



BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, September 10, 2024 at 7:00 PM

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

AGENDA

- A. **CALL TO ORDER**
- B. **INVOCATION** - Reverend Brady Renix, Sr., Associate Pastor - Whitest Chapel Baptist Church, 1032 Cook St., SW, Camden, Arkansas.
- C. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- D. **ROLL CALL**
- E. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - [1.](#)
- F. **ACCEPTANCE OF FINANCIAL REPORTS**
 - [1.](#)
- G. **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**
- H. **MAYOR'S REPORT**
 - [1.](#)
- I. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - [1.](#) **Ordinance No. 09-24**, an ordinance amending section 6 Building and Building Regulations, Article II, Plumbing of the City of Camden, Arkansas Code of Ordinances, adopting by reference the 2018 Arkansas Plumbing Code and the 2018 Arkansas Fuel Gas Code; and for other purposes. (Third & Final Reading)
- J. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - [1.](#) **Ordinance No. 11-24**, an ordinance authorizing the assignment of certain duties to a private accountant; and for other purposes.
 - [2.](#) **Resolution No. 43-24**, a resolution authorizing the Mayor to retain an outside accountant; amending the 2024 Annual Operating Budget; and for other purposes.
- K. **OTHER BUSINESS**
 - [1.](#) **Resolution No. 36-24**, a resolution awarding the bid for the installation of Chip Seal Resurfacing for the Public Works Street Department.
- L. **ADJOURNMENT**



BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, August 13, 2024 at 7:00 PM

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

MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. INVOCATION - Reverend Scott Knight, Pastor - Cullendale Assembly of God Church, 3250 Cash Road, SW, Camden, Arkansas.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Alderman Lawrence Askew

Alderman Chris Aregood

Alderman Gerald Castleberry

Alderman L.E. Lindsey

Alderman William McCoy

Alderman Marvin Moore

Alderman Edward Winters

Alderman Brady Renix

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of Regular Scheduled Meeting, July 9, 2024

Motion made by Alderman Winters seconded by Alderman Aregood.

Voting Yea: Alderman Askew, Alderman Aregood, Alderman Castleberry, Alderman Lindsey, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Moore, Alderman Winters, Alderman Renix

2. Minutes of Special Called Meeting, July 11, 2024

Motion made by Alderman Askew, Seconded by Alderman Castleberry.

Voting Yea: Alderman Askew, Alderman Aregood, Alderman Castleberry, Alderman Lindsey, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Moore, Alderman Winters, Alderman Renix

F. ACCEPTANCE OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. Financial Report for July 2024

Motion made by Alderman Aregood, Seconded by Alderman Askew.

Voting Yea: Alderman Aregood, Alderman Castleberry, Alderman Winters

Voting Nay: Alderman Askew, Alderman Lindsey, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Moore, Alderman Renix
failed

G. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

James Johnson, 416 Madison, thanked the fire department for their help during a health scare. Specifically recognizing Captain Kyle Rogers, Lieutenant Jason Wright and Assistant Chief Jarod Purifoy.

Bryan Smith, 223 North Street, complained about the landfill being closed during inclement weather.

Mike Sherman, 240 Adams, asked that the Sportsplex contract be renewed.

Anita McElfresh, 2810 Hawthorne, claimed she was assaulted by the police and said she had video proof.

Julian Lott, 412 Arkansas, called for a forensic audit.

Superintendent Roy Wesley, 205 Harding, called for more transparency on crime, and suggested recognizing "Buckshot" Smith by naming a street after him.

Randy Sanders, 2810 Cherokee, stated that 4 way stops on Cherokee is a bad idea, if there were more police in the area, there would be less speeding.

Larry Mitchell, 649 Magnolia Road, requested an update on the fiber optic lines that are being buried around the city.

Sandra Lee, 603 Texas, called for a forensic audit and asked how many departments the city has and how many vehicles they have.

Bishop Robert Arnold, 518 Sharp, said he was concerned about the City's spending and asked if the trucks on the agenda were really needed.

Jacovy Barker, 2365 Country Club Road, expressed his concerns for the City's finances.

Julia Brown, 422 Arkansas, invited everyone to the "Clap Up" at the schools to welcome the students back on their first day.

H. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Young introduced Jake Plyler and Blake Rogers with TRM&P CPA firm. They were there to answer questions about their proposal to take over the finances for the City. The cost will be \$5,250 a month plus time and travel if they have to attend a council meeting. They invited the Council to email them any questions they may have. Alderman Moore asked if they could do a forensic audit and was told that a full audit will be very expensive and TRM&P can not do it if they are working for the city.

Mayor Young announced that Legislative will be here August 26th.

The Mayor thanked David Richardson and Camden Water Utilities for their help at the transfer station, they saved the city quite a bit of money. The scales are in place the the landfill and all scale-hoiuse employees have been trained on doing tickets.

The Mayor, Police Chief and Assistant Chief met with the Housing Authority. Extra patrols through the complexes will begin soon. Three new officers have completed ALETA and are at work.

The Mayor announced that Commodity Distribution will be Wednesday and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Mayor Young thanked the Police and Fire Departments for their efforts during L.C. "Buckshot" Smith's funeral and asked everyone to keep his family in their prayers and also asked everyone to pray for Ed Parham and his wife in the loss of their son.

I. OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Ordinance No. 09-24**, an ordinance amending section 6, Building and Building Regulations, Article II, Plumbing of the City of Camden, Arkansas Code of Ordinances, adopting by reference the 2018 Arkansas Plumbing Code and the 2018 Arkansas Fuel Gas Code; and for other purposes.

Alderman Lindsey introduced the Ordinance for the second reading and the City Clerk read the number and title.

J. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Ordinance No. 10-24**, an ordinance repealing Ordinance No. 7-02, assessing a lien on certain property located at 1049 Cook Ave.

Alderman Lindsey introduced the Ordinance and the City Clerk read the number and title.

Alderman Lindsey made a motion to suspend the rules and put the Ordinance up for the third and final reading, Seconded by Alderman Winters.

Voting Yea: Alderman Askew, Alderman Aregood, Alderman Castleberry, Alderman Lindsey, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Moore, Alderman Winters, Alderman Renix

Motion to amend made by Alderman Lindsey, making a change to section 2, the payment being \$900 instead of \$800. Seconded by Alderman Moore.

