



BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, August 08, 2023 at 7:00 PM

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

AGENDA

- A. **CALL TO ORDER**
- B. **INVOCATION** - Rev. Jim Lockhart, Interim Pastor - Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church, 675 Viser Street SE, Camden, Arkansas
- C. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- D. **ROLL CALL**
- E. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - 1. Minutes Regular Meeting July 11, 2023
- F. **ACCEPTANCE OF FINANCIAL REPORTS**
 - 1. Financial Report for July 2023
- G. **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**
- H. **MAYOR'S REPORT**
 - 1. Kyle Gatling and Jason Fletcher - Report on Airport
- I. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - 1. **Ordinance 03-23** An Ordinance permitting an Official of the Camden Water and Sewer Commission to be interested in contracts with the City of Camden, Arkansas
 - 2. **Ordinance 04-23** An Ordinance repealing Camden code Section 2-54 regarding advertisement of bids for public improvements; and for other purposes.
 - 3. **Ordinance 05-23** An Ordinance amending Article II of the Camden code; Establishing Rates and Procedures for Collection of Garbage for Commercial Customers; and for other purposes.
- J. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - 1. **Ordinance No. 06-23**, an ordinance repealing Ordinance No. 6-12 assessing a lein on certain property located at 777 Bradley Ferry Road SE.
 - 2. Ordinance No. 07-23, an ordinance amending Camden Code 2-46, 2-52, and 2-53, regarding purchases and contracts; and other purposes.
 - 3. **Resolution No. 49-23**, a resolution confirming the appointment of Gisela Perez to the Advertising and Promotion Commission.
 - 4. **Resolution No. 50-23**, a resolution confirming the re-appointment of Michael Tidwell to the Advertising and Promotion commission.
 - 5. **Resolution No. 51-23**, a resolution amending the Annual Operating Budget for 2023; and for other purposes.
- K. **OTHER BUSINESS**
- L. **ADJOURNMENT**

ORDINANCE NO. 03-23

AN ORDINANCE PERMITTING AN OFFICIAL OF THE CAMDEN WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION TO BE INTERESTED IN CONTRACTS WITH THE CITY OF CAMDEN, ARKANSAS.

WHEREAS, Arkansas Code Annotated § 14-42-107 prohibits an appointed official from having an interest in any contract with the City unless an ordinance is passed specifically permitting an appointee to do so; and

WHEREAS, Willie Cooper is a member of the Camden Water & Sewer Commission; and

WHEREAS, the term for Willie Cooper will expire November 1, 2030; 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 November 1, 2030, in accordance with the City’s ordinance relative to purchases and contracts, without the necessity of prior approval of the City Council.

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 Camden Water & Sewer Commission, 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 _____, 2023.

Mayor

City Clerk

ORDINANCE NO. 04-23

AN ORDINANCE PERMITTING VAUGHAN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY TO BE INTERESTED IN CONTRACTS WITH THE CITY OF CAMDEN, ARKANSAS.

WHEREAS, Arkansas Code Annotated § 14-42-107 prohibits an appointed official from having an interest in any contract with the City unless an ordinance is passed specifically permitting an appointee to do so; and

WHEREAS, Teresa Lampkin is a member of the Camden Advertising & Promotion Commission; and

WHEREAS, the term for Teresa Lampkin will expire June 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Teresa Lampkin has an indirect interest with Vaughan Construction Company, located at 1275 Hickman Road, Camden, Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, the City desires that Vaughan Construction 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 Vaughan Construction Company, located at 1275 Hickman Road, Camden, Arkansas, on an as needed basis until June 30, 2026, in accordance with the City’s ordinance relative to purchases and contracts, without the necessity of prior approval of the City Council.

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 Teresa Lampkin, a member of the Camden Advertising & Promotion Commission, 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 _____, 2023.

Mayor

City Clerk

ORDINANCE NO. 5-23

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMDEN, ARKANSAS, REPEALING CAMDEN CODE SECTION 2-54 REGARDING ADVERTISING OF BIDS FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City passed section 1 of Ordinance 576 (1963) and section 2 of Ordinance 15-85 (1985); and

WHEREAS, the ordinance sections were codified at Section 2-54 of the Camden Code of Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, Section 2-54 provides:

“The city shall advertise in a newspaper published and having general circulation in the city for sealed bids when contracts for public improvements or for public work amounts to five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) or more, except in the case of emergencies where three (3) competitive quotations may be secured without advertising and the contract so awarded by the board of aldermen is to the lowest and best quotation.

WHEREAS, A.C.A. § 14-58-303 requires competitive, sealed bidding for purchases and contracts that exceed Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00); and

WHEREAS, the more restrictive threshold of \$5,000.00 for certain projects is no longer practical.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2-54 of the Camden Code of Ordinances, derived from Section 1 of Ordinance 576 and Section 2 of Ordinance 15-85, is hereby repealed.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2023.

