



BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, September 12, 2023 at 7:00 PM

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

AGENDA

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. INVOCATION - Dr. Steve Watson, Pastor - First Baptist Church, 348 W. Washington St., Camden, Arkansas 71701

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. ROLL CALL

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

August 8, 2023 minutes

[1.](#)

F. ACCEPTANCE OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

G. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

H. MAYOR'S REPORT

1. David Richardson, Manager Camden Water Utilities

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 No. 4-23**, an ordinance repealing Camden Code Section 2-54 regarding advertising of bids for public improvements; and for other purposes. (third reading)

[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.

[4.](#) **Ordinance No. 06-23**, an ordinance repealing Ordinance No. 6-12 assessing a lien on certain property located at 777 Bradley Ferry Road SE.

[5.](#) **Ordinance No. 07-23**, an ordinance amending Camden Code 2-46, 2-52, and 2-53, regarding purchases and contracts; and other purposes.

J. NEW BUSINESS

[1.](#) **Ordinance No. 8-23**, an ordinance fixing the rate of taxation for the year 2024; declaring an emergency; and for other purposes.

[2.](#) **Resolution No. 52-23**, a resolution amending the 2023 Annual Operating Budget for police and Fire Salaries and employer payroll contributions.

[3.](#) **Resolution No. 53-23**, a resolution authorizing the mayor to enter into a contractual agreement with Michael Rogers Designs LLC, to provide architectural services for the city of Camden.

[4.](#) **Resolution No. 54-23**, a resolution amending the 2023 Annual Operating Budget; providing pay raises for sworn police officers and dispatchers; and for other purposes.

[5.](#) **Resolution No. 55-23**, a resolution amending the Annual Operating Budget for 2023; and for other purposes.

[6.](#) **Resolution No. 56-23**, a resolution confirming the appointment of members to the Historic Advisory Commission; and for other purposes.

[7.](#) **Resolution 57-23**, a resolution appointing LaRhonda Moore to the Civil Service Commission.

[8.](#) **Resolution No. 59-23**, a resolution authorizing the Chief Elected Official to sign an application for CDBG.

K. OTHER BUSINESS

L. ADJOURNMENT



BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, August 08, 2023 at 7:00 PM

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

MINUTES

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

PRESENT

Alderman Lawrence Askew

Alderman Chris Aregood

Alderman Gerald Castleberry

Alderman Ebony Gulley

Alderman L.E. Lindsey

Alderman William McCoy

Alderman Marvin Moore

Alderman Edward Winters

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Minutes Regular Meeting July 11, 2023

Motion to amend the minutes by leaving out mention of Alderman McCoy leaving the table early, made by Alderman Askew, Seconded by Alderman Lindsey.

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

Motion to approve the minutes as amended made by Alderman Askew, Seconded by Alderman Winters. Voting Yea: Alderman Askew, Alderman Aregood, Alderman Castleberry, Alderman Gulley, Alderman Lindsey, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Moore, Alderman Winters. The minutes were approved as amended.

F. ACCEPTANCE OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. Financial Report for July 2023

Motion to accept the July financial report made by Alderman Lindsey, Seconded by Alderman Winters. Voting Yea: Alderman Askew, Alderman Aregood, Alderman Castleberry, Alderman Lindsey, Alderman Moore, Alderman Winters

Voting Nay: Alderman McCoy

Voting Abstaining: Alderman Gulley

The July financial report was accepted by a 6-2 vote.

G. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Joyce Campbell, 629 Crestwood said that people are dumping illegally on her property at the corner of Pearl and Crestwood.

Jim Golden, 1475 Woodland, accompanied by Jeff Franklin, gave an OPED update and stated that they would like to have another town hall meeting.

H. Earl Anderson, 247 Buchanan, stated that he was appalled at the way the council operates.

Julie A. Brown, 422 Arkansas, invited everyone to a city wide prayer meeting Sunday at the Trace Trail Head on Adams, sponsored by Youth in Motion and Impact Camden. She also invited everyone to be at the schools 7:00 Monday morning with encouraging posters for the kids as they begin their first day back at school.

Michael Fountain, 410 Palisade, requested that something be done about the drainage system in Carnes Park. He said the water is pooling and the mosquitoes are terrible there.

