



BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at 7:00 PM

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

AGENDA

- A. **CALL TO ORDER**
- B. **INVOCATION** - Reverend Conner M. Davis, Pastor - Camden First Assembly of God Church, 1275 Maul Road NW, Camden, Arkansas

- C. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- D. **ROLL CALL**
- E. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - 1. Minutes of Regular Meeting February 13, 2024

 - 2. Minutes of Special Called Meeting, February 20, 2024
- F. **ACCEPTANCE OF FINANCIAL REPORTS**
- G. **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**
- H. **MAYOR'S REPORT**
- I. **OLD BUSINESS**
- J. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - 1. Ordinance No. 3-24, an ordinance repealing Ordinance No. 07-02 assessing a lien on certain property located at 541 Greenwood Street NW, Camden, Arkansas.
 - 2. Resolution No. 14-24, a resolution declaring the structure located at 213 East Wood Street a public nuisance and to order the removal of same.
 - 3. Resolution No. 15-24, a resolution authorizing the mayor to purchase a truck and trailer through an interlocal contract for cooperative purchasing; and for other purposes.
 - 4. Resolution No. 16-24, a resolution authorizing the mayor to purchase a Backhoe Loader through an interlocal contract for cooperative purchasing; and for other purposes.
 - 5. Resolution No. 17-24, a resolution awarding the bid for the purchase of scales for the Solid Waste Disposal Division of the Public Works Department.
- K. **OTHER BUSINESS**
- L. **ADJOURNMENT**



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MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. INVOCATION - Reverend Jeffrey Franklin, Pastor – Greater Saint Paul Baptist Church, 896 S Adams Avenue, 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 Ebony Gulley

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of Regular Meeting, January 9, 2024
 Motion made by Alderman Winters, Seconded by Alderman Castleberry.
 Voting Yea: Alderman Askew, Alderman Aregood, Alderman Lindsey, Alderman Winters
 Voting Nay: Alderman McCoy, Alderman Gulley
 Voting Abstaining: Alderman Moore

2. Minutes of Special Called Meeting, January 23, 2024
 Motion made by Alderman Lindsey, Seconded by Alderman Aregood.
 Voting Yea: Alderman Askew, Alderman Aregood, Alderman Castleberry, Alderman Lindsey, Alderman Winters
 Voting Nay: Alderman Gulley
 Voting Abstaining: Alderman McCoy, Alderman Moore

3. Minutes of Special Called Meeting, January 29, 2024
 Motion made by Alderman Aregood, Seconded by Alderman Lindsey.
 Voting Yea: Alderman Askew, Alderman Aregood, Alderman Castleberry, Alderman Lindsey, Alderman Winters
 Voting Nay: Alderman Gulley
 Voting Abstaining: Alderman McCoy, Alderman Moore

4. Minutes of Special Called Meeting, January 30, 2024
 Motion made by Alderman Winters, Seconded by Alderman Lindsey.
 Voting Yea: Alderman Askew, Alderman Aregood, Alderman Castleberry, Alderman Lindsey, Alderman Winters

Voting Nay: Alderman Gulley
Voting Abstaining: Alderman McCoy, Alderman Moore

F. ACCEPTANCE OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

Motion to approve made by Alderman Aregood, Seconded by Alderman Castleberry.

Alderman Lindsey made a motion to amend the financial report with a correction on the first page to general fund expenses, the amount should be \$8,812,264. Seconded by Alderman Winters.

Voting Yea: Alderman Aregood, Alderman Castleberry, Alderman Lindsey, Alderman Winters

Voting Nay: Alderman Askew, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Moore, Alderman Gulley. Mayor Young voted yes to pass the amendment.

Motion to approve made by Alderman Aregood, Seconded by Alderman Winters.

Voting Yea: Alderman Aregood, Alderman Castleberry, Alderman Lindsey, Alderman Winters

Voting Nay: Alderman McCoy, Alderman Gulley

Voting Abstaining: Alderman Askew, Alderman Moore

Mayor Young voted yes to pass.

G. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Catherine Richardson, 804 Lincoln Drive, asked for a state or federal audit to be conducted.

James Silliman, 1151 Woodside, spoke on behalf of the Ouachita Partnership for Economic Development and thanked the city and public works for their efforts in picking up litter.

Callie Hughey, 257 Madison, stated that the city was ignoring her Freedom of Information (FOIA) request and accused the city of forging checks.

Paul Kelly, stated that he owns property by Walmart and the city is not picking up around it.

Bishop Arnold, 518 Sharp Avenue, said that everything around Camden is growing, but Camden isn't. He encouraged the council to spend money on the area children.

Julian Lott, 412 Arkansas, former Mayor of Camden, asked that the blame for Camden's current problems stop being passed to him as he is no longer in charge.

Angela Snowden, 516 Pierce, said the city had lied for the last year and rules are being changed as we go along.

Doc Bryce, 612 Fairview Road, announced his investigative report, his FOIA request to the City Clerk, and then made a verbal FOIA request to Alderman Gulley.

H. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Young gave the State of the City address, emphasizing the improvements to our parks and the upcoming inclusive playground at Carnes Park. Plans are being made for improvements at Sandy Beach. At the beginning of 2023, there were over 200 street lights out now that number is no more than 25 at any given time. Stripes have been painted on Cash Road to make it safer for new drivers going to school. All departments have been directed to put our citizens first and she reiterated that we work for the people. Mayor Young stated that we are not each other's enemy and she would like to consider this year a fresh start and a new path forward.

Mayor Young introduced James Bentz as the employee of the month.

I. OLD BUSINESS

1. **Ordinance No. 15-23**, an ordinance providing for the accounting of the Public Safety Sales Tax and Use Tax; and for other purposes. (Third & final reading)

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

Motion made by Alderman Lindsey, Seconded by Alderman Aregood.

Voting Yea: Alderman Aregood, Alderman Castleberry, Alderman Lindsey, Alderman Winters

Voting Abstaining: Alderman Askew, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Moore, Alderman Gulley. The City Clerk thought the Ordinance had failed, the City Attorney said the Mayor could vote to pass, it was the suspension of rules that the Mayor can't vote on. He asked that it be put at the end of business so he could have a chance to double check.

J. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. **Resolution No. 09-24**, a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with the Ouachita Partnership for Economic Development (OPED) to provide certain Economic Development Services for the City of Camden; and for other purposes.

Motion made by Alderman Winters, Seconded by Alderman Castleberry.

Voting Yea: Alderman Aregood, Alderman Castleberry, Alderman Lindsey, Alderman Winters

Voting Nay: Alderman McCoy, Alderman Moore

Voting Abstaining: Alderman Askew, Alderman Gulley. Mayor Young had to vote to pass the Resolution.

- 2. **Resolution No. 10-24**, a resolution confirming the appointment of Cathy Cash to the Keep Camden Beautiful Committee.

Motion made by Alderman Lindsey, Seconded by Alderman Castleberry.

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

- 3. **Resolution No. 11-24**, a resolution confirming the re-appointment of Sandra Wood to the Camden Housing Authority.

Motion 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 Gulley

- 4. **Resolution No. 12-24**, a resolution confirming the appointment of Brandon Burns to the Airport Commission as an Ex-Officio Member.

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 Gulley

- 5. **Resolution No. 13-24**, a resolution confirming the appointment of Nick Tuberville to the Airport Commission as an Ex-Officio Member.

Motion made by Alderman Winters, Seconded by Alderman Lindsey.

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

Voting Abstaining: Alderman McCoy

K. OTHER BUSINESS

The Mayor pointed out the Federal Audit that was included in the packet, conducted by Independent Accountant Emrich & Scoggins.

Chris Aregood presented an Animal Control Ordinance from Smackover to compare to Camden's and discuss at the next meeting.

Revisited Ordinance 15-23, the Mayor can vote to pass an Ordinance. Mayor Young voted yes to pass the Ordinance.

