



## BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, February 11, 2025 at 7:00 PM  
City Hall, 206 Van Buren NE, Camden, AR 71701

### MINUTES

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#### **A. CALL TO ORDER**

**B. INVOCATION** - Elder Donald Juniel, Associate Pastor - St. Paul Christian Church, 134 Ouachita 404, Camden, AR

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

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

PRESENT

Alderman Lawrence Askew

Alderman Gerald Castleberry

Alderman Edward Winters

Alderman Boyd Woody

Alderman Willie Cooper

Alderman Josh Steed

ABSENT

Alderman William McCoy

Alderman Brady Renix

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

The Clerk apologized for the lack of minutes. Due to computer/internet problems, the minutes will be presented at the next meeting.

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

The accountants also had problems with the internet and couldn't keep a connection long enough to gain the financials before the meeting.

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

Eric Gunter, 28 Chaffee Creek, asked about the hours of road closure by the Intermodal Park. He said the road was blocked by Mt. Hebron outside of the hours posted.

Larry Mitchell, 649 Magnolia Road, had questions about his water bill and being fired from the city for a heart attack. FMLA was explained to him.

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

The Mayor gave the State of the City address, listing all of the positive things that have happened for Camden in the last year including new businesses.

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

1. **Ordinance No. 1-25**, an ordinance amending Chapter 10, Fire Prevention and Protections, Article 1, and amending Chapter 6, Buildings and Building Regulations, Article 1, of the Code of Ordinance of the City of Camden, Arkansas. (second reading)

Alderman Winters introduced the Ordinance for the second reading and the City Clerk read the number and title.

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

1. **Ordinance No. 2-25**, an ordinance assessing a lien on certain property located at 213 Wood St.

Alderman Castleberry introduced the Ordinance and the City Clerk read the number and title. Alderman Askew made a motion to suspend the rules and put the ordinance up for the third and final reading. Alderman Cooper seconded.

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

Motion to accept the ordinance made by Alderman Askew, Seconded by Alderman Winters.

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

2. **Resolution No. 2-25**, a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with the Ouachita Partnership for Economic Development (OPED) to provide certain Economic Development Services for the City of Camden; and for other purposes.

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

Motion to approve made by Alderman Castleberry, Seconded by Alderman Cooper.

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

3. **Resolution No. 3-25**, a resolution authorizing the sale of real property; 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 Castleberry.

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

4. **Resolution No. 4-25**, a resolution authorizing the Mayor to purchase a New Pumper Truck for the City of Camden Fire Department; and for other purposes.

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

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

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

Voting Nay: Alderman Woody

5. **Resolution No. 5-25**, a resolution confirming the re-appointment of Fred Lilly to the Camden Housing Authority.

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

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

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

6. **Resolution No. 6-25**, a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with the Ouachita County Cooperative Extension Service to provide Education Programs.

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

Motion to approve made by Alderman Castleberry, Seconded by Alderman Cooper.

Alderman Woody made a motion to amend the resolution and move \$2,000 from Special Projects Contingency into line item 01-150-57560 funding the Extension Office in the amount of \$5,500, Seconded by Alderman Askew.

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

Motion to approve as amended made by Alderman Castleberry, Seconded by Alderman Steed.

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

**K. OTHER BUSINESS**

Alderman Winters reminded everyone that the Daffodil Festival is March 8 and there will be a city-wide clean up on Saturday, March 1, 2025. Everyone can pick up garbage bags and water at Thrive Church on California.

Alderman Castleberry stated that he would like to revisit an entertainment district for the City. He said there needs to be more for college aged and married couples to do.

Alderman Steed said he would like the Fire Chief to have a new chair, and he would like more discussion on an ambulance service.

Alderman Cooper gave a brief report on his Ward 3 meeting, and said that most of the complaints from that meeting have already been addressed.

**L. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn made by Alderman Cooper, Seconded by Alderman Steed. Meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

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Mayor, Charlotte Young

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City Clerk, Donna Stewart