Mayor

City Clerk

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 6-12 ASSESSING A LIEN ON CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED AT 777 BRADLEY FERRY RD. SE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMDEN, ARKANSAS, THAT ORDINANCE NO. 6-12 PASSED AND APPROVED ON MARCH 13, 2012, IS HEREBY REPEALED IN ITS ENTIRETY AND THE FOLLOWING SUBSTITUTED THEREFOR:

WHEREAS, the City declared the structure located at 777 Bradley Ferry Rd SE, Camden, Arkansas, Parcel No. 891-00045-000R, to be a nuisance to the provisions of Section 6-61, et, seq., by Resolution No. 51-10; and

WHEREAS, the owner of the property failed to remove the structure as required by law and the City performed the removal of the structure.

WHEREAS, notice has been given to the current property owner that a hearing will be held on Tuesday, August, 8 2023 at 7:00 p.m. to determine the status of the lien assessed to the property as required by law.

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

SECTION 1: The net costs performed on the removal of the structure located at 777 Bradley Ferry Road. SE, Camden, Arkansas, being located on said property, has been determined at a hearing before the City Council of the City of Camden to be the sum of \$2,481.00.

SECTION 2: The property concerned herewith, located at 777 Bradley Ferry Rd. SE, is now owned by Dr. Lavern Jones and Lanel Goshen Trevino. The current owners have requested to reduce the lien to \$150.00. The City hereby sets a lien in the amount of \$ _____ against the above-described property.

SECTION 3: That a certified copy of this Ordinance shall be transmitted to the Tax Collector of Ouachita County Arkansas, with the direction to place the above cost of removal and penalty on the tax books for the property described herein as delinquent taxes and collect the same according to law, with the amount so collected, less 3% thereof to be retained by the Collector for their costs, to be paid directly to the municipality as provided by law.

SECTION 4: BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED THAT this Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 8 DAY OF AUGUST 2023.

Mayor

City Clerk

APPLICATION TO REDUCE A CITY OF CAMDEN LIEN

8 APR 2022 L Jones

- 1. PARCEL # 891-00045-000R
- 2. ADDRESS: 777 BRADLEY FERRY ROAD, CAMDEN ARK 71701
TTT Bradley Ferry Ordinance # 6-12
- 3. NAME OF PERSON
REQUESTING REDUCTION: LAVERN JONES, 752 SKYLINE DRIVE CAMDEN
Phone (870)-390-9474
- 4. DATE OF ORIGINAL LIEN
AND ORDINANCE # UNKNOWN – NEVER PROVIDED BY CITY
IT IS BELIEVED MORE THAN 10 YEARS AGO AND THERE HAS BEEN MULTIPLE OWNERS SINCE THEN
- 5. ORIGINAL LIEN AMOUNT \$2,481.00 – Request a Copy of ORIGINAL LIEN
And original DATE OF LIEN to Submit to Congress Requesting Their Assistance. I have serious concerns as the amount stated as original LIEN as it appears greater than the value of the land itself. DEMOLISHING A HOUSE 10 YEARS AGO DID NOT cost the city an extensive amount and the original LIEN AMOUNT currently given and that which is placed against me appear untrue and is certainly unfair.
- 6. REDUCTION AMOUNT REQUESTED \$150 PLUS REMOVE LATE FEES ASSESSED
From my TAXES because I have tried FAITHFULLY to pay the \$30 TAXES DUE last year and will try to clear them FAITHFULLY this year, however, the CITY has NOT allowed payment HENCE CAUSING MORE HARDSHIP UPON AN UNEMPLOYABLE DISABLED VETERAN. APPROVED FEDERALLY AS PERMANENTLY DISABLED TAX EXEMPT FOR ZERO OR EXTREMELY LOW TAX RATE DUE TO VETERAN AFFAIRS STATUS
- 7. REASON FOR THE REDUCTION OF LIEN SEVERE HARDSHIP
UPON A PERMANENT DISABLED VETERAN UNABLE TO PAY
PERMANENTLY DISABLED VETERAN 100% UNEMPLOYABLE BECAUSE OF SERVICE-CONNECTED INJURIES RECEIVED WHILE SERVING MY COUNTRY THAT HINDERS ABILITY TO EARN ADDITIONAL INCOME.
- 8. REASON APPLICATION IS ARRIVING AFTER 6 APRIL
VETERAN HAD SURGERY ON 4 APRIL - APPLICATION RECEIVED AFTER SURGERY. I HAVE INQUIRED ABOUT THIS UNFAIR LIEN FOR OVER 1 YEAR WHEN IT WAS FIRST PLACED AGAINST ME AND I'M ADVISED BY CITY CODE THAT AN APPLICATION MUST BE COMPLETED TO REQUEST A REDUCTION.

