BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, November 10, 2026 at 7:00 PM

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

AGENDA

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. INVOCATION - Pastor Mark Smith, Senior Pastor, Thrive Church, 746 California, 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. 08-26, an ordinance adopting the 2021 International Code by reference; establishing a local Mechanical Permit and Inspection Program for residential and commercial work; providing for administration, fees, enforcement, and for other purposes.**
2. **Ordinance No. 09-26, an ordinance replacing Camden Code 2-97 (Ordinance 19-86) regarding the authority of Airport Commissioners; and for other purposes.**
3. **Resolution No. 37-26, a resolution approving the re-appointment of Tina Davis to the Water and Sewer Commission.**
4. **Resolution No. 38-26, a resolution authorizing the purchase of a Self-Serving Fueling Terminal for the Camden Airport; waiving competitive bidding; and for other purposes.**
5. **Resolution No. 39-26, a resolution authorizing the Mayor to purchase a used Knuckle Boom Truck; authorizing obsolete equipment to be traded in towards the purchase; and for other purposes.**

K. OTHER BUSINESS

L. ADJOURNMENT

ORDINANCE NUMBER -26

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE 2021 INTERNATIONAL MECHANICAL CODE BY REFERENCE; ESTABLISHING A LOCAL MECHANICAL PERMIT AND INSPECTION PROGRAM FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL WORK; PROVIDING FOR ADMINISTRATION, FEES, ENFORCEMENT, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that minimum mechanical-system standards promote public health, safety, and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the State of Arkansas has adopted the 2021 International Mechanical Code for HVAC/R regulation, subject to state amendments and requirements; and

WHEREAS, Arkansas Code Annotated § 14-55-207 provides a procedure for municipal adoption of technical codes by reference; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to establish its first local mechanical permitting and inspection program for both residential and commercial construction.

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

SECTION 1. ADOPTION BY REFERENCE

The 2021 International Mechanical Code (IMC), published by the International Code Council, is adopted by reference as the mechanical code of the City of Camden, subject to controlling Arkansas statutes, state rules, and applicable state-adopted codes and amendments. Adoption shall follow the filing and public-notice requirements of Arkansas Code Annotated § 14-55-207.

SECTION 2. SCOPE AND APPLICATION

This Ordinance applies to mechanical installations, alterations, repairs, replacements, and related work in residential and commercial buildings within the corporate limits of Camden to the extent regulated by the applicable code.

For one- and two-family dwellings and townhouses, applicable residential provisions of the Arkansas Fire Prevention Code and state amendments shall govern where controlling. Existing lawful installations are not required to be reconstructed solely due to this adoption, except where otherwise required by applicable law or for unsafe conditions.

SECTION 3. LOCAL PROGRAM AND ADMINISTRATION

A local mechanical permit and inspection program is established within the City's building inspection function. The Building Official shall administer permit intake, records, plan review coordination, inspection scheduling, and lawful enforcement. Technical inspections shall be performed only by persons meeting applicable Arkansas HVAC/R Board qualifications, registration, and training requirements. Nothing herein displaces authority reserved to the State.

SECTION 4. PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

Before beginning mechanical work for which a permit is required, the owner or responsible contractor shall obtain a City permit, except where an exemption or emergency-work procedure applies. Applications shall identify the premises, owner, scope of work, responsible contractor, estimated project cost, and any plans or specifications reasonably required by the applicable code. State HVAC/R licensing and registration requirements remain applicable. No separate municipal HVAC/R occupational license shall be imposed where prohibited by state law.

SECTION 5. INSPECTIONS AND APPROVAL

Mechanical work subject to inspection shall be inspected at applicable stages, including rough-in, before concealment, and final completion, as warranted by the work. Required work shall not be concealed before approval unless authorized under the applicable code. The City may require correction and reinspection of noncompliant work. Final approval shall be issued only upon satisfaction of applicable requirements; City approval does not relieve any person of responsibility under state law.

SECTION 6. BUILDING OFFICIAL; ENFORCEMENT

Within powers authorized by law, the Building Official may issue written

notices of violation, require corrections, and issue stop-work orders when legally justified. Any penalties, court proceedings, or enforcement remedies must be authorized by applicable Arkansas law and a valid City ordinance; this Ordinance does not independently establish a monetary fine.

SECTION 7. INSPECTOR COMPLIANCE

The City shall comply with all applicable Arkansas HVAC/R Board requirements for municipal mechanical inspectors, including registration deadlines, required initial training, and continuing education. The City shall not begin technical inspections until qualified personnel or another lawful inspection arrangement is in place.

SECTION 8. BUILDING PERMIT VALUATION AND FEES

Mechanical permit and inspection charges shall be calculated under the City's existing duly adopted building permit fee schedule, based on estimated construction cost, to the extent that schedule lawfully applies to mechanical work. Estimated cost shall include applicable equipment, materials, labor, and installation consistent with existing City valuation practices. Mechanical work included in the valuation of a larger permitted project shall not be charged a second permit fee solely for the same work. For standalone mechanical work, the existing schedule shall apply only where authorized by the City's current fee ordinance; if it does not authorize such application, the City Council must amend that ordinance before collecting such fees. No new fee rate is created by this Ordinance.