Alderman Gulley in response to the Mayor's State of the City address, stated that Ward 3 is not an enemy of the city and she doesn't come to the meeting to be hostile.

Alderman Moore said that the Mayor is invited to the next meeting in Ward 3.

Alderman Askew asked if Resolution 9-24 had passed, some of the audience members weren't clear about the results.

City Attorney Frey informed the Council about the depository committee which in the past had consisted of the Mayor, Treasurer, and City Clerk. The last meeting was in 2016. He asked the Council to reconstitute the committee and told them that they had the option to replace the Treasurer with a Council Member.

Alderman Moore made a motion to appoint Alderman Gulley to the Committee, seconded by Alderman McCoy.

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

Voting Abstaining: Alderman Gulley, Alderman Castleberry Passed

Alderman Askew asked if there was going to be a workshop to go over questions and errors. The Mayor requested that the Council compile questions and she will set a meeting.

Alderman Moore asked if the next curfew meeting had been scheduled yet. The Mayor said she is looking for a different venue and an open date in the school events schedule.

Alderman Gulley stated that it should be on the Treasurer to say why numbers changed in the 20 & 21 reports.

Alderman Askew said they should consider getting the Treasurer a laptop so she can have access in the chambers.

Alderman McCoy requested that we get a microphone and speakers for the Council Chambers.

L. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Alderman Lindsey. The meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

Mayor, Charlotte Young

City Clerk, Donna Stewart



BOARD OF ALDERMEN SPECIAL MEETING

Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 5:30 PM
City Hall, 206 Van Buren NE, Camden, AR 71701

MINUTES

The City Council of the City of Camden, Arkansas, met in a Special Called Session at 5:30 p.m., on Tuesday, February 20, 2024 in the Council Chamber of the Municipal Building, 206 Van Buren. The meeting was held to temporarily fill the Treasurer’s position left vacant by the resignation of City Treasurer Lauren Robertson.

The invocation was given by Mayor Charlotte Young.

ROLL CALL

Council members present on roll call were Mayor Charlotte Young, Aldermen Chris Aregood, Joe Askew, Marvin Moore, Ed Winters, William McCoy, Gerald Castleberry, L.E. Lindsey. Alderman Ebony Gulley was absent. A quorum was in attendance to conduct official business.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 14-24, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMDEN, ARKANSAS, TEMPORARILY ASSIGNING THE DUTIES OF TREASURER TO A CITY OFFICER; AUTHORIZING SAID INDIVIDUAL TO SIGN CHECKS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Mayor introduced the Resolution and the City Clerk read the number and title. Alderman Lindsey made a motion to approve the Resolution, seconded by Alderman Winters. After some questions and discussion, the Resolution was passed unanimously by the members in attendance.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Aregood made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Askew. The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 P.M.

Mayor

City Clerk

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 7-02 ASSESSING A LIEN ON CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED AT 541 GREENWOOD St. Camden, AR 71701

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMDEN, ARKANSAS, THAT ORDINANCE NO. 7-02 PASSED AND APPROVED ON February. 12, 2002 IS HEREBY REPEALED IN ITS ENTIRETY AND THE FOLLOWING SUBSTITUTED THEREFOR:

WHEREAS, the City declared the structure located at 541 Greenwood St. Camden, Arkansas, Parcel No. 732-00052-000R, to be a nuisance to the provisions of Section 6-61, et, seq., Resolution No. 46-00; 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 12, 2024 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 541 Greenwood St., 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 \$1,998.54.

SECTION 2: The property concerned herewith, located at 541 Greenwood St., is in the name of Charlotte Renix. Mrs. Renix is offering \$399.71 to satisfy the lien. The City hereby sets a lien in the amount of \$399.71 to the property concerned herewith.

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 12 DAY OF March 2024.

