



## BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, June 10, 2025 at 7:00 PM

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

### AGENDA

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- A. **CALL TO ORDER**
- B. **INVOCATION** - Reverend Scott Bodenhamer, Pastor - Freedom Church, 2212 Hwy 278 W, Camden, Arkansas, 71701
- C. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- D. **ROLL CALL**
- E. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
  - [1.](#) Minutes from May 13, 2025 Regular Meeting
- F. **ACCEPTANCE OF FINANCIAL REPORTS**
- G. **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**
- H. **MAYOR'S REPORT**
- I. **OLD BUSINESS**
- J. **NEW BUSINESS**
  - [1.](#) **Ordinance No. 6-25**, an ordinance amending Section 12-62 of the Camden Code of Ordinances regarding the location of Tattoo Parlors; allowing Tattoo Parlors in Zones C-3 and C-4 Districts; and for other purposes.
  - [2.](#) **Ordinance No. 7-25**, an ordinance permitting a member of the Board of Aldermen to be interested in contracts with the City of Camden, Arkansas.
  - [3.](#) **Resolution No. 22-25**, a resolution authorizing the offering of Capital Improvement Revenue Bonds; and prescribing other matters pertaining thereto.
  - [4.](#) **Resolution No. 23-25**, a resolution amending the 2025 Annual Operating Budget and awarding the bid for replacing the roof at the Carnes Park Community Center; and for other purposes.
  - [5.](#) **Resolution No. 24-25**, a resolution amending the 2025 Annual Operating Budget; providing for part-time Police Officers; and for other purposes.
- K. **OTHER BUSINESS**
- L. **ADJOURNMENT**



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### MINUTES

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

**B. INVOCATION** - Reverend Johnny L. Jackson, Associate Pastor, New Mt. Hebron Missionary Baptist Church, 2417 Old Smackover Road, Camden, Arkansas

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

Mayor Young swore in new Alderman Patric Flannigan

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

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

Alderman Boyd Woody

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Margaret Smith, 223 North, said she and her business are being bullied by Code Enforcement.

Brian Smith, 223 North, said the Mayor is hateful to his business because he is affiliated with a man who just announced his candidacy for Mayor. He also accused the Mayor of being racist.

Quita Robinson, 225 Agee, stated that she was unhappy with the way her boys were treated at the park and asked for a public apology to them.

Amorette Hawkins, 2814 Evergreen, asked for a public apology to the boys.

Antonio Robinson, 225 Agee, told the Mayor that she should have spoken to the boys herself and not asked the police to do it. He said all he wanted was an apology for the boys.

Larry Mitchell, 649 Magnolia Road, asked why the Council didn't discuss during the meeting the questions that are brought forward during audience participation.

**H. MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Young introduced Public Works Director, Earl Porchia, for an update. Mr. Porchia informed the Council that the commercial sanitation truck, ordered last year, has arrived. The bathroom remodel and repair has been completed at the landfill and they hope to start on the control room in July or August. The landfill passed the quarterly inspection. The Parks Department is currently hiring lifeguards for the pool which will open May 23. Hours for the Holiday weekend will be 4-7 on Friday, 10-7 on Saturday, and 1-7 on Sunday. The new chlorinator was given by a generous donor, and saved the city over \$50,000. Mr. Porchia informed the Council that the A&P Commission will be upgrading the lights in the parks to LED, and they started spraying for mosquitoes on May 5th.

**I. OLD BUSINESS**

1. **Ordinance No. 04-25**, an ordinance permitting an official of the Camden Airport commission to be interested in contracts with the City of Camden, Arkansas.

Alderman Castleberry introduced the ordinance, and the City Clerk read the number and title.

Motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance for the third and final reading made by Alderman Winters, Seconded by Alderman Cooper.

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

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

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

**J. NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Ordinance No. 05-25**, an ordinance amending Section 9, **Electricity**, Section 9-1, Electrical Code adopted by the City of Camden, Arkansas, Code of Ordinances, adopting by reference the 2020 national Electrical Code.

Alderman Castleberry introduced the ordinance, and the City Clerk read the number and title.

Motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance for the third and final reading made by Alderman Castleberry, Seconded by Alderman Winters.

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

Motion to accept the ordinance made by Alderman Cooper, Seconded by Alderman Castleberry.