SECTION 9. APPEALS

An affected person may seek administrative or judicial review through procedures otherwise established by applicable City ordinance and Arkansas law. Nothing herein creates an appeals board or suspends an order addressing an immediate hazard unless authorized by law.

SECTION 10. CODE COPIES AND NOTICE

Prior to final passage, the City Clerk shall ensure that the required copies of the technical code are filed and available for public inspection, and that the required notice of availability is published, in compliance with Arkansas Code

Annotated § 14-55-207. The City shall also comply with applicable ordinance passage, recording, and publication requirements.

SECTION 11. CONFLICTS; SEVERABILITY

Ordinances or parts of ordinances conflicting with this Ordinance are repealed only to the extent of conflict. If any provision is held invalid, the remaining provisions shall remain effective.

Passed and approved this _____ day of _____, 2026.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK

ORDINANCE NO. 09-26

AN ORDINANCE REPLACING CAMDEN CODE SECTION 2-97 (ORDINANCE 19-86) REGARDING THE AUTHORITY OF AIRPORT COMMISSIONERS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, Ordinance Number 19-86 created the Camden Airport Commission in 1986 and was based on Act 53 of 1949; and

WHEREAS, Camden Code Section 2-97 addressed the duties of the Commission and the selection of an airport manager, and provides:

> Sec. 2-97. - Duties generally; selection of airport manager.
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> The commissioners confirmed hereunder shall have responsibility for the management, operation, maintenance and improvements of the municipal airport and the related properties and facilities. These duties and responsibilities shall be established and amended from time to time as necessary and shall be exercised through and by the mayor. Specifically, the right to employ or remove any and all assistants and employees of whatsoever nature, kind or character and to fix, regulate and pay their salaries shall be the responsibility of the mayor; provided, however, that should the position of airport manager be deemed necessary and the budget appropriation provides for such, the airport commission shall establish the requirements, review all applications and recommend to the board of aldermen the person for the position. The board of aldermen of the city shall have the final authority in the selection of the airport manager by a vote of the majority of the aldermen.
> (Ord. No. 19-86, § 4, 11-4-86)

WHEREAS, the underlying state statute was amended by Act 334 of 2011 to provide as follows:

> A.C.A. § 14-359-109 – Authority of Commissioners
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> (a)(1) The commissioners appointed under this chapter shall have full and complete authority to manage, operate, improve, extend, and maintain the municipal airport and its related properties and facilities.
> (2) The commissioners shall have full and complete charge of the airport and its related properties and facilities, including the right to employ or remove any and all assistants and employees of whatsoever nature, kind, or character and to fix, regulate, and pay their salaries.
> (A.C.A.§ 14-359-109(a))

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to amend Camden Code Section 2-97 to conform to the language of the amended state statute.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2-97 of the Camden Code of Ordinances is deleted in its entirety and replaced by the following:

Sec. 2-97. - Authority of Commissioners.

(1) The commissioners appointed hereunder shall have full and complete authority to manage, operate, improve, extend, and maintain the municipal airport and its related properties and facilities.

(2) The commissioners shall have full and complete charge of the airport and its related properties and facilities, including the right to employ or remove any and all assistants and employees of whatsoever nature, kind, or character and to fix, regulate, and pay their salaries.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS_____DAY OF_____, 2026.

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Mayor

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City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. ___-26

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMDEN, ARKANSAS, APPROVING THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF TINA DAVIS TO THE WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION.

WHEREAS, Arkansas Statute § 14-234-304 provides that when the term of office of a Water and Sewer commissioner expires, the remaining commissioners shall appoint a successor subject to the approval of two-thirds (2/3) of the duly elected and qualified members of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council previously appointed Tina Davis to the Water and Sewer Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Water and Sewer Commissioners of the City of Camden, Arkansas, voted on October 20, 2026 to re-appoint Tina Davis to serve an eight (8) year term on the Commission; and

WHEREAS, Tina Davis has expressed her willingness to continue 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 approves the re-appointment of Tina Davis as a Commissioner for the Camden Water and Sewer Commission, for the term of office ending on November 1, 2034.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2026.