AN ORDINANCE ASSESSING A LIEN ON CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED AT 777 BRADLEY FERRY ROAD SE PURSUANT TO SECTION 6-68 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CAMDEN.

WHEREAS, the City declared the structure located at 777 Bradley Ferry Road SE, Camden, Arkansas, Parcel No. 891-00045-000R, to be a nuisance to the provisions of Section 6-61, et, seq., by Resolution No. 51-10; and

WHEREAS, the owner of the property failed to remove the structure as required by law and the City performed the removal of the structure.

WHEREAS, notice has been given to the property owner that a hearing will be held on Tuesday, March 13, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. to determine the cost of work performed and to assess such cost to then as a lien on the property has been given as required by law.

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

SECTION 1: The net costs performed on removal of the structure located at 777 Bradley Ferry Road SE, Camden, Arkansas, being located on said property, has been determined at a hearing before the City Council of the City of Camden to be the sum of \$2255.45.

SECTION 2: In addition to the above cost of removal, the City is entitled to recover 10 % penalty for collection in the amount of \$225.55.

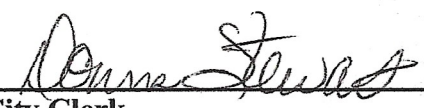
SECTION 3: The property concerned herewith being assessed in the name of Willie Bragg (Camden), is located in Ouachita County Arkansas, 777 Bradley Ferry Road SE, Camden, Arkansas.

SECTION 4: That a certified copy of this Ordinance shall be transmitted to the Tax Collector of Ouachita County Arkansas, with the direction to place the above cost of removal and penalty on the tax books for the property described herein as delinquent taxes and collect the same according to law, with the amount so collected, less 3% thereof to be retained by the Collector for their costs, to be paid directly to the municipality as provided by law.

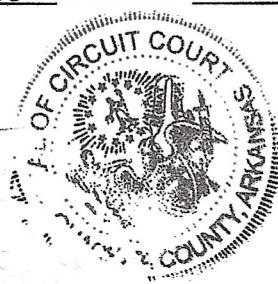
PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 13 DAY OF March, 2012.



Mayor



City Clerk



State of Arkansas
County of Ouachita
I hereby certify that this instrument
was FILED FOR RECORD and is RECORDED
on the DATE and TIME and in the BOOK
and PAGE as stamped hereon.

DATE: 4-13-2012 TIME: 2:10 PM
INSTRUMENT NUMBER: 0
BOOK: D228 PAGE: 422
BETTY WILSON
Recorder of Ouachita County
BY: Kendra Patterson
Deputy Clerk

ORDINANCE NO. 07-23

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMDEN, ARKANSAS, AMENDING CAMDEN CODE SECTIONS 2-46, 2-52 and 2-53, REGARDING PURCHASES AND CONTRACTS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City passed Section 1 of Ordinance 576 (1963) and Section 1 of Ordinance 8-96 (1996), and the ordinance sections were codified at Section 2-46 of the Camden Code of Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, Section 2-46 provides:

“The mayor shall have the exclusive power, and responsibility to make all purchases of supplies, apparatus, equipment, materials and other things necessary to carry out municipal functions for the city, and to make contracts for work or labor to be done, or material or other necessary items to be furnished for the benefit and use of the city, or in carrying out any work or undertaking of a public nature in the city where the amount of the expenditure for any purpose or contract does not exceed the sum specified in state statutes enacted by the general assembly of the state.”

WHEREAS, the City passed Section 1 of Ordinance 576 (1963); Section 3 of Ordinance 3-89 (1989); and Section 6 of Ordinance 8-96 (1996), and the ordinance sections were codified at Section 2-52 of the Camden Code of Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, Section 2-52 provides:

“Sec. 2-52. Purchases over one thousand dollars but less than the cost limit specified in state statutes. Materials, supplies, equipment or services (except professional services) costing over on thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), but less than the cost limit specified in state statutes enacted by the general assembly, shall be purchased only by designated personnel after first securing two (2) or more written quotations upon the authorization and approval of the mayor. A purchase requisition is required for this type of purchase.”

WHEREAS, the City passed Section 1 of Ordinance 576 (1963); Section 1 of Ordinance 15-85; (1985); Section 4 of Ordinance 3-89 (1989); and Section 7 of Ordinance 8-96 (1996), and the ordinance sections were codified at Section 2-53 of the Camden Code of Ordinances; and

WHEREAS, Section 2-53 provides:

“Sec. 2-53. Purchases exceeding cost limit specified in state statutes. Materials, supplies, equipment or services (except professional services) exceeding the cost limit specified in state statutes enacted by the general assembly, shall be purchased only after first securing sealed bids upon the authorization of the mayor and final approval of the board of aldermen. A formal purchase order shall be issued to the successful vendor once the bid has been approved and accepted by the board of aldermen.”