H. MAYOR'S REPORT

1. Kyle Gatling and Jason Fletcher - Report on Airport

The Mayor stated that the airport report had to be rescheduled. She announced that the Fire Department’s Rescue Boat had been delivered Friday and is on display at Station 3 if anyone would like to see it. She congratulated Dana Peterson, Information Officer at the Camden Police Department for hosting a very successful National Night Out. The Mayor introduced the August Employee of the Month as Earl Porchia, Street Superintendent.

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

Alderman Lindsey introduced the Ordinance for the second reading and the City Clerk read the number and title. Motion to suspend the rules made by Alderman Lindsey, Seconded by Alderman Castleberry. Voting Yea: Alderman Askew, Alderman Aregood, Alderman Castleberry, Alderman Lindsey, Alderman Winters. Voting Nay: Alderman Gulley, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Moore. The third reading will be at the next Council meeting.

2. Ordinance 04-23 An Ordinance repealing Camden code Section 2-54 regarding advertisement of bids for public improvements; and for other purposes.

Alderman Lindsey introduced the Ordinance for the second reading and the City Clerk read the number and title. Motion to suspend the rules made by Alderman Lindsey, Seconded by Alderman Aregood. Voting Yea: Alderman Aregood, Alderman Castleberry, Alderman Lindsey. Voting Nay: Alderman Askew, Alderman Gulley, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Moore, Alderman Winters. The third reading will be at the next Council meeting. Alderman Moore requested that it be on record that it was said the Ordinance would be discussed but it hasn’t.

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.

Alderman Aregood introduced the Ordinance for the second reading and the City Clerk read the number and title. Motion to suspend the rules was made by Alderman Aregood, Seconded by Alderman Castleberry. After discussion, the motion was withdrawn. The third reading will be at the next Council meeting.

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.

Alderman Moore introduced the Ordinance and the City Clerk read the number and title. Motion to suspend the rules made by Alderman Lindsey, Seconded by Alderman Gulley. Voting Yea: Alderman Aregood, Alderman Lindsey

Voting Nay: Alderman Askew, Alderman Castleberry, Alderman Gulley, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Moore, Alderman Winters. The second reading will be at the next Council meeting.

- 2. **Ordinance No. 07-23**, an ordinance amending Camden Code 2-46, 2-52, and 2-53, regarding purchases and contracts; and other purposes.

Alderman Lindsey introduced the Ordinance and the City Clerk read the number and title. Motion to approve for discussion made by Alderman Winters, Seconded by Alderman Aregood. After some discussion, Alderman Lindsey made a motion to amend and add that competitive bidding will be placed on the City website, Seconded by Alderman Gulley. Voting Yea: Alderman Askew, Alderman Castleberry, Alderman Gulley, Alderman Lindsey, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Moore, Alderman Winters. Voting Nay: Alderman Aregood. The amendment was approved.

- 3. **Resolution No. 49-23**, a resolution confirming the appointment of Gisela Perez to the Advertising and Promotion Commission.

The Mayor introduced the Resolution and the City Clerk read the number and title. Motion to approve was made by Alderman Gulley, Seconded by Alderman Lindsey. Voting Yea: Alderman Askew, Alderman Aregood, Alderman Castleberry, Alderman Gulley, Alderman Lindsey, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Moore, Alderman Winters. Passed

- 4. **Resolution No. 50-23**, a resolution confirming the re-appointment of Michael Tidwell to the Advertising and Promotion commission.

The Mayor introduced the Resolution and the City Clerk read the number and title. Motion to approve was made by Alderman Gulley, Seconded by Alderman Askew. Voting Yea: Alderman Askew, Alderman Aregood, Alderman Castleberry, Alderman Gulley, Alderman Lindsey, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Moore, Alderman Winters. Passed

- 5. **Resolution No. 51-23**, a resolution amending the Annual Operating Budget for 2023; and for other purposes.

The Mayor introduced the Resolution and the City Clerk read the number and title. Motion to approve was made by Alderman Lindsey, Seconded by Alderman Winters. Voting Yea: Alderman Aregood, Alderman Castleberry, Alderman Winters. Voting Abstaining: Alderman Askew, Alderman Gulley, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Moore. Mayor Young had to vote yes to pass the Resolution.

K. OTHER BUSINESS

Alderman Lindsey made a motion to amend the agenda and add Resolution 52-23.

Seconded by Alderman Winters.