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Mayor

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City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 38 -26

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMDEN, ARKANSAS, AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A SELF-SERVE FUELING TERMINAL FOR THE CAMDEN AIRPORT; WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Camden Airport offers self-service fueling for aircraft through an electronic fuel terminal that accepts payments; and

WHEREAS, the airport depends on the revenue from fuel sales to help support airport operations; and

WHEREAS, the current fueling terminal failed and must be replaced; and

WHEREAS, the current fueling system no longer allows a self-service purchase option and requires a volunteer on the Commission to physically approve the fueling; and

WHEREAS, the inability to offer self-service fueling for pilots jeopardizes the Airport's operations; and

WHEREAS, the Airport Commission has obtained a quote from QT Petroleum On Demand for a Model M4000 Self-Serve Fueling Terminal in the amount of $22,926.00; and

WHEREAS, the Airport estimates that taxes, fees and contingency may require an additional $5,000.00, bringing the total estimated cost to $27,926.00; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 annual operating budget line 05-59480 allocated $550,000.00 for capital outlay projects that will be reimbursed with FAA/State grants; and

WHEREAS, the Airport has sufficient funds allocated in the 2026 budget to cover this project; and

WHEREAS, competitive bidding is not required by state law for purchases less than $35,000.00; and

WHEREAS, Camden Ordinance 07-23 (Camden Code Section 2-53) requires competitive bidding for purchases exceeding $20,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Council has determined that competitive bidding is not practical or feasible in this situation because the repairs must be completed immediately.

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

SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of Camden hereby waives the competitive bidding process of Camden Ordinance 07-23 due to this exceptional situation in which it is not feasible or practical.

SECTION 2. The Airport is authorized to purchase the Self-Serving Fueling Terminal from QT Petroleum On Demand as shown on the attached Quote.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____DAY OF _____, 2026

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MAYOR

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CITY CLERK

RESOLUTION NO. 39-26

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2026 ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PURCHASE A USED KNUCKLE BOOM TRUCK; AUTHORIZING OBSOLETE EQUIPMENT TO BE TRADED IN TOWARDS THE PURCHASE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Camden Public Works Department is in need of a knuckle boom truck for solid waste operations; and

WHEREAS, the public works director sought out proposals for a compatible knuckle boom truck that will satisfy the needs of the department; and

WHEREAS, the public works director located a suitable 2024 Freightliner knuckle boom from River City Hydraulics for the price of $149,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the public works director located a lesser quality 2024 Freightliner knuckle boom from Arkansas Municipal Equipment for the price of $174,900.00; and

WHEREAS, A.C.A. § 14-58-104 authorizes cities to purchase "Used or secondhand motor vehicles, machinery, or equipment" without the necessity of competitive bidding; and

WHEREAS, the City owns a 2006 Freightliner knuckle boom; 2004 Freightliner knuckle boom; and a 1997 Freightliner knuckle boom that are obsolete, non-functional and are no longer used by the City; and

WHEREAS, A.C.A. § 14-58-306 authorizes the disposal of personal property belonging to a municipality that has become obsolete or no longer used; and

WHEREAS, the obsolete equipment can be traded in for $6,000.00 towards the purchase of the 2024 Freightliner knuckle boom; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 annual operating budget for public works solid waste disposal included $350,000.00 for the purchase of an excavator under line item 09-560-59410 (capital outlay/equipment);

WHEREAS, the public works director obtained a lower price on the excavator so that there remains approximately $123,000.00 in line 09-560-59410 (capital outlay/equipment); and

WHEREAS, the 2026 annual operating budget for public works solid waste disposal included $50,000.00 for capital outlay under line item 09-560-59420 (capital outlay/buildings); and

WHEREAS, public works solid waste disposal has spent approximately $25,000.00 for capital outlay/buildings, leaving approximately $25,000.00 in line 09-560-59420 (capital outlay/buildings); and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to amend the 2026 annual operating budget by transferring $25,000.00 from line item 09-560-59420 (capital outlay/buildings) to line item 09-560-59410 (capital outlay/equipment).

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 amends the 2026 annual operating budget by transferring $25,000.00 from line item 09-560-59420 (capital outlay/buildings) to line item 09-560-59410 (capital outlay/equipment), raising it to $375,000.00.

SECTION 2. The City Council, the official governing body of the City of Camden, Arkansas, hereby declares the 2006 Freightliner knuckle boom; 2004 Freightliner knuckle boom; and 1997 Freightliner knuckle boom to be obsolete and no longer used by the City.

SECTION 3. The City Council, the official governing body of the City of Camden, Arkansas, hereby authorizes the Mayor to trade in the 2006 Freightliner knuckle boom; 2004 Freightliner knuckle boom; and 1997 Freightliner knuckle boom for $6,000.00 towards the purchase of a used 2024 Freightliner knuckle boom.

SECTION 4. The City's fixed asset listing shall be amended to reflect the disposal of the 2006 Freightliner knuckle boom; 2004 Freightliner knuckle boom; and 1997 Freightliner knuckle boom.

SECTION 5. The Mayor is hereby authorized to purchase the 2024 freightliner M2-106 knuckle boom from River City Hydraulics, Sherwood, Arkansas, for the negotiated price of $149,000.00, less a trade-in credit of $6,000.00, for a total price of $143,000.00, as shown on the attached quote.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2026.

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Mayor

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City Clerk