



## BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, June 14, 2022 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 CONNER DAVIS, PASTOR - FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH, 1275 MAUL ROAD, 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.](#) RESOLUTION NO. 31-22, A RESOLUTION CHANGING EMPLOYEE INSURANCE RATES.
  - [2.](#) Resolution to amend the annual operating budget
  - [3.](#) Resolution 34-22 to donate obsolete fire equipment
  - [4.](#) Resolution 35-22 to amend the budget - River Valley claim
  - [5.](#) Resolution 36-32- ARPA Revenue Replacement
- K. **OTHER BUSINESS**
- L. **ADJOURNMENT**

**RESOLUTION NO. 31-22**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF CAMDEN, ARKANSAS,  
AMENDING RESOLUTION NUMBER 34-20; SETTING POLICY FOR EMPLOYEE  
HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Camden has received notice that health insurance premiums will increase again beginning July 1, 2022, due to a drastic loss ration this year; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Resolution Number 34-20, the City of Camden pays 100% of the employee’s individual insurance premium coverage and \$5,000 per year for employees who elect to carry family coverage with the employee paying the remaining balance of approximately \$2,825.76 per year; and

**WHEREAS**, the current deductible is \$2,000; and

**WHEREAS**, the City feels that the rate increase places additional hardship on employees

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

**SECTION 1.** The City of Camden will continue to pay 100% of the cost of the employee’s individual insurance premium coverage.

**SECTION 2.** The City of Camden will pay up to \$5,550 per year for employees who elect to carry family coverage. The employee will be responsible any additional premium expense over this base amount.

**SECTION 3.** Portions of Resolution Number 34-20 in conflict with the above are hereby repealed.

**PASSED AND APPROVED ON THIS 14<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JUNE, 2022.**

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Mayor

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City Clerk

**RESOLUTION NO. 33-22**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMDEN, ARKANSAS,  
AMENDING THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR 2022; AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES**

**WHEREAS**, the cost of providing insurance for City employees has increased; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council desires to amend the 2022 annual operating budget to provide for the increased insurance expense.

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

**SECTION 1.** Line item number 01-020-51420 of the 2022 annual operating budget for the cost of insurance for the public administration department is amended from \$42,574.00 to \$44,550.00.

**SECTION 2.** Line item number 01-040-51420 of the 2022 annual operating budget for the cost of insurance for the city attorney department is amended from \$11,435.00 to \$15,415.00.

**SECTION 3.** Line item number 01-050-51420 of the 2022 annual operating budget for the cost of insurance for the municipal building department is amended from \$6,435.00 to \$6,865.00.

**SECTION 4.** Line item number 01-130-51420 of the 2022 annual operating budget for the cost of insurance for the public works administration department is amended from \$22,869.00 to \$30,825.00.

**SECTION 5.** Line item number 09-560-51420 of the 2022 annual operating budget for the cost of insurance for the public works solid waste department is amended from \$40,000.00 to \$70,000.00.

**PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 14<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JUNE, 2022.**

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**Mayor**

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**City Clerk**

**RESOLUTION NO. 34-22**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
CAMDEN, ARKANSAS, DECLARING CERTAIN  
FIREFIGHTING APPARATUS OBSOLETE AND  
AUTHORIZING ITS DONATION TO THE BUENA VISTA  
AND TWO BAYOU FIRE DEPARTMENTS**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Arkansas Code Annotated § 14-54-302, municipal corporations are empowered and authorized to buy, sell, convey, lease, rent or let any real estate or personal property owned or controlled by the municipal corporations; 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 City of Camden owns 30 masks, 22 self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) packs and 46 cylinders; and

**WHEREAS**, the equipment has become obsolete and is being replaced by the City with new equipment;

**WHEREAS**, the equipment is no longer used by the City; and

**WHEREAS**, Buena Vista and Two Bayou Fire Departments are governmental entities within the State of Arkansas;

**WHEREAS**, the Buena Vista and Two Bayou Fire Departments may be able to utilize the equipment for use; and

**WHEREAS**, the Buena Vista and Two Bayou Fire Districts are contiguous to the City of Camden.

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

**SECTION 1.** The City Council, the official governing body of the City of Camden, Arkansas, hereby declares the 30 masks, 22 self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) packs and 46 cylinders to be obsolete and no longer used by the City.

**SECTION 2.** The City Council, the official governing body of the City of Camden, Arkansas, hereby authorizes the Mayor to donate and transfer 15 masks, 11 SCBA packs and 23 cylinders to the Two Bayou Fire Department.

**SECTION 3.** The City Council, the official governing body of the City of Camden, Arkansas, hereby authorizes the Mayor to donate and transfer 15 masks, 11 SCBA packs and 23 cylinders to the Buena Vista Fire Department.

**SECTION 5.** The City's fixed asset listing shall be amended to reflect the disposal of the 30 masks, 22 SCBA packs and 46 cylinders.

**PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 14<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JUNE, 2022.**

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**Mayor**

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**City Clerk**

**RESOLUTION NO. 35-22**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMDEN, ARKANSAS, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SETTLE A CLAIM; AMENDING THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR 2022; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

**WHEREAS**, there is a 36” stormwater pipe that runs from the street at 340 Cash Road to the watershed at rear of the property; and

**WHEREAS**, the stormwater pipe originates at the City’s right-of-way on Cash Road; and

**WHEREAS**, the pipe runs underneath the parking lot at River Valley Community Federal Credit Union (RVCFCU); and

**WHEREAS**, RVCFCU alleges that the City installed the pipe prior to the construction of the parking lot; and

**WHEREAS**, the City alleges that a previous land owner installed the pipe and connected it to the City storm drain; and

**WHEREAS**, a portion of the pipe has collapsed and will require major repair or replacement; and

**WHEREAS**, the repairs will have to include a portion of the pipe that is within the City’s right-of-way; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council desires to authorize the mayor to negotiate a settlement of the claim.

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

**SECTION 1.** Line item number 1-150-52540 for compensation for damages is amended from \$2,000.00 to \$25,000.00.

**SECTION 2.** The Mayor is authorized to settle the claim of RVCFCU and pay for a portion of the repairs.

**PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 14<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JUNE, 2022.**

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**Mayor**

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**City Clerk**

**RESOLUTION NO. 36-22**

**A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CITY AND RESCUE GRANT BUDGETS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CLAIMING REVENUE REPLACEMENT FUNDS FOR POLICE AND FIRE SALARIES AND EMPLOYER PAYROLL CONTRIBUTIONS**

**WHEREAS**, the American rescue Plan Act (hereinafter “ARPA”) became law on March 11, 2021 and provides fiscal relief funds to state and local governments and other program areas aimed at mitigating the continuing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, ARPA provides support to local governments in responding to the impact of COVID-19 and in their efforts to contain COVID-19 and prescribes the uses of funding, including one to address lost revenue for cities and towns; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Department of Treasury (hereinafter “Treasury”) has issued guidance and a Final Rule (hereinafter “FR”) regarding the use of ARPA funds; and

**WHEREAS**, the FR permits cities and towns to apply ARPA grant funds up to Ten-Million Dollars (\$10,000,000.00) or the total amount of a city’s ARPA grant award, whichever is less, for governmental services and it expressly included “the provision of police, fire, and other public safety services” in a list of non-exclusive enumerated uses.

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

**SECTION 1.** The City of Camden hereby appropriates from the City’s portion of the American Rescue Plan Act Grant a total amount of One-Million, One-Hundred and Ten-Thousand, Five-Hundred and Eighty-Seven Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$ 1,110,587.50) to claim police and fire salaries and employer payroll contribution expenses from the date range of March 3, 2021 to December 31, 2021. Said amount shall be moved from subaccount 11117 for the ARPA Grant funds to Line Item 51112 ARPA expenses.

**SECTION 2.** The City Council directs the Treasurer to move the expenditures for the police and fire salaries and applicable employer contributions from the City budget to the Rescue Grant and to pay the City general fund for the expenses from the Rescue Grant. A new non-departmental line item within the budget shall be created for the ARPA funds reimbursed to the general fund.

**SECTION 3.** The City’s 2021 annual operating budget for the fire department salaries and employer contributions is hereby amended by decreasing the expenditures in the amount of Five-Hundred and FiftyFive Thousand, Two-Hundred and Ninety-Three Dollars and Seventy-Five Cents (\$ 555,293.75), and the 2021 grant budget is hereby amended by increasing the budget in the amount of Five-Hundred and FiftyFive Thousand, Two-Hundred and Ninety-Three Dollars and Seventy-Five Cents (\$ 555,293.75), for the fire department salary expenses for the time period of March 3, 2021 to December 31, 2021.

**SECTION 4.** The City’s 2021 annual operating budget for the police department salaries and employer contributions is hereby amended by decreasing the expenditures in the amount of Five-Hundred and FiftyFive Thousand, Two-Hundred and Ninety-Three Dollars and Seventy-Five Cents (\$ 555,293.75), and the

2021 grant budget is hereby amended by increasing the budget in the amount of Five-Hundred and FiftyFive Thousand, Two-Hundred and Ninety-Three Dollars and Seventy-Five Cents (\$ 555,293.75), for the police department salary expenses for the time period of March 3, 2021 to December 31, 2021.

**SECTION 5.** On the mandatory Annual Report, these police and fire salaries and employer contribution expenses shall be reported under the Expenditure Category (EC) number 6.1 entitled Revenue Replacement.

**SECTION 6.** The City Council finds and determines that it is imperative to utilize the ARPA funds to offset the fiscal impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Therefore, to protect the health, safety and welfare of its citizens, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage.

**PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 14<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JUNE, 2022.**

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**Mayor**

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**City Clerk**