Voting Yea: Alderman Castleberry, Alderman Lindsey

Voting Nay: Alderman Askew, Alderman Aregood, Alderman Gulley, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Moore, Alderman Winters. The Resolution will be on next month’s agenda.

Alderman Lindsey would like to get video of the meetings on the website, and a sound system in the council chambers. He passed out information on a suggested increase in special pick up fees.

Alderman Moore remarked on the drainage at Carnes Park, he was informed that Code Enforcement and the Water Department have looked at it and they are waiting on a specialized truck to be available so the culvert can be blown out. He inquired about the repairs on the Teen Town building, the Mayor stated that the grant opens this month and SWAPPD is working on it.

Alderman Moore also asked if the pool hours had changed. Hours changed last week, getting ready for the beginning of the new school year.

Alderman Gulley expressed her concern over the possible need for more lifeguards to be on duty at the pool. She referenced an employee and her concerns about how his position was handled and followed up with a suggestion that more HR and EEOC training is needed. Alderman Winters thanked Public Works for their work in Pine Hills subdivision. He also asked about the dead tree being removed in Greenwood Cemetery, it's been several months and it's still there.

L. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Alderman Aregood, Seconded by Alderman Castleberry. Meeting adjourned at 9:29.

Mayor, Charlotte Young

City Clerk, Donna Stewart

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. 4-23

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

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

Section 1, Item 4.

8 APR 2022 L Jones

1. PARCEL # 891-00045-000R
2. ADDRESS: 777 BRADLEY FERRY ROAD, CAMDEN ARK 71701
777 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.

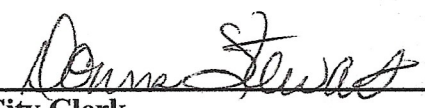
SECTION 3: The property concerned herewith being assessed in the name of Willie Bragg (Camden), is located in Ouachita County Arkansas, 777 Bradley Ferry Road SE, Camden, Arkansas.

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.

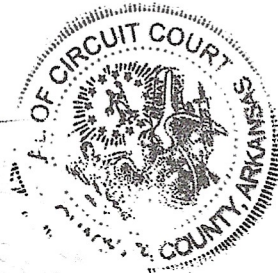
PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 13 DAY OF March, 2012.



Mayor



City Clerk

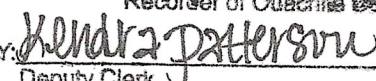


State of Arkansas
County of Ouachita
I hereby certify that this instrument
was FILED FOR RECORD and is RECORDED
on the DATE and TIME and in the BOOK
and PAGE as stamped hereon.

DATE: 4-13-2012 TIME: 2:10 PM

INSTRUMENT NUMBER: 0

BOOK: D228 PAGE: 422

BETTY WILSON
Recorder of Ouachita County
BY: 
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

ORDINANCE NO. 08-23

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMDEN, ARKANSAS, FIXING THE RATE OF TAXATION FOR THE YEAR 2024; 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 2024:

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 2024, 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 2024 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 SEPTEMBER, 2023.

Mayor

City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 55-23

**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 2023 annual operating budget includes Twenty-Five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) for compensation for damages, line item 1-150-52540; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to add the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) for compensation for damages.

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 Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to line item number 1-150-52540, increasing it to Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00).

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2023.

Mayor

City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 53-23

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMDEN, ARKANSAS, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT WITH MICHAEL ROGERS DESIGNS LLC, TO PROVIDE ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF CAMDEN.

WHEREAS, the City requires professional architectural services for construction and renovation projects; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to enter into a contractual agreement with a qualified architect to oversee design and construction of projects; and

WHEREAS, based upon written selection procedures for procurement of architectural services as outlined in State Statutes § 19-11-801 through § 19-11-805, the firm of Michael Rogers Designs LLC, of El Dorado, Arkansas, submitted the only response to the Request for Qualifications and is highly qualified under the established evaluation criteria for providing architectural services to the City of Camden; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor desires to negotiate a contractual agreement with the firm of Michael Rogers Designs LLC, for architectural services as needed by the City for construction and renovation projects.

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

SECTION 1. The Mayor is authorized, on behalf of the City of Camden, to negotiate and enter into a contractual agreement with the professional architectural firm of Michael Rogers Designs LLC, of El Dorado, Arkansas, for architectural services as needed by the City for preliminary planning and technical and professional services for construction and renovation projects.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2023.