Voting Yea: Alderman Askew, Alderman Aregood, Alderman Castleberry, Alderman Lindsey, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Moore, Alderman Winters, Alderman Renix

Motion to accept as amended made by Alderman Winters, Seconded by Alderman Lindsey.

Voting Yea: Alderman Askew, Alderman Aregood, Alderman Castleberry, Alderman Lindsey, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Moore, Alderman Winters, Alderman Renix

- 2. Resolution No. 36-24.** a resolution awarding the bid for the installation of Chip Seal Resurfacing for the Public Works Street Department.

The Mayor introduced the resolution and the City Clerk read the number and title.

Motion made by Alderman Lindsey, Seconded by Alderman Moore.

Voting Yea: Alderman Askew, Alderman Aregood, Alderman Castleberry, Alderman Lindsey, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Moore, Alderman Winters, Alderman Renix

- 3. Resolution No. 37-24,** a resolution awarding the bid for the installation of 2" Hot Mix Asphyalt Overlay for the Public Works Street Department.

Motion made by Alderman Lindsey, Seconded by Alderman Winters.

Voting Yea: Alderman Askew, Alderman Aregood, Alderman Castleberry, Alderman Lindsey, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Moore, Alderman Winters, Alderman Renix

- 4. Resolution No. 38-24,** a resolution awarding the bid for oils and lubricants.

Motion made by Alderman Castleberry, Seconded by Alderman Aregood.

Voting Yea: Alderman Askew, Alderman Aregood, Alderman Castleberry, Alderman Lindsey, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Moore, Alderman Winters, Alderman Renix

- 5. Resolution No. 39-24,** a resolution awarding the bid for the purchase of one (1) 2024 F150 Crew Cab Pickup for the Code Enforcement Department.

Motion made by Alderman Castleberry, Seconded by Alderman Lindsey.

Voting Yea: Alderman Askew, Alderman Aregood, Alderman Castleberry, Alderman Lindsey, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Moore, Alderman Winters, Alderman Renix

- 6. Resolution No. 40-24,** a resolution awarding the bid for the purchase of one (1) 2024 F150 Regular Cab Pickup for the Public Works Parks Department.

Motion made by Alderman Castleberry, Seconded by Alderman Lindsey.

Failed

- 7. Resolution No. 41-24,** a resolution awarding the bid for the purchase of one (1) 2024 F150 Crew Cab Pickup with platform service bed the the Public Works Street Department.

Motion made by Alderman Castleberry, Seconded by Alderman Lindsey. The vote was 4-4 and the Mayor voted to pass.

- 8. Resolution No. 42-24,** a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a lease extension with the Women's Crisis Center of South Arkansas, Inc.

Motion made by Alderman Aregood, Seconded by Alderman Askew.

Voting Yea: Alderman Askew, Alderman Aregood, Alderman Castleberry, Alderman Lindsey, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Moore, Alderman Winters, Alderman Renix

K. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Camden Fire Department Short Term Position

Chief Covington requested an additional fireman through the end of the year. A couple of retirements are planned for next year and if someone starts now, they will be trained by the beginning of the year. Alderman Lindsey made a motion to approve the addition, seconded by Alderman Aregood. The request was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Alderman Lindsey would like the council to consider naming the Police Department Building or Police Drive after Buckshot.

Alderman Moore asked about the Arkansas Black Mayors Association Flood Abatement Plan. He said their website said a decision has been made.

Alderman Moore also announced that he is not running for re-election but says he will always know what's going on with the council. He asked about the playground equipment in Carnes Park and was told that it should arrive in September.

Alderman Castleberry said things are pretty close on the Cherokee Facebook page but most would prefer blue lights over the stop signs. He also stated that work on the contract for the Sportsplex needs to start now.

Alderman Renix said a group of trucks had parked on the basketball courts at Ivra Clark Park and the kids couldn't play. He again requested that the neighborhood watch be restarted.

L. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Alderman Castleberry, Seconded by Alderman Aregood. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Mayor, Charlotte Young

City Clerk, Donna Stewart

**City of Camden
Financial Summary
August 2024**

		Budget	Month	YTD	Budget Balance	%
General Fund Revenue						
1	Total - Taxes	\$6,979,470	\$615,907	\$4,797,375	\$2,182,095	68.7%
2	Total - Licenses	\$21,800	\$3,539	\$17,167	\$4,633	78.7%
3	Total - Inter-Govt	\$329,472	\$25,357	\$485,426	(\$155,954)	147.3%
4	Total - Chg Service	\$67,720	\$3,480	\$58,107	\$9,613	85.8%
5	Total - Fines	\$273,545	\$19,699	\$172,968	\$100,577	63.2%
6	Total - Misc	\$47,800	\$2,562	\$37,423	\$10,377	78.3%
Total General Fund Revenue		\$7,719,807	\$670,544	\$5,568,465	\$2,151,342	72.1%
General Fund Expense						
7	District Court	\$267,214	\$18,363	\$142,259	\$124,955	53.2%
8	District Court/Probation	\$75,074	\$8,823	\$46,310	\$28,764	61.7%
9	Public Admn	\$415,477	\$35,596	\$235,518	\$179,959	56.7%
10	Fin Admn	\$206,830	\$14,583	\$114,259	\$92,571	55.2%
11	City Attorney	\$61,177	\$5,951	\$37,780	\$23,397	61.8%
12	Muni Bldg	\$110,181	\$6,489	\$52,588	\$57,593	47.7%
13	Code Enforce	\$239,811	\$15,673	\$114,515	\$125,296	47.8%
14	Police	\$3,189,041	\$310,751	\$2,149,330	\$1,039,711	67.4%
15	Fire	\$2,639,341	\$211,468	\$1,704,424	\$934,917	64.6%
16	P/W Admn	\$219,276	\$26,161	\$147,974	\$71,302	67.5%
17	P/W Garage	\$398,260	\$15,224	\$123,337	\$274,923	31.0%
18	P/W Parks	\$533,699	\$43,830	\$325,949	\$207,750	61.1%
19	P/W Pool & Splash Pad	\$125,938	\$63,524	\$91,231	\$34,707	72.4%
20	Non-Dept	\$983,376	\$21,619	\$548,611	\$434,765	55.8%
21	Tech Center	\$35,148	\$752	\$12,407	\$22,741	35.3%
22	Brownfields	\$2,000	\$0	\$0	\$2,000	0.0%
Total General Fund Expense		\$9,501,843	\$798,806	\$5,846,491	\$2,055,915	61.5%
23	Net General Fund	(\$1,782,036)	(\$128,262)	(\$278,026)		
Street Fund Revenue		\$1,183,200	\$81,639	\$1,078,700	\$104,500	91.2%
Street Fund Expense		\$1,812,803	\$87,843	\$1,070,348	\$742,455	59.0%
24	Net Street Fund	(\$629,603)	(\$6,204)	\$8,352		

