BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, June 09, 2026 at 7:00 PM

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

MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. INVOCATION – Alderman Josh Steed

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. ROLL CALL

PRESENT
Alderman Lawrence Askew
Alderman William McCoy
Alderman Edward Winters
Alderman Willie Cooper
Alderman Josh Steed
Alderman Patric Flannigan

ABSENT
Alderman Gerald Castleberry
Alderman Boyd Woody

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve made by Alderman Winters, Seconded by Alderman Askew.
Voting Yea: Alderman Askew, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Winters, Alderman Cooper, Alderman Steed, Alderman Flannigan

F. ACCEPTANCE OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

Motion to approve made by Alderman Askew, Seconded by Alderman Cooper.
Voting Yea: Alderman Askew, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Winters, Alderman Cooper, Alderman Steed, Alderman Flannigan

G. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Michael Fountain, 410 Palisade, claimed that the residents on Palisade were unhappy that the City had started paving the street, as they wanted to be on the end of the list and have the entire street paved all at once. He was informed that the worst portion was done to keep it from getting worse, while they wait to make sure that the utility companies are through cutting the road. Mr. Fountain seemed to be under the impression that it was done for the benefit of one particular person.

Alderman McCoy invited a speaker to the podium. Sharise Allen, 2904 Hwy 79, thanked the Mayor and the City for First Friday. She said community, love, and support don't happen by accident.

H. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Young introduced Mike Sherman to give an update on the Camden Sportsplex. Mr. Sherman said that 629 kids played baseball, softball, soccer and flag football this year. There were 108 adult volunteers who all took and passed a background check. This year, they did a team draft for the

first time and pulled it off in an hour and fifteen minutes. New lights are up on the fields. They will be putting in a request to host a state tournament next year. Alderman Askew inquired about plans for the gym so they can have basketball. Mr. Sherman said they don't have a lease for the gym but they would love to have a basketball program. The roof will have to be repaired before that can happen. When asked about educational programs Mr. Sherman said they would like to partner with the Plant a Seed Foundation to help with their educational programs.

I. OLD BUSINESS

1. **Ordinance No. 04-26, an ordinance repealing Ordinance 23-13; Amending the Camden Zoning Ordinance to permit Multi-Family Dwellings in Zone C-2; and for other purposes.**

   Alderman Winters 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, Seconded by Alderman Steed.
   Voting Yea: Alderman Askew, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Winters, Alderman Cooper, Alderman Steed, Alderman Flannigan

   Motion to approve made by Alderman Askew, Seconded by Alderman Winters.
   Voting Yea: Alderman Askew, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Winters, Alderman Cooper, Alderman Steed, Alderman Flannigan passed

J. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Resolution No. 23-26, a resolution declaring the structure located at 905 Franklin Street a public nuisance and to order the removal of same.**

   Mayor Young introduced the resolution and the City Clerk read the number and title. Motion to approve made by Alderman Askew, Seconded by Alderman McCoy.
   Voting Yea: Alderman Askew, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Winters, Alderman Cooper, Alderman Steed, Alderman Flannigan passed

2. **Resolution No. 24-26, a resolution declaring the structure located at 429 Agee Street a public nuisance and to order the removal of same.**

   Mayor Young introduced the resolution and the City Clerk read the number and title Motion to approve made by Alderman Askew, Seconded by Alderman Cooper.
   Voting Yea: Alderman Askew, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Winters, Alderman Cooper, Alderman Steed, Alderman Flannigan passed

3. **Resolution No. 25-26, a resolution declaring the structure located at 422 Holly Street a public nuisance and to order the removal of same.**

   Mayor Young introduced the resolution and the City Clerk read the number and title Motion to approve made by Alderman Cooper, Seconded by Alderman McCoy.
   Voting Yea: Alderman Askew, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Winters, Alderman Cooper, Alderman Steed, Alderman Flannigan passed

K. OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Young asked Alderman Flannigan to update everyone on Juneteenth. Alderman Flannigan said there will be a parade on Friday with a party in the field behind Carver Courts that evening. Saturday there will be a Greek picnic, voter registration, food all day. Sunday is worship in the park and a tribute honoring Terry Callahan.

Mayor Young announced a special called meeting Monday, June 15, to set the new rental rates for Teen Town.

Alderman Cooper announced that the Texas Street crossing has been repaired by OmniTRAX. He asked for an update on the pavilion. He said it was installed incorrectly and asked if the City was going after them? He was informed the investigation is still ongoing by Chief Covington and Inspector Smith as the pavilion is being disassembled.

L. ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Young adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

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Mayor, Charlotte Young

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City Clerk, Donna Stewart