Mayor

City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 54-23

**A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2023 ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET;
PROVODING PAY RAISES FOR SWORN POLICE
OFFICERS AND DISPATCHERS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, it is imperative to adequately compensate sworn police officers and dispatchers to attract and retain qualified employees; and

WHEREAS, the current salaries for sworn police officers and dispatchers are not competitive for similar positions in the surrounding area; and

WHEREAS, sworn police officers and dispatchers should be provided a raise to make the positions more competitive; and

WHEREAS, the 2023 annual operating budget should be amended to provide for the additional expense of such raises.

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

SECTION 1. Sworn police officers (23 total positions shown in the budget as: police officer (grant); police officer; police sergeant; police lieutenant; police captain; and police chief) shall all be provided a base salary increase of Two-Dollars (\$2.00) per hour.

SECTION 2. The 2023 annual operating budget is amended by adding Forty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000.00) to line item 1-110-51160 for police department LOPFI medicare salaries.

SECTION 3. Police dispatchers (8 total positions shown in the budget as: dispatcher I and dispatcher II) shall all be provided a base salary increase of Three-Dollars (\$3.00) per hour.

SECTION 4. The 2023 annual operating budget is amended by adding Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) to line item 1-110-51100 for police department dispatch and clerical salaries.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2023.

Mayor

City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 55-23

**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 2023 annual operating budget includes Twenty-Five thousand dollars (\$25,000.00) for compensation for damages, line item 1-150-52540; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to add the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) for compensation for damages.

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 Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) to line item number 1-150-52540, increasing it to Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00).

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2023.

Mayor

City Clerk

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMDEN, ARKANSAS, CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE HISTORIC ADVISORY COMMISSION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 18-96 created the Camden Historic Advisory Commission; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 18-96 provides that the Commission shall be composed of no less than five (5) members and no more than nine (9) members; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 18-96 further provides that members shall be appointed to staggered terms; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance 18-96 provides that the Commission members shall be appointed by the Mayor, subject to confirmation by the governing body of the City.

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, does hereby confirm the Mayor's appointment of the following members to the Camden Historic Advisory Commission, with the terms to end as designated:

- Ora Lee Westbrook: 9/12/2024
- Becky Davis: 9/12/2024
- Bill Bacon: 9/12/2025
- John Wheeler: 9/12/2025
- Laura Gordon: 9/12/2025
- Ryan Epinette: 9/12/2026
- David Reynolds: 9/12/2026
- Artie Graham: 9/12/2026

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2023.

Mayor

City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 57-23

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMDEN, ARKANSAS, APPOINTING LARHONDA MOORE TO THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 440 created the Camden Civil Service Commission and is codified at Camden Code Section 2-67; and

WHEREAS, the Civil Service Commission shall be composed of five (5) members; and

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists on the Commission due to the resignation of Janice Davis-White; and

WHEREAS, A.C.A. § 14-51-211 provides that vacancies on the Civil Service Commission shall be filled by the City Council to complete the unexpired term of the resigning member; and

WHEREAS, LaRhonda Moore has expressed a willingness to serve the City of Camden as a member of the Civil Service Commission.

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, does hereby appoint LaRhonda Moore to serve on the Camden Civil Service Commission for the unexpired term that ends on _____.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2023.

Mayor

City Clerk

EXHIBIT B

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CHIEF ELECTED OFFICIAL TO SIGN AN APPLICATION FOR

CDBG FUNDS

Resolution No. 59-23

Be it resolved by the City Council of Camden, State of Arkansas, a resolution to be entitled:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR ACEDP GRANT FUNDS TO THE STATE OF ARKANSAS

WHEREAS: Camden is applying for funds through the Arkansas Community and Economic Development Program, and

WHEREAS: It is necessary that certain conditions be met as part of the application requirements; and

WHEREAS: Camden has, or will, conducted a public hearing and has an active Citizen Participation Plan/Community Development Plan, and as part of the application process has received and considered comments on community development and housing needs, and proposed activities; and

WHEREAS: As a result of the Community Development Planning activities; Camden has identified and prioritized the community development and housing needs.

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

The Mayor of Camden is hereby authorized, on behalf of Camden City Council to submit an application to the State of Arkansas for grant funds, under the Community Development provisions of the Arkansas Community and Economic Development Program, and to expend funds to accomplish such community development activities, if the grant is awarded.

This Resolution passed and adopted in regular session: (date)

Name and Title

ATTEST:

Clerk