**City of Camden
Financial Summary
August 2024**

		Budget	Month	YTD	Budget Balance	%
	Solid Waste Revenue	\$1,846,040	\$144,869	\$1,250,355	\$595,685	67.7%
	Solid Waste Collection Expense	\$1,198,189	\$51,969	\$442,171	\$756,018	36.9%
	Solid Waste Disposal Expense	\$1,092,593	\$197,882	\$671,088	\$421,505	61.4%
	Total Solid Waste Expense	\$2,290,782	\$249,851	\$1,113,259	\$1,177,523	48.6%
25	Net Solid Waste	(\$444,742)	(\$104,982)	\$137,096		
	Two Bayou Development Revenue	\$270	\$21	\$176	\$94	65.1%
	Two Bayou Development Expense	\$10,000	\$0	\$0	\$10,000	0.0%
26	Net Two Bayou	(\$9,730)	\$21	\$176	(\$9,906)	
	Airport Revenues	\$1,274,200	\$52,804	\$915,116	\$359,084	71.8%
	Airport Expense	\$1,274,200	\$60,477	\$879,447	\$394,753	69.0%
27	Net Airport	\$0	(\$7,673)	\$35,669		
	Admin of Justice Revenue	\$255,250	\$20,374	\$157,225	\$98,025	61.6%
	Admin of Justice Expenses	\$255,250	\$20,374	\$157,225	\$98,025	61.6%
28	Net Admn of Justice	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
	Port Authority Revenue	\$2,150	\$17	\$134	\$2,016	6.2%
	Port Authority Expense	\$2,150	\$0	\$200	(\$1,950)	9.3%
29	Net Port Authority	\$0	\$17	(\$66)		
	Economic Dev Revenue	\$57,500	\$254	\$2,361	\$55,139	4.1%
	Economic Dev Expense	\$155,000	\$0	\$155,000	\$0	100.0%
30	Net Economic Dev	(\$97,500)	\$254	(\$152,639)		
	Community Appearance Revenue	\$23,560	\$0	\$13,329	\$10,232	56.6%
	Community Appearance Expense	\$23,560	\$11,000	\$29,727	(\$6,167)	126.2%
31	Net Community Appearance	\$0	(\$11,000)	(\$16,398)		
	Community Development Revenue	\$1,100	\$300	\$365	\$735	33.1%
	Community Development Expense	\$10,175	\$0	\$0	\$10,175	0.0%
32	Net Community Development	(\$9,075)	\$9	\$365		

**City of Camden
Financial Summary
August 2024**

		Budget	Month	YTD	Budget Balance	%
	Act 833 of 1991 Revenue	\$16,000	\$16,216	\$16,307	(\$307)	101.9%
	Act 833 of 1991 Expense	\$16,000	\$6,756	\$6,756	\$9,244	42.2%
33	Net Act 833	\$0	\$9,460	\$9,551		
	A&P Commission Revenue	\$335,000	\$31,595	\$274,969	\$60,031	82.1%
	A&P Commission Expense	\$200,450	\$3,596	\$124,527	\$75,923	62.1%
34	Net A&P Commission	\$134,550	\$27,998	\$150,442		

SUMMARY OMB FACT SHEET

WATERSHED PLAN AND ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

FOR THE

FREEO CREEK-OUACHITA RIVER & NORTH BAYOU-TWO BAYOU WATERSHED

CLARK, DALLAS, AND OUACHITA COUNTIES, ARKANSAS

4TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Authority

The watershed plan - environmental assessment (EA) has been prepared under the authority of the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act of 1954, as amended (16 U.S.C. Sections 1001 to 1008, 1010, and 1012) and in accordance with Section 102(2) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, Public Law 91-190, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.).

Sponsoring Local Organization (SLO)

