



BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, August 09, 2022 at 7:00 PM

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

MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. INVOCATION Reverend Bennie Morgan, Pastor - Timothy United Methodist Church, 1800 California Avenue, Camden, Arkansas.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Alderman Cecil McDonald

Alderman L.E. Lindsey

Alderman William McCoy

Alderman Terrie Smith

Alderman Marvin Moore

Alderman Joe Askew

Alderman Chris Aregood

ABSENT

Alderman James Bell

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Alderman Askew pointed out that the pastor on July 13 was from Tyler, Arkansas, not Tyler, Texas. Alderman McDonald pointed out the the July 28 minutes did not state special called meeting.

Motion to amend the minutes made by Alderman Askew, Seconded by Alderman Aregood.

Voting Yea: Alderman McDonald, Alderman Lindsey, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Smith, Alderman Moore, Alderman Askew, Alderman Aregood.

Motion to accept the minutes as amended made by Alderman Aregood, Seconded by Alderman Askew.

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

F. ACCEPTANCE OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

Motion to accept the financial report made by Alderman Lindsey, Seconded by Alderman Aregood.

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

G. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Ms. Corliss Sinclair, 585 Agee Avenue, NW, stated that she has been waiting for the Council to address problems of the citizens of the City, waiting for initiatives to come from the Council. She asked that each month a different alderman give a report on what they've done for their ward.

H. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Lott announced that the District Court will honor Gloria Fountain on Thursday, August 11 and everyone is invited. The Mayor said that community service will now accrue at the rate of \$15 per hour, and he announced Amnesty August. If anyone owing old fees presents themselves at court, they can pay half of what's owed and have the other half dismissed.

David Richardson was introduced to present the bi-annual water and sewer report. He said with current inflation, it is difficult to plan for the future. There has been a 25% increase in prices for pipeline and a 20 week lead time, putting some updates off until 2023. When he completed his report, Mr. Richardson introduced Bill Halter with Scenic Solar.

Mr. Halter said it's all good news. He said savings are right in line with what they had projected in the beginning. He stated that the Water Department has saved over \$18,000 this year and should be \$36,000 by the end of the year. Mr. Halter said in year 6, the City could purchase the power plant and add battery storage if they wished.

The Mayor introduced Katie Hardy, Resiliency Coordinator for a presentation on the county wide Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. Ms. Hardy quickly touched on the 5 steps to create a mitigation plan and emphasized that it was only for natural hazards such as earthquakes, floods, wildfires.

I. OLD BUSINESS

J. NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Aregood made a motion to amend the agenda and add Resolution 58-22 to the end of the agenda, Seconded by Alderman Lindsey.

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

1. ORDINANCE NO. 7-22, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CAMDEN WATER UTILITIES TO INCREASE SEWER RATES FOR CUSTOMERS OF THE AIRPORT SEWER SYSTEM; PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Alderman Lindsey introduced the Ordinance and the clerk read the number and title. Alderman Lindsey made a motion to suspend the rules, Seconded by Alderman Moore.

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

Alderman Askew made a motion to approve, Seconded by Alderman Lindsey.

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

Alderman Aregood made a motion to accept the emergency Clause, Seconded by Alderman Lindsey.

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

2. RESOLUTION NO. 49-22, A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE OPERATING BUDGET FOR 2022; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES AT THE AIRPORT.

The Mayor introduced the Resolution and the Clerk read the number and title. Alderman Lindsey made a motion to approve, Seconded by Alderman Askew.

Voting Yea: Alderman McDonald, Alderman Lindsey, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Smith, Alderman

Moore, Alderman Askew, Alderman Aregood

3. R 54-22, A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE DILAPIDATED STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 257 CENTER STREET A PUBLIC NUISANCE AND TO ORDER THE REMOVAL OF SAME.

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

Alderman Smith made a motion to approve, Seconded by Alderman Lindsey.

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

4. RESOLUTION NO. 55-22, A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2022 ADOPTED BUDGET FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING AND EXPENDING THE \$5,000 STIPEND FOR ELIGIBLE FULL-TIME LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.

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

Alderman Aregood made a motion to approve the Resolution, Seconded by Alderman Lindsey.

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

5. RESOLUTION NO. 56-22, A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2022 ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES (CASA); AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

Alderman Lindsey made a motion to approve the Resolution, Seconded by Alderman McDonald.

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

6. RESOLUTION NO. 57-22, A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2022 ANNUAL BUDGET; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PURCHASE A TRACTOR THROUGH AN INTERLOCAL CONTRACT FOR COOPERATIVE PURCHASING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

Alderman Lindsey made a motion to approve the Resolution, Seconded by Alderman Askew.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 58-22, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR A 50/50 MATCHING GRANT FROM THE ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND TOURISM'S OUTDOOR RECREATION GRANT PROGRAM.

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

Alderman Aregood made a motion to approve the Resolution, Seconded by Alderman Askew.

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

K. OTHER BUSINESS

Alderman Lindsey stated that the pool is open thanks to the help of the water department and asked that next year the same gentleman be hired as a contractor for the pool. He would also like for him to be paid \$25 an hour for the 8 hours that he worked on the pool this summer. Attorney Frey said there will need to be an Ordinance allowing an employee of the Water Department to do business with the City.

The Mayor called for a workshop on August 30 to discuss Pafford Ambulance Service.

Alderman Moore inquired about the street lights. The Mayor said that Entergy has contracted out the repairs and the process has changed a little to poles are being turned in again.

L. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Alderman Aregood, Seconded by Alderman Askew.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.