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

**K. OTHER BUSINESS**

Mayor Young pointed out the article from ORVA Magazine that she left at everyone's spot. Dredging should start on the Ouachita River in a couple of months. They are trying to get the river designated as a Marine Highway, which would greatly benefit Camden and the Port. She also announced the passing of long time Port Authority board member Edwin Horton. The Mayor said that Frank Bateman with the Arkansas Black Mayors Association contacted her to let her know that the government has reinstated the funding for the Watershed Project and they are about to begin Phase II, design. Michael Baker Engineering has been selected for the design phase. Mayor Young announced that a Civic Arkansas Credential Workshop will be held Friday June 6 from 9:00 until Noon at OPED.

Alderman Flannigan asked how many phases there were for the Watershed Project. There are three: planning, design, and implementation.

Alderman Askew stated that the process for naming the police building needs to be sped along. He also said that some signs need to be posted at the playground, especially one reminding people to keep their dogs out of the play area.

Alderman Steed reminded everyone to keep the police department and Ms. Gwen’s family in their prayers. Ms. Gwen had worked at the police department for 31 years.

Alderman Winters invited the Council and City employees to join the Memorial Day Parade. He said that the County Justices had been invited also. The parade will start at 10:00 on Saturday May 24.

Alderman Cooper announced that Ward 3 will have a meet and greet in July to welcome Alderman Flannigan.

**L. ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Castleberry made the motion to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

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Mayor, Charlotte Young

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City Clerk, Donna Stewart

**ORDINANCE NO. 06-25**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMDEN, ARKANSAS, AMENDING SECTION 12-62 OF THE CAMDEN CODE OF ORDINANCES REGARDING THE LOCATION OF TATTOO PARLORS; ALLOWING TATTOO PARLORS IN ZONE C-3 DISTRICTS AS A CONDITIONAL USE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, the City enacted Ordinance Number 13-97 regarding the allowed locations of tattoo parlors; and

**WHEREAS**, Ordinance 13-97 is codified at Section 12-62 of the Camden Code of Ordinances; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 12-62 authorizes tattoo parlors in zone C-4 districts as a conditional use; and

**WHEREAS**, the City desires to also allow tattoo parlors in zone C-3 districts as a conditional use.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMDEN, ARKANSAS, THAT:**

**SECTION 1.** Section 12-62 of the Camden Code of Ordinances is hereby repealed in its entirety and replaced by the following:

Sec. 12-62 – LOCATION. No tattoo parlor shall be allowed in any zoning district except C-3 and C-4 where they may be allowed as conditional uses subject to the following:

No tattoo parlor may be operated within one thousand feet (1,000’) of:

- (1) A church.
- (2) A public or private elementary, secondary or post-secondary school, pre-school or child care facility.
- (3) A public park.
- (4) A residential zone or residential use.
- (5) Another tattoo parlor.

**PASSED AND APPROVED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.**

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**Mayor**

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**City Clerk**

**ORDINANCE NO. 07 -25**

**AN ORDINANCE PERMITTING A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN TO BE INTERESTED IN CONTRACTS WITH THE CITY OF CAMDEN, ARKANSAS.**

**WHEREAS**, Arkansas Code Annotated § 14-42-107 prohibits a council member from having a direct or indirect interest in the profits of any contract with the City unless an ordinance is passed specifically permitting the official to do so and prescribing the extent of the authority; and

**WHEREAS**, Camden Ordinance 11-83, codified at Camden Code Section 2-57, requires that any contract between the City and an alderman be awarded only after publicly soliciting sealed competitive bids and securing the approval of the Board of Aldermen; and

**WHEREAS**, Willie Cooper is a member of the Camden Board of Aldermen; and

**WHEREAS**, the elective term for Willie Cooper will expire December 31, 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, Willie Cooper is a principal with Cooper & Son Construction, located at 544 Louisiana, Camden, Arkansas; and

**WHEREAS**, Cooper & Son Construction could provide services to the City of Camden; and

**WHEREAS**, the City desires that Willie Cooper, through his company, be allowed to provide services to the City of Camden as the need arises and in accordance with the City’s ordinance relative to purchases and contracts.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMDEN, ARKANSAS, THAT:**

**SECTION 1.** The City Council, the official governing body of the City of Camden, Arkansas, specifically authorizes the City to enter into contract with Cooper & Son Construction, located at 544 Louisiana, Camden, Arkansas, on an as needed basis until December 31, 2026, in accordance with the City’s ordinance relative to purchases and contracts, without the necessity of prior approval of the Board of Aldermen.