City of Camden, Arkansas

Purpose and Need for Action

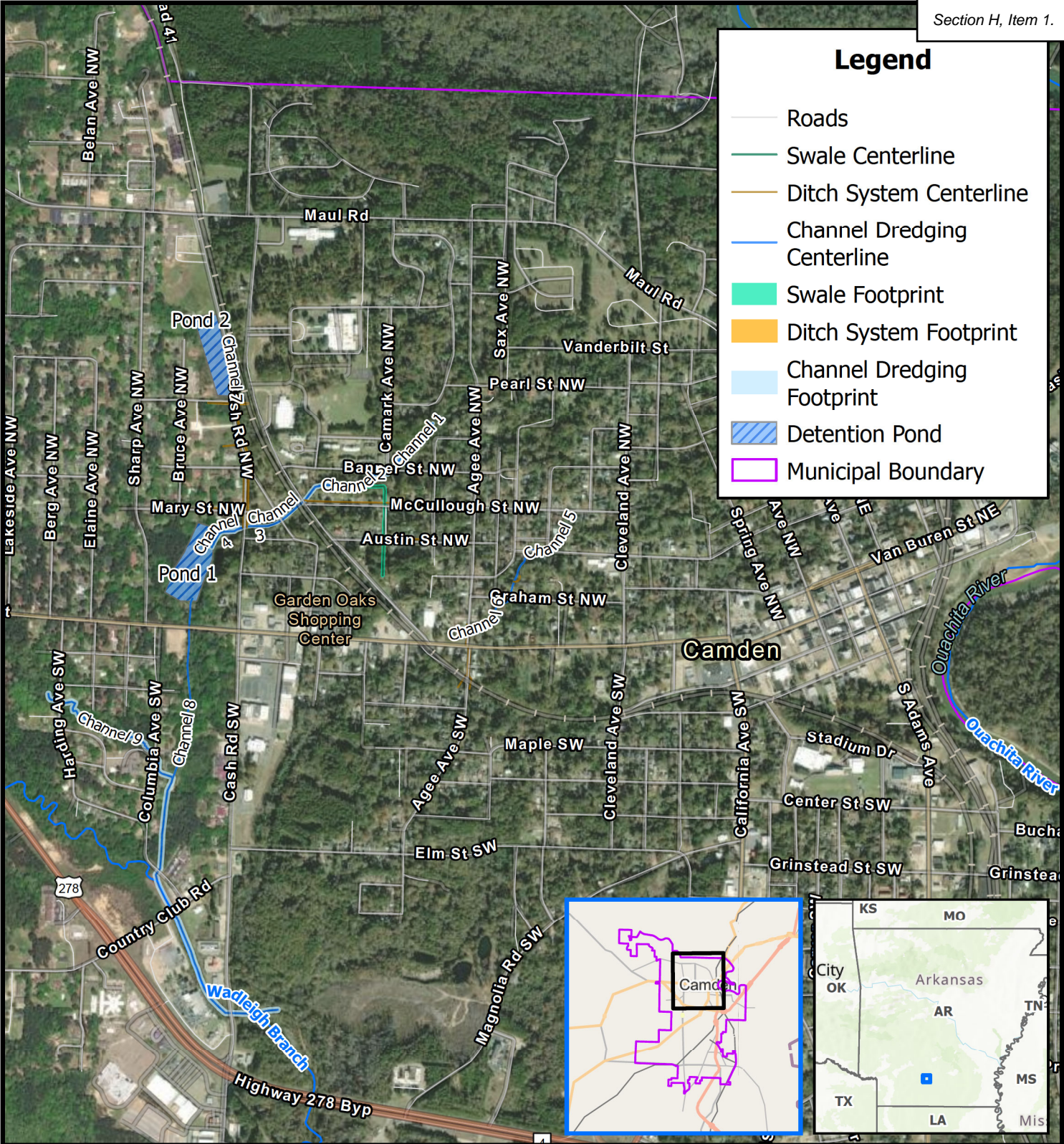
The proposed action's purpose is to reduce flood damage through the year 2076 in the city of Camden within the North Bayou-Two Bayou Watershed. Flooding of homes, businesses, roads, and cropland is a chronic issue in the planning area. The greatest need for flood damage reduction is in developed areas near large streams and rivers that suffer from flooding associated with both heavy local rainfall and backwater flooding. Municipal stormwater failures are due to insufficient stormwater carrying capacity, and backwater flooding is an unfortunate reality for communities situated on the banks of or near major rivers.

Description of the Preferred Alternative

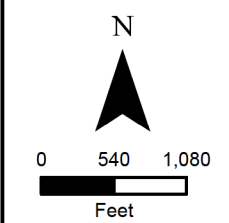
Alternative C reduces the 100-year flood depth by up to 6 feet in the study area. It provides the third best benefit-cost ratio among the five alternatives developed to mitigate 100-year flood events. It reduces flooding for 209 structures in Camden, directly serving 267 people in the area, with an average Social Vulnerability Index of 0.64. Educating the public about flood impacts, mitigation, and preparedness is a nonstructural component of the preferred alternative.

Watershed Plan – EA Summary

The purpose of the proposed action is to provide flood damage reduction through the year 2076 in the city of Camden within the North Bayou-Two Bayou Watershed. The proposed action (Preferred Alternative) involves construction, dredging, widening, and extending channels, ditches, and swales, and the construction of two detention ponds. Total cost for the proposed action would be \$17,781,260. Total Federal cost for the proposed action would be \$17,781,260. Total Sponsor cost for the proposed action would be \$0. The cost of the preparation of the watershed plan and environmental assessment was covered entirely with Federal funding. A copy of the Draft Plan-EA is available at: <https://www.abmawatershedproject.com/projects/city-of-camden>.

