the state. Ouachita County is included on the list. Blake Harrell with South West Arkansas Planning and Development will be here next month to discuss flood mitigation. The Mayor reminded everyone that all new businesses need to come to City Hall before opening. Inspections need to be made for public safety, and licenses are required for businesses in the city and businesses doing business in

the City. Mayor Lott said that the City has a list of approximately 200 street light that are out and we are just waiting on Entergy to replace them. Code Enforcement Officer Ben Wooten is working on a grant application for the pavilion at Sandy Beach.

The Mayor then introduced James Nixon with Ouachita Partnership for Economic Development (OPED). Mr. Nixon spoke on Resolution 45-22. He stated that OPED needs \$225,000 a year for operations. The county has set aside \$155,000 for OPED on the contingency that the city also provides \$155,000. So far, the city has donated \$100,000 to OPED this year. This passing of this Resolution will enable them to collect the full \$155,000 from the county.

I. OLD BUSINESS

None

J. NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion to add Resolution 48-22 to the agenda made by Alderman Aregood, Seconded by Alderman Lindsey.
Voting Yea: Alderman McDonald, Alderman Bell, Alderman Lindsey, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Moore, Alderman Askew, Alderman Aregood.
Resolution 48-22 was added to the end of the agenda.
2. RESOLUTION NO. 41-22, A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE DILAPIDATED STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 538 HARRISON STREET A PUBLIC NUISANCE AND TO ORDER REMOVAL OF THE SAME.
Motion made by Alderman Lindsey, Seconded by Alderman Moore.
Voting Yea: Alderman McDonald, Alderman Bell, Alderman Lindsey, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Moore, Alderman Askew, Alderman Aregood
3. RESOLUTION NO. 42-22, A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE DILAPIDATED STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 604 IOWA STREET SW A PUBLIC NUISANCE AND TO ORDER REMOVAL OF SAME.
Motion made by Alderman Moore, Seconded by Alderman Askew.
Voting Yea: Alderman McDonald, Alderman Bell, Alderman Lindsey, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Moore, Alderman Askew, Alderman Aregood
4. RESOLUTION NO. 43-22, A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE DILAPIDATED STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 311 B MONROE STREET SW A PUBLIC NUISANCE AND TO ORDER REMOVAL OF THE SAME.
Motion made by Alderman Askew, Seconded by Alderman Lindsey.
Voting Yea: Alderman McDonald, Alderman Bell, Alderman Lindsey, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Moore, Alderman Askew, Alderman Aregood
5. RESOLUTION NO. 44-22, A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2022 ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
Motion made by Alderman Askew, Seconded by Alderman McDonald.
Voting Yea: Alderman McDonald, Alderman Bell, Alderman Lindsey, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Moore, Alderman Askew, Alderman Aregood
6. RESOLUTION NO. 45-22, A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2022 ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET; AUTHORIZING THE DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS TO OPED; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
Motion made by Alderman Aregood, Seconded by Alderman Lindsey.
Voting Yea: Alderman McDonald, Alderman Bell, Alderman Lindsey, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Moore,

Alderman Askew, Alderman Aregood

7. RESOLUTION NO. 46-22, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SALARY INCREASES; AMENDING THE 2022 ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Motion made by Alderman Askew, Seconded by Alderman McDonald.

Motion to amend resolution by adding "Elected officials," to beginning of Section 4, made by Alderman Lindsey, Seconded by Alderman Aregood.

Voting Yea: Alderman McDonald, Alderman Bell, Alderman Lindsey, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Moore, Alderman Askew, Alderman Aregood

Motion to approve as amended made by Alderman Askew, Seconded by Alderman Aregood.

Voting Yea: Alderman McDonald, Alderman Bell, Alderman Lindsey, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Moore, Alderman Askew, Alderman Aregood

8. RESOLUTION NO. 47-22, A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2022 ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET; AUTHORIZING THE DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS FOR REPAIRS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Motion made by Alderman Askew, Seconded by Alderman McCoy.

Motion to amend resolution by removing section 2 and renumbering remaining sections accordingly, made by Alderman Bell, Seconded by Alderman Askew.

Voting Yea: Alderman McDonald, Alderman Bell, Alderman Lindsey, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Moore, Alderman Askew, Alderman Aregood

Motion to approve as amended made by Alderman Askew, Seconded by Alderman McDonald.

Voting Yea: Alderman McDonald, Alderman Bell, Alderman Lindsey, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Moore, Alderman Askew, Alderman Aregood

9. RESOLUTION NO. 48-22, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMDEN, ARKANSAS, AMENDING THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR 2022; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Motion made by Alderman Aregood, Seconded by Alderman Moore.

Voting Yea: Alderman McDonald, Alderman Bell, Alderman Lindsey, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Moore, Alderman Askew, Alderman Aregood

K. OTHER BUSINESS

Public Works Director, Kevin Franklin, said that the pool may be able to open as early as this weekend.

Alderman Moore asked about the process for repairing street lights. He stated that it needs to be improved and get Entergy here to make the repairs.

Mayor Lott stated that he is planning on an Amnesty Program on court fines during the month of August.

L. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Alderman Aregood, seconded by Alderman McDonald. Meeting adjourned at 8:15.