BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, October 13, 2026 at 7:00 PM

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

AGENDA

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. INVOCATION - Reverend Scott Bodenhamer, Pastor - Freedom Church, 2212 US 278, Camden, Arkansas

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. ROLL CALL

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

F. ACCEPTANCE OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

G. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

H. MAYOR'S REPORT

I. OLD BUSINESS

J. NEW BUSINESS

1. **ORDINANCE NO. 07-26, an ordinance fixing the rate of taxation for the City of Camden, Arkansas, fixing the rate of taxation for the year 2027; Declaring an emergency; and for other purposes.**
2. **RESOLUTION NO. 34-26, a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an addendum to the Lease Agreement with the Event Center at Fairview Park; and for other purposes.**
3. **RESOLUTION NO. 35-26, a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an extension of the Lease Agreement with the Plant-a-Seed Foundation.**
4. **RESOLUTION NO. 36-26, a resolution amending the 2026 Annual Operating Budget for Police Department vehicle repairs; and for other purposes.**

K. OTHER BUSINESS

L. ADJOURNMENT

ORDINANCE NO. 07-26

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMDEN, ARKANSAS, FIXING THE RATE OF TAXATION FOR THE YEAR 2027; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

SECTION 1. Upon each and every dollar of taxable property, both real and personal, there shall be and is hereby levied the following rate of taxation for the year 2027:

1. For defraying the general expense of the City, known as taxes for general purposes:

   5.0 mills on the dollar for real property.

   5.0 mills on the dollar for personal property.

2. For creating a fund to be used for the payment of firemen's pensions:

   1.0 mills on the dollar for real property.

   1.0 mills on the dollar for personal property.

3. For creating a fund to be used for the payment of policemen's pensions:

   1.0 mills on the dollar for real property.

   1.0 mills on the dollar for personal property.

4. For creating a fund to be used for maintenance of a public library:

   1.0 mills on the dollar for real property.

   1.0 mills on the dollar for personal property.

SECTION 2. The County Clerk of Ouachita County, Arkansas, on receipt of a duly certified copy of this Ordinance from the City Clerk of the City of Camden, is directed to enter upon the tax books of Ouachita County, Arkansas, for the year 2027, the foregoing rate of taxation by which all property, both real and personal, is assessed in the City of Camden, and the Collector of Ouachita County, Arkansas, is directed to collect said taxes and pay over to the Treasurer of the City of Camden the respective amounts so collected and found due to said City on his statement with the County Clerk of Ouachita County, Arkansas.

SECTION 3. It is recognized that according to the provisions of Arkansas Code Ann. § 26-26-406, the County Clerk of Ouachita County, Arkansas, has the statutory authority to make base year adjustments to the millage levy for personal property outlined above.

SECTION 4. It is ascertained that the time for making the levy of these taxes for the year 2027 is about to expire and in order to prevent the loss of revenues to the City of Camden, it is necessary that this Ordinance take effect immediately; therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS_____DAY OF_____, 2026.

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Mayor

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City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 34-26

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMDEN, ARKANSAS, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN ADDENDUM TO THE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE EVENT CENTER AT FAIRVIEW PARK; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the Camden City Council previously authorized a lease agreement with the Event Center at Fairview Park (ECFP) in Resolution 26-23; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to modify the lease agreement with the ECFP; and

WHEREAS, the current lease agreement provides that the ECFP shall reimburse the City for the cost of property insurance on the leased premises; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to place a maximum valuation on the leased premises for which the ECFP shall be responsible at Eight-Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars ($850,000.00).

WHEREAS, the City desires to allow the ECFP to prepay the annual lease payments due under the lease agreement.

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

SECTION 1. The Mayor is authorized to execute an addendum to the lease agreement with the Event Center at Fairview Park to provide that the ECFP shall only be required to reimburse the City for the cost of insurance up to a maximum valuation on the leased premises of Eight-Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars ($850,000.00).

SECTION 2. The Mayor is authorized to execute an addendum to the lease agreement with the Event Center at Fairview Park to provide that the ECFP may pre-pay the annual lease payments specified in the lease agreement.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2026.

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Mayor

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City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 35-26

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMDEN, ARKANSAS, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN EXTENSION OF THE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE PLANTING A SEED FOUNDATION.

WHEREAS, the City owns the "Old Boys Club Building" at Carnes Park; and

WHEREAS, the City Council previously approved a resolution authorizing the mayor to enter into a lease agreement with the Planting-A-Seed Foundation for said premises; and

WHEREAS, the Planting-A-Seed Foundation desires to make repairs and improvements to the leased premises; and

WHEREAS, the Planting-A-Seed Foundation desires to extend the term of the lease to justify the expenses of repairs and improvements; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to extend the term of the lease because the repairs and improvements will benefit the City's property; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to lease the premises to the Planting-A-Seed-Foundation because it provides a youth program beneficial to the citizens of Camden; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to place a maximum valuation on the leased premises for which Planting a Seed shall be responsible at Two-Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars ($250,000.00).

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

SECTION 1. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute an extension of the lease agreement with the Planting-A-Seed Foundation for an additional ten (10) years.

SECTION 2. The Mayor is authorized to execute an extension to provide that the Planting a Seed Foundation shall only be required to reimburse the City for the cost of insurance up to a maximum valuation on the leased premises of Two-Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars ($250,000.00).

SECTION 2. All other terms of the previous lease agreement shall remain unchanged.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2026.

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Mayor

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City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 36-26

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2026 ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT VEHICLE REPAIRS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the Police Department had vehicles damaged this year that were covered by insurance; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 annual operating budget included the sum of Thirty-Thousand Dollars ($30,000.00) in line item 1-110-53320 for Police Department repair parts/vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department has expended approximately Twenty-Seven Thousand Dollars ($27,000.00) so far this year for repair parts/vehicles from line item 1-110-53320, due to unanticipated damage to vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the unanticipated expenses to repair these vehicles was taken from line item 1-110-53320; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 annual operating budget included estimated income of Five-Thousand Dollars ($5,000.00) in line item 1-46330 for insurance recovery-police; and

WHEREAS, the City has received approximately Fifty-Three Thousand Dollars ($53,000.00) in line item 1-46330 for insurance recovery-police so far this year; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to amend the 2026 annual operating budget to add Ten-Thousand Dollars ($10,000.00) to line item 1-110-53320 for Police Department repair parts/vehicles to cover such expenses for the remainder of the year.

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

SECTION 1. The 2026 annual operating budget is amended by adding Ten-Thousand Dollars ($10,000.00) to line item 1-110-53320 for Police Department repair parts/vehicles, increasing it from Thirty-Thousand Dollars ($30,000.00) to Forty-Thousand Dollars ($40,000.00).

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS_____DAY OF_____, 2026.

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Mayor

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City Clerk