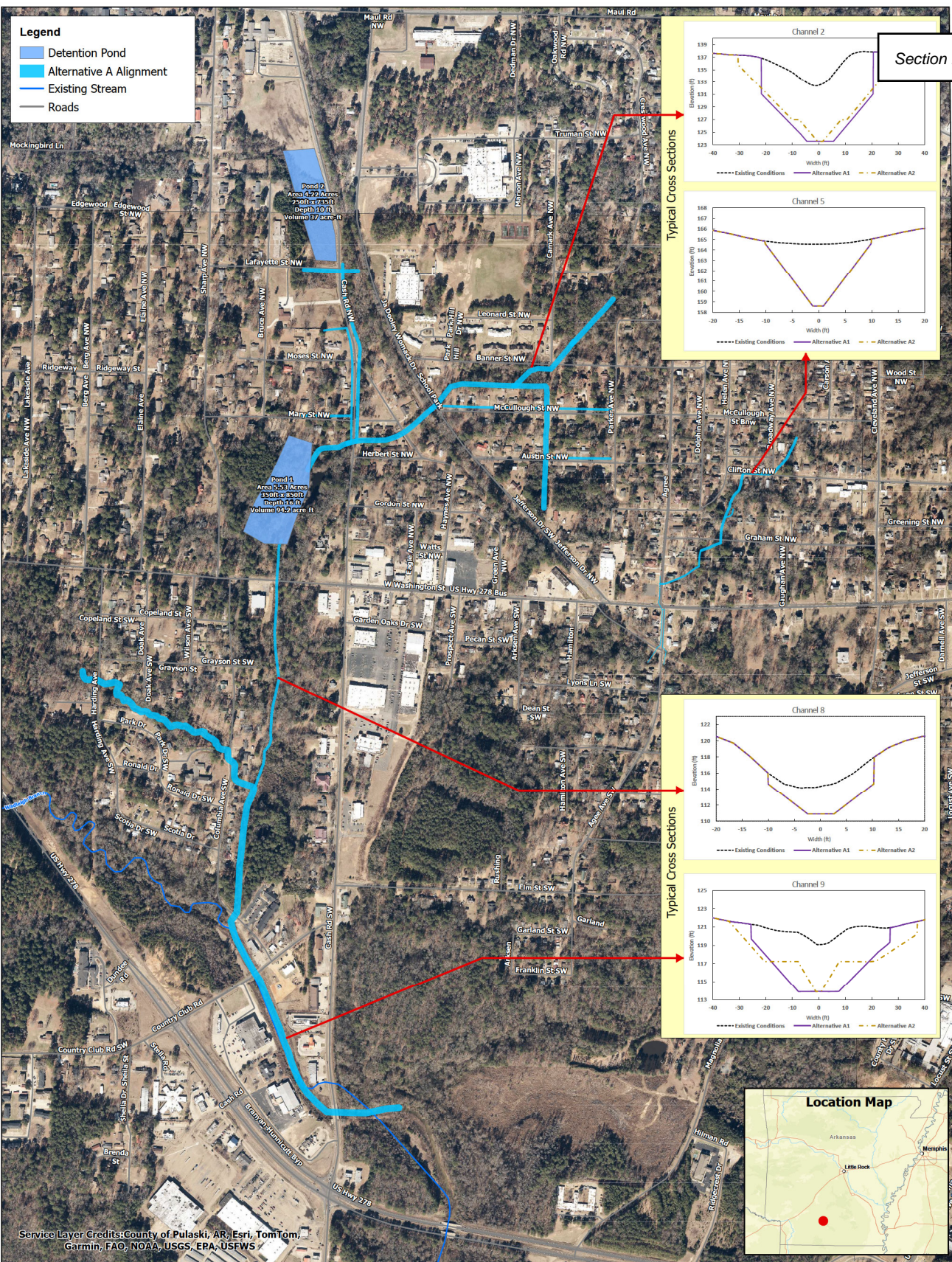


Alternative A1 - A2
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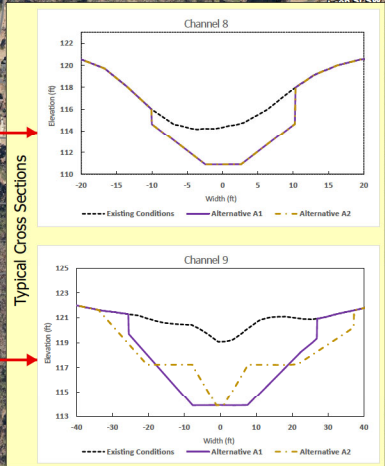
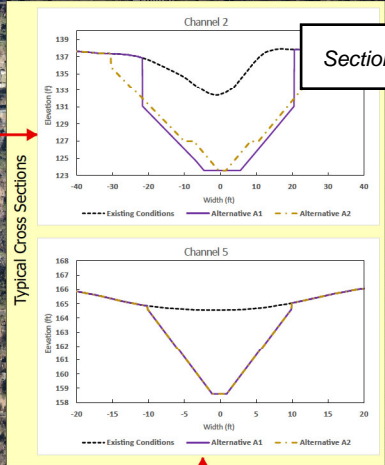


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- Legend**
- Detention Pond
 - Alternative A Alignment
 - Existing Stream
 - Roads



Section H, Item 1.



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Alternative A1 and A2









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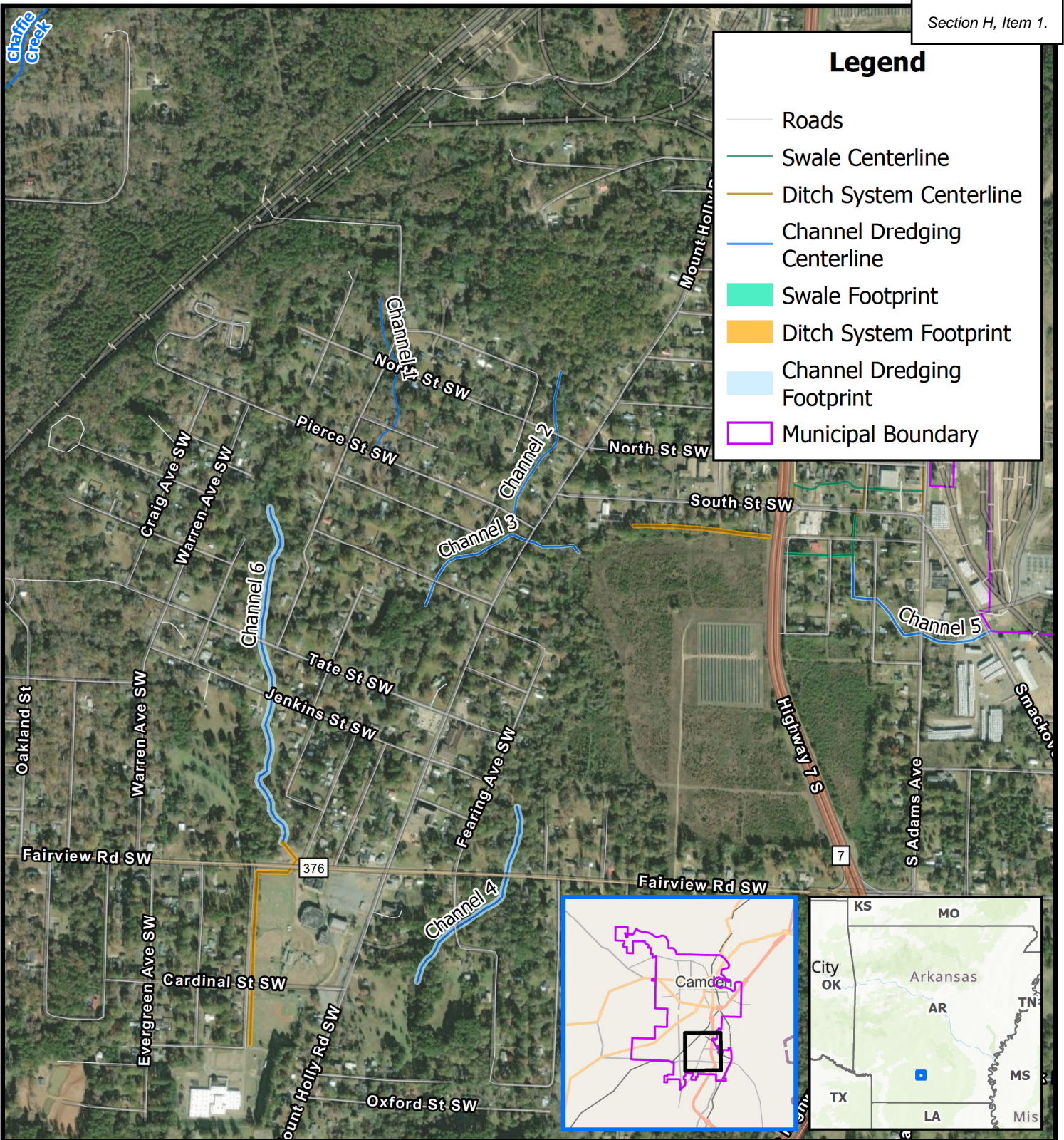