WHEREAS, A.C.A. § 14-58-303 was amended by the state general assembly raising the cost limit requiring competitive, sealed bidding for purchases and contracts from twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00) to Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00); and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to amend Camden Code Sections 2-46, 2-52 and 2-53 to provide procedures for purchases that cost at least twenty-thousand dollars (\$20,000.00).

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

SECTION 1. Section 2-46 of the Camden Code of Ordinances, derived from Section 1 of Ordinance 576 and Section 1 of Ordinance 8-96, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“The mayor shall have the exclusive power, and responsibility to make all purchases of supplies, apparatus, equipment, materials and other things necessary to carry out municipal functions for the city, and to make contracts for work or labor to be done, or material or other necessary items to be furnished for the benefit and use of the city, or in carrying out any work or undertaking of a public nature in the city where the amount of the expenditure for any purpose or contract does not exceed the sum of twenty-thousand dollars (\$20,000.00).”

SECTION 2. Section 2-52 of the Camden Code of Ordinances, derived from Section 1 of Ordinance 576; Section 3 of Ordinance 3-89; and Section 6 of Ordinance 8-96, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 2-52. Purchases over one thousand dollars but less than twenty thousand dollars. Materials, supplies, equipment or services (except professional services) costing over one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), but less than twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00), shall be purchased only by designated personnel after first securing two (2) or more written quotations upon the authorization and approval of the mayor. A purchase requisition is required for this type of purchase.”

SECTION 3. Section 2-53 of the Camden Code of Ordinances, derived from Section 1 of Ordinance 576; Section 1 of Ordinance 15-85; Section 4 of Ordinance 3-89; and Section 7 of Ordinance 8-96, is hereby amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 2-53. Purchases of twenty thousand dollars or more. Materials, supplies, equipment or services (except professional services) at or exceeding twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00), shall be purchased only after first securing sealed bids upon the authorization of the mayor and final approval of the board of aldermen. A formal purchase order shall be issued to the successful vendor once the bid has been approved and accepted by the board of aldermen.”

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2023.

Mayor

City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 49-23

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMDEN, ARKANSAS, CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF GISELA PEREZ TO THE ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION COMMISSION.

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 9-00, adopted on May 9, 2000, created the City of Camden Advertising and Promotion Commission; and

WHEREAS, said Ordinance provides that the Advertising and Promotion Commission shall be composed of seven members, of which four members shall be hotel, motel, or restaurant owners or managers; and

WHEREAS, said Ordinance further provides that vacancies shall be filled by appointment made by the remaining members of the commission, with the approval of the governing body of the city; and

WHEREAS, the remaining members of the Advertising and Promotion Commission, at their meeting of July 25, 2023, voted to appoint Gisela Perez to serve on the Commission; and

WHEREAS, Gisela Perez has expressed willingness to serve the City of Camden in this capacity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED 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, hereby confirms the appointment of Gisela Perez to serve a four-year term of office on the Advertising and Promotion Commission that will run through June 2027.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2023.

Mayor

City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 50-23

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMDEN, ARKANSAS, CONFIRMING THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL TIDWELL TO THE ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION COMMISSION.

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 9-00, adopted on May 9, 2000, created the City of Camden Advertising and Promotion Commission; and

WHEREAS, said Ordinance provides that the Advertising and Promotion Commission shall be composed of seven members, of which four members shall be hotel, motel, or restaurant owners or managers; and

WHEREAS, said Ordinance further provides that vacancies shall be filled by appointment made by the remaining members of the commission, with the approval of the governing body of the city; and

WHEREAS, a vacancy on the commission exists because the term of office for Michael Tidwell is expiring; and

WHEREAS, the remaining members of the Advertising and Promotion Commission, at their meeting on July 25, 2023, voted to re-appoint Michael Tidwell to serve another term on the Commission; and

WHEREAS, Michael Tidwell has expressed his willingness to continue serving the City of Camden in this capacity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED 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, hereby confirms the re-appointment of Michael Tidwell to serve another four-year term of office on the Advertising and Promotion Commission that will run through June 30, 2027.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2023.

Mayor

City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 51-23

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMDEN, ARKANSAS,
AMENDING THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR 2023; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, the City Council previously passed Resolution 35-22 authorizing a settlement for a claim with River Valley Federal Credit Union; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 35-22 amended the 2022 annual operating budget to include the sum of \$25,000.00 in line item 1-150-52540 for compensation for damages; and

WHEREAS, no amount was spent from line item 1-150-52540 in 2022; and

WHEREAS, the 2023 annual operating budget included one-thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) for line item 1-150-52540.

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

SECTION 1. The 2023 annual operating budget is amended by adding twenty-four thousand dollars (\$24,000.00) to line item number 1-150-52540, increasing it to twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00).

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2023.

Mayor

City Clerk