**SECTION 2.** This Ordinance shall not be construed to require the City of Camden to solely use the services of the above-mentioned company, but to provide authorization pursuant to Arkansas Code Annotated § 14-42-107 for Willie Cooper, a member of the Board of Alderman, to be interested in an ongoing contractual relationship with the City of Camden in furnishing his services as the need arises under the guidelines of the City’s ordinance relative to purchases and contracts.

**PASSED AND APPROVED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.**

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**Mayor**

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**City Clerk**

RESOLUTION NO. 22-25

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE OFFERING OF  
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT REVENUE BONDS; AND  
PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS PERTAINING THERETO.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Camden, Arkansas (the "City") has determined that the City is in need of street improvements and improvements to the Carnes Park Community Center (collectively, the "Improvements"); and

WHEREAS, in order to finance all or a portion of the costs of the Improvements, the City proposes to issue its Capital Improvement Revenue Bonds (the "Bonds") in the approximate principal amount of \$6,750,000; and

WHEREAS, the Bonds will be secured by franchise fees received by the City;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Camden, Arkansas:

Section 1. The offering of the Bonds is hereby authorized.

Section 2. The terms of the sale of the Bonds, including particularly, without limitation, the purchase price, interest rates, maturities, principal amounts and redemption dates shall be subject to the approval of the City Council by ordinance at a subsequent meeting.

Section 3. The officials of the City are hereby authorized and directed to work with Stephens Inc., as underwriter, and Friday, Eldredge and Clark, LLP, as bond counsel, in connection with the sale of the Bonds.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 10th day of June, 2025.

APPROVED:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

(SEAL)

CERTIFICATE

The undersigned, City Clerk of the City of Camden, Arkansas (the "City"), hereby certifies that the foregoing is a true and compared copy of a resolution passed at a regular session of the City Council of the City, held at the regular meeting place of the Council at 7:00 o'clock p.m. on the 10th day of June, 2025.

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City Clerk

(SEAL)



**RESOLUTION NO. 23-25**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMDEN, ARKANSAS,  
AMENDING THE 2025 OPERATING BUDGET AND AWARDING THE BID FOR  
REPLACING THE ROOF AT THE CARNES PARK COMMUNITY CENTER; AND  
FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

**WHEREAS**, the Community Center at Carnes Park is in need of a replacement roof; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2025 operating budget transferred \$100,000.00 from the General Fund to the Camden Community Center Fund; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2025 operating budget included \$50,000.00 in line item 22-53676 for capital outlay in the Camden Community Center Fund; and

**WHEREAS**, the City solicited bids for replacement of the roof on the Community Center at Carnes Park; and

**WHEREAS**, the lowest qualified bid was submitted by Robert Boston Roofing for \$52,000; and

**WHEREAS**, the City desires to hire Robert Boston Roofing to replace the roof on the Community Center at Carnes Park.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
CAMDEN, ARKANSAS THAT:**

**SECTION 1.** The 2025 operating budget is amended to transfer \$2,000.00 from appropriated reserves in the Camden Community Center Fund to line 22-53676 for capital outlay, increasing it to \$52,000.00.

**SECTION 2.** The Council of the City of Camden hereby awards the bid for the replacement of the roof on the Carnes Park Community Center to Robert Boston Roofing.

**SECTION 3.** The Mayor is authorized to enter a contract with Robert Boston Roofing to replace the roof on the Carnes Park Community Center for Fifty-Two Thousand Dollars (\$52,000).

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2025

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MAYOR

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CITY CLERK

**RESOLUTION NO. 25-25**

**A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2025 ANNUAL  
OPERATING BUDGET; PROVIDING FOR PART-TIME  
POLICE OFFICERS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

**WHEREAS**, it is imperative to adequately staff the Camden Police Department to respond to the multitude of calls and duties placed upon it; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2025 operating budget included \$72,161.00 in line item 01-110-51110 for regular salaries; and

**WHEREAS**, there remains an unused balance of \$64,327.40 in line item 01-110-51110; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council desires to transfer \$50,000.00 from line item 01-110-51110 to a newly created line item 01-110-51111 for part-time officers.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMDEN, ARKANSAS, THAT:**

**SECTION 1.** A new line item 01-110-51111 is created in the 2025 annual operating budget for paying part-time police officers.

**SECTION 2.** The 2025 annual operating budget is amended by transferring Fifty-Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) from line item 01-110-51110 to newly created line item 01-110-51111.

**SECTION 3.** The 2025 annual operating budget is amended to provide in the Police Department Personnel Schedule for five (5) positions of “Part-Time Officer” with a requested total salary of Fifty-Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00).

**PASSED AND APPROVED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.**

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**Mayor**

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**City Clerk**