Communities located within the project area:

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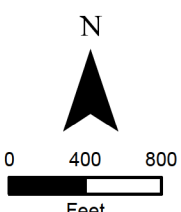
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-  Swale Centerline
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-  Channel Dredging Footprint
-  Municipal Boundary



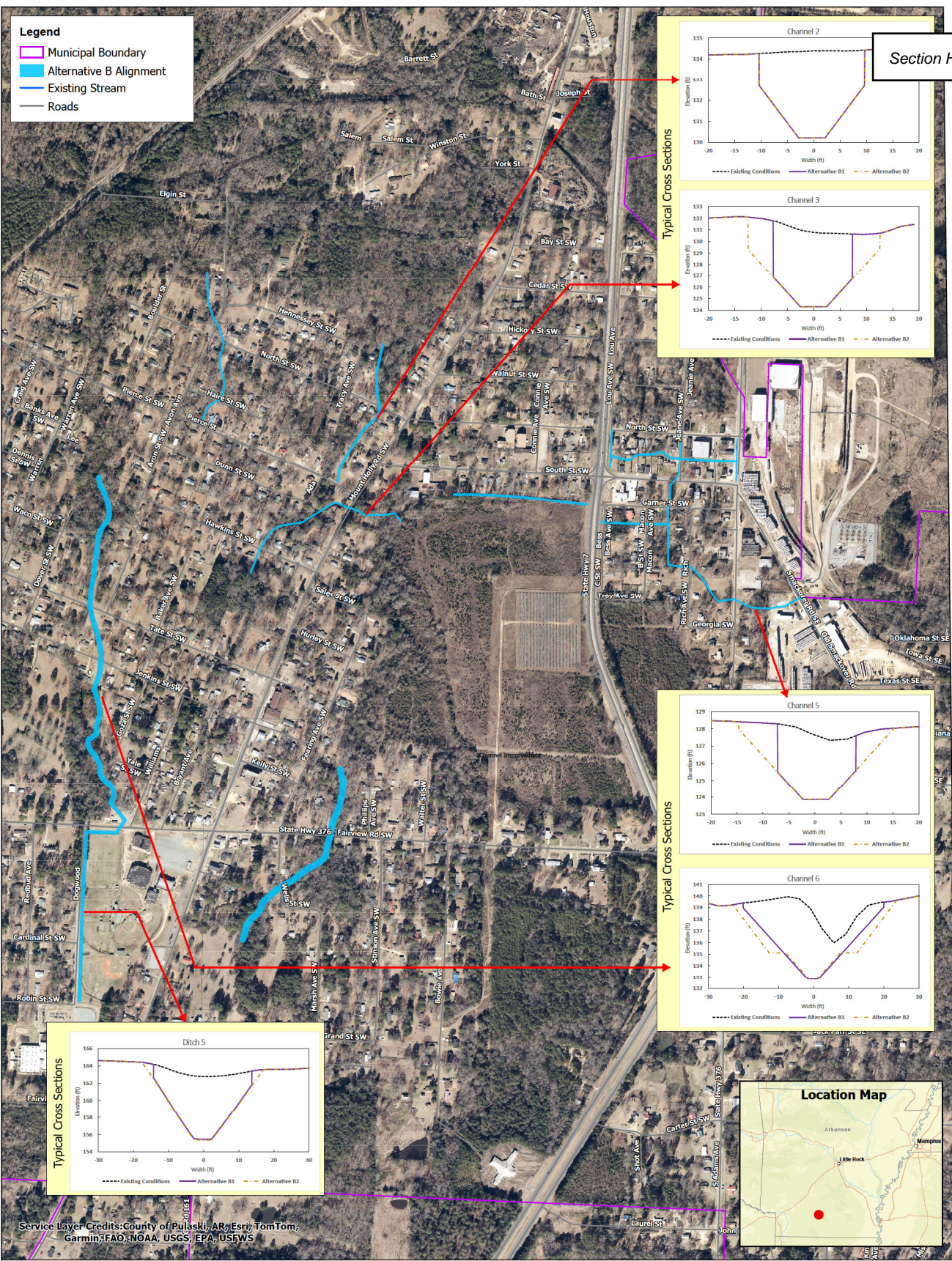
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- Legend**
-  Municipal Boundary
 -  Alternative B Alignment
 -  Existing Stream
 -  Roads



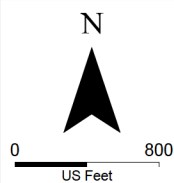
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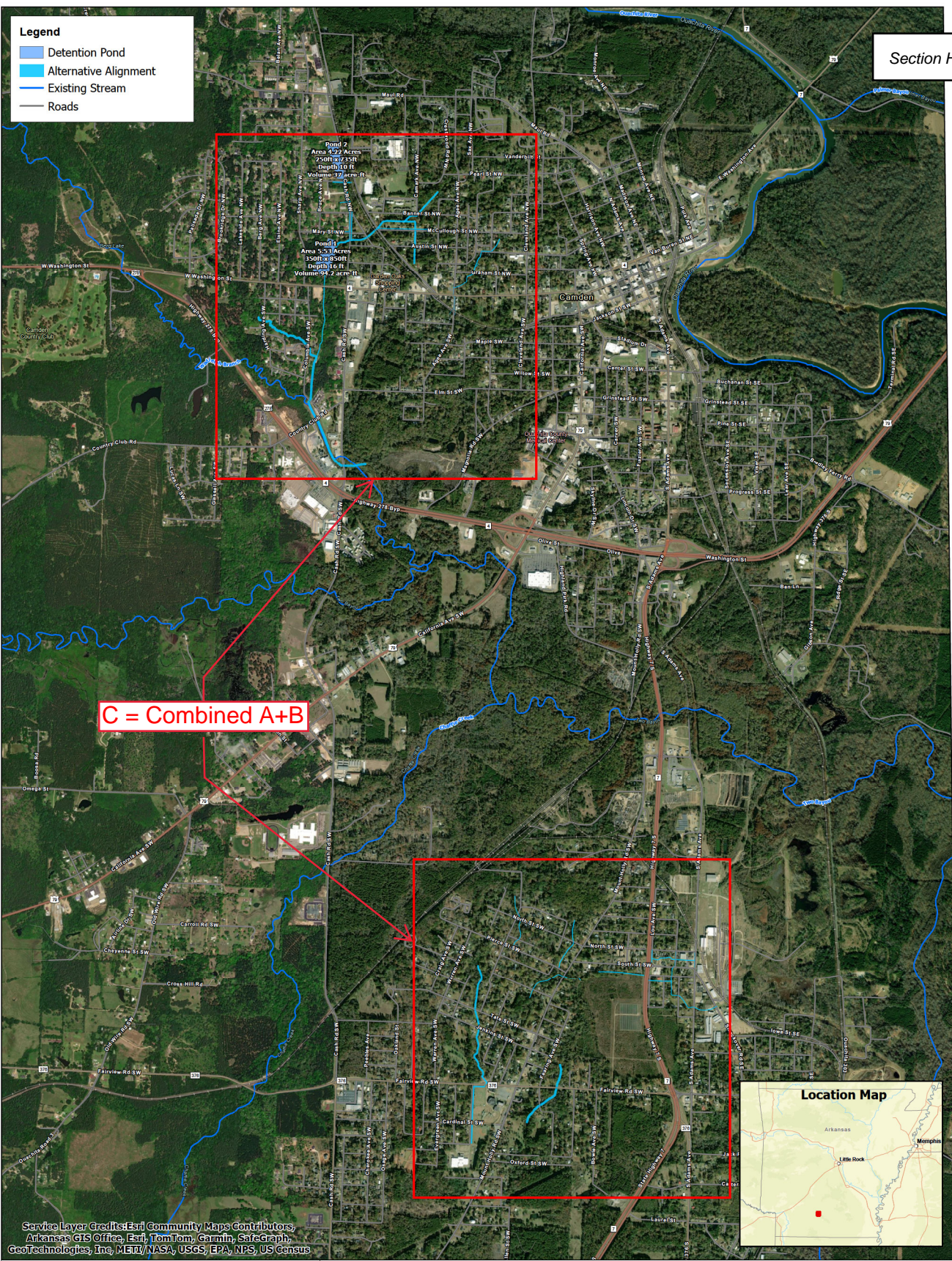
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Legend

- Detention Pond
- Alternative Alignment
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Alternative C

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ORDINANCE NO. 09-24

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 6, BUILDING AND BUILDING REGULATIONS,
ARTICLE II, PLUMBING OF THE CITY OF CAMDEN, ARKANSAS, CODE OF
ORDINANCES, ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE 2018 ARKANSAS PLUMBING CODE
AND THE 2018 ARKANSAS FUEL GAS CODE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, The City of Camden, Arkansas desires to adopt by reference the 2018 Edition of the Arkansas Plumbing Code with 2018 Revisions Appendixes B, C, D, E and F; and, the 2018 Edition of the Arkansas Fuel Gas Code with 2018 Appendixes A, B, C and D and, all subsequent editions as adopted by the State of Arkansas and,

WHEREAS, The City has complied with Arkansas Code Ann. §§14-55-207 by publishing a notice of intent to adopt these technical codes by reference in a paper of general circulation within the municipality and three (3) copies of Codes have been available for inspection in the City Clerk’s Office for the public prior to their adoption; and,

**WHEREAS, The Arkansas State Board of Health recently adopted the 2018 Arkansas Plumbing Code and the Arkansas Fuel Gas Code for the purpose of setting forth minimum uniform standards to be followed by the Arkansas Plumbing Industry; and
WHEREAS, it is necessary, proper and in the best interest of the City of Camden, Arkansas to adopt an updated the City of Camden’s Plumbing and Fuel Gas Code that is consistent with State Codes.**

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

SECTION 1. Section 6-16 Plumbing Code Adopted; shall be amended to read as follows:

Section 6-16 Plumbing Code Adopted

There is hereby adopted by the City of Camden, Arkansas, for the purpose of establishing rules, regulations and specifications for the construction, installation and inspection of plumbing and drainage, including permits and penalties, that certain code known as the Arkansas Plumbing Code, 2018 Edition, Appendixes B,C,D, E and F, promulgated by the Arkansas State Board of Health, and that certain code known as the Arkansas Fuel Gas Code, 2018 Edition, Appendixes A,B,C, and D promulgated by the Arkansas State Board of Health, as well as subsequent editions as adopted by the State, herein together shall be known and referred to as the “Plumbing Code”, save and except such portions as are hereafter deleted, modified or amended, of which no less than three (3) copies have been and are now filed in the office of the city clerk; and the same is hereby adopted and incorporated as fully as if set out at length herein.

SECTION 2. Section 6-18.1 Street Openings shall be added and read as follows:

Any Person, Firm, or corporation making excavation on or in a city street, alley, or right-of-way to install, repair, or replace plumbing, shall be in compliance with **SECTION 19 STREETS AND SIDEWALKS ARTICLE III EXIVATIONS,** of the City of Camden, Arkansas Code of Ordinances.

SECTION 3. Section 6-19 **Permits and Inspection Fees** Shall be amended to read as follows:

Section 6-19 **Permits and Fees:**

The following fees and changes shall be made and collected by the City Clerk or Clerks Designee before a permit shall be issued by the Code Enforcement Office pursuant to this article:

- (1) The minimum charge for any plumbing permit for new work or remodeling shall be:
 - a. Plumbing Permit (**Not required if Building Permit has been issued**) \$25.00
 - b. Gas inspection, Pressure test \$15.00
 - c. Sewer connections (New or Replaced) \$20.00
 - d. Plumbing inspection, per fixture \$5.00
 - e. Water heater new or replaced \$15.00.
 - f. Water service inspection (New or Replaced)..... \$20.00
 - g. RPZ installation inspection..... \$20.00

Plumbing re-inspection fees shall constitute an additional inspection fee set equal to amounts listed above.

The mayor is authorized to charge for plumbing inspections performed outside of the corporate limits of Camden at a rate not to exceed two (2) times the schedule of rates outlined above.

No permit shall have any force or effect unless it has attached to it a receipt or statement from the City Clerk's office showing the payment of any or all fees required by this section.

Further, should any plumbing work be commenced prior to the issuance of a permit, therefore, an additional fee of Fifty dollars (\$50.00) may be assessed and imposed as an additional permit and inspection fee.

No permit shall be issued so long as the applicant owes the city any permit and inspection fees for any current or prior work commenced or performed.

SECTION 4. 6-20 **Building Official to act as Plumbing Inspector; Delegation of powers and duties** shall be amended to read as follows:

Section 6-20 **Code Enforcement Officer to act as Plumbing Inspector: Delegation of powers and duties:**

The Code Enforcement Officer and his or her delegates shall obtain a State of Arkansas Plumbers Inspectors Licenses and shall act as the plumbing inspector for the city of Camden, Arkansas and the duties and functions may be delegated and performed by authorized representatives of the Code Official and under his control and supervision.

Section 5. Section 6-20.1 shall be added and shall read as follows:

6-20.1 Request an emergency disconnect due to an immediate hazard:

The Code Enforcement Officer is hereby authorized to request the Water Department to discontinue or cause to be disconnected all water service or services to any and all premises, lands, buildings or structures where it is found that an immediate hazard exists to the purity or potability of the City water supply due to non-compliance with the Plumbing Code and to require the immediate correction of the non-conforming condition prior to restoration of services.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS __ DAY OF _____, 2024.

Mayor

City Clerk

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
CAMDEN, ARKANSAS, AUTHORIZING THE ASSIGNMENT OF CERTAIN
DUTIES TO A PRIVATE ACCOUNTANT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, Arkansas Code Annotated § 14-43-405 provides that a city of the first class may allow one person to assume the duties of city clerk and city treasurer as a clerk treasurer; and

WHEREAS, the City of Camden, in Ordinance 12-10, divided the duties of the city clerk and city treasurer and created an elected city clerk and an appointed city treasurer; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance Number 6-19 provides that the position of city treasurer shall be recommended by the Mayor and approved by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 14-24 temporarily assigned the duties of city treasurer to the city clerk; and

WHEREAS, Arkansas Code Annotated § 14-59-115 provides that the governing body of a municipality may assign or contract with a private, qualified person or entity to perform certain duties; and

WHEREAS, the City of Camden, desires to authorize the employment of private, qualified individuals or entities to perform certain duties.

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

SECTION 1: There is hereby created a new position of “Outside Accountant” within the finance administration department.

SECTION 2: A private, qualified individual or entity may be retained to perform any of the following duties:

- Monthly reconciliation of city bank accounts;
- Processing payroll;
- Calculating and submitting payroll tax deposits;
- Preparing required payroll reports; (941’s, W-2’s, etc);
- Preparing other monthly submissions (APERS, LOPFI, municipal league);
- Prepare monthly sales and use tax returns and monthly city/county sales tax allocation;
- Preparing other monthly/quarterly/annual reports;
- Answering calls from administration and staff on routine business issues;
- Preparing and reviewing monthly financial statements.
- Provide annual audit assistance;
- Provide budget preparation;
- Provide FOIA request response;
- Attend council meetings.

SECTION 3: The Outside Accountant shall be approved by the City Council after soliciting proposals from qualified individuals and entities.

SECTION 4: The Outside Accountant shall assist and coordinate with the city treasurer for any duties it is contracted.

SECTION 5: The cost of the Outside Accountant shall be paid from a newly created line item 01-030-52500.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2024.

Mayor

City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 43-24

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMDEN, ARKANSAS, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO RETAIN AN OUTSIDE ACCOUNTANT; AMENDING THE 2024 ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the City Council in Ordinance 11-24 authorized the retention of a private individual or entity to perform certain accounting duties; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 11-24 provides that an Outside Accountant may be approved by the City Council after proposals are sought from qualified individuals or entities: and

WHEREAS, the City requested proposals from qualified individuals and entities; and

WHEREAS, the certified public accounting firm Turner, Rodgers, Manning & Plyler, of Arkadelphia, responded and submitted a proposal; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to retain the services of Turner, Rodgers, Manning & Plyler; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to amend the 2024 annual operating budget to provide for the cost of an Outside Accountant.

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

SECTION 1. The Mayor is authorized to retain the services on Turner, Rodgers, Manning & Plyler as an Outside Accountant as shown in the proposal of July 16, 2024.

SECTION 2. The 2024 annual operating budget is amended by adding the sum of Fifteen-Thousand and Seven-Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$15,750.00) to line item 01-030-52500 (Outside Accountant).

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2024.

Mayor

City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 36-24

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMDEN, ARKANSAS,
AWARDING THE BID FOR THE INSTALLATION OF CHIP SEAL RESURFACING
FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS STREET DEPARTMENT.**

WHEREAS, the City of Camden desires to purchase the product and installation of chip seal resurfacing on a portion of Palisade and Edgemere Streets; and

WHEREAS, the City has provided in its 2024 annual operating budget for the chip seal project in Line Item 02-501-59310 (street improvements); and

WHEREAS, the City of Camden solicited sealed bids for the purchase of the chip seal resurfacing services for the Public Works Street Department; and

WHEREAS, one bidder responded to said solicitation; and

WHEREAS, Arkansas State Statute 14-58-303 Subsection 2A(iii) states, “The mayor or the mayor’s authorized representative shall have exclusive power to award the bid to the lowest responsible bidder, but may reject any and all bids received.”; and

WHEREAS, Camden Code Section 2-53 provides that purchases exceeding Twenty-Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) shall be purchased after securing sealed bids upon the authorization of the mayor and final approval of the board of aldermen; and

WHEREAS, following a review and evaluation of the bid received, the City has determined that the bid from Smackover Paving Co., Inc. will provide the maximum benefit for the City of Camden.

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

SECTION 1. Smackover Paving Co., Inc., P.O. Box 8, Smackover, AR 71762, is awarded the bid for the purchase and installation of the chip seal resurfacing for the estimated price of \$54,440.00 as shown on the attached quote.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2024.

Mayor

City Clerk