Mayor

City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 14-24

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMDEN, ARKANSAS, TO DECLARE THE STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 213 E. WOOD STREET A PUBLIC NUISANCE AND ORDER THE REMOVAL OF SAME PURSUANT TO PROCEDURE OUTLINED IN ORDINANCE NO. 14-84

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

SECTION 1: The structure is located at 213 E. Wood Street, owned by Professional Housing & Land LLC. (Tallahassee, FL) Parcel No 777-00140-000R (D19), property is delinquent and has been certified to the State of Arkansas Land Commissioner, is hereby declared to be a nuisance by the City Council of The City of Camden, Arkansas pursuant to the provisions of Section 1 and Section 2 of the Ordinance No. 14-84, and the same is hereby condemned and shall be demolished and removed as provided in Ordinance No.14-84.

SECTION 2: BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect from and after its adoption.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2024.

Mayor

City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 15-24

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PURCHASE A TRUCK AND TRAILER THROUGH AN INTERLOCAL CONTRACT FOR COOPERATIVE PURCHASING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Camden Public Works Department is in need of a tractor and trailer for solid waste operations; and

WHEREAS, the interim public works director sought out proposals for a compatible tractor and trailer that will satisfy the needs of the department; and

WHEREAS, the interim public works director located a suitable Freightliner tractor and trailer available from Arkansas Municipal Equipment through a contract negotiated by Sourcewell; and

WHEREAS, A.C.A. § 19-11-249 authorizes a city to participate in a cooperative purchasing agreement for the acquisition of commodities; and

WHEREAS, Sourcewell is a government to government procurement service that uses mass circulation and minority emphasis print media and internet services to post legal notices and bid solicitations which satisfy formal competitive bid processes for local government; and

WHEREAS, Sourcewell obtained a contract for a 2024 Freightliner M2 Plus tractor and 25YD Challenger Pak Mor Hook Up trailer from Arkansas Municipal Equipment for the negotiated price of \$ 255,500; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 annual operating budget for public works solid waste included \$300,000.00 for the purchase of a commercial truck under line item 09-550-59440 (capital outlay/trucks).

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

SECTION 1. The Mayor is hereby authorized to purchase a 2024 Freightliner M2 Plus tractor and 25YD Challenger Pak Mor Hook Up trailer from Arkansas Municipal Equipment, 14263 Highway 270 West, Poyen, Arkansas, for the negotiated price of \$ 255,500, as shown on the attached quote.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2024.

Mayor

City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 16-24

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PURCHASE A BACKHOE LOADER THROUGH AN INTERLOCAL CONTRACT FOR COOPERATIVE PURCHASING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Camden Public Works Street Department is in need of backhoe loader; and

WHEREAS, the interim public works director sought out proposals for a compatible backhoe loader that will satisfy the needs of the department; and

WHEREAS, the interim public works director located a suitable John Deere backhoe loader available from Stribling Equipment through a contract negotiated by Sourcewell; and

WHEREAS, A.C.A. § 19-11-249 authorizes a city to participate in a cooperative purchasing agreement for the acquisition of commodities; and

WHEREAS, Sourcewell is a government to government procurement service that uses mass circulation and minority emphasis print media and internet services to post legal notices and bid solicitations which satisfy formal competitive bid processes for local government; and

WHEREAS, Sourcewell obtained a contract for a John Deere 310 G-tier backhoe loader from Stribling Equipment for the negotiated price of \$ 115,000; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 annual operating budget for public works street department included \$130,000.00 for the purchase of a mini-excavator (backhoe loader) under line item 02-501-59410.

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

SECTION 1. The Mayor is hereby authorized to purchase a John Deere 310 G-tier Backhoe Loader from Stribling Equipment, 2380 Highway 79 N, Camden, Arkansas, for the negotiated price of \$ 115,000, as shown on the attached quote.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2024.

Mayor

City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 17-24

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF CAMDEN, ARKANSAS, AWARDED THE BID
FOR THE PURCHASE OF SCALES FOR THE SOLID WASTE
DISPOSAL DIVISION OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, the City of Camden transfer station is in need of a replacement scale system for weighing landfill deposits; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 annual operating budget includes \$180,000.00 for the purchase of replacement scales in line item 09-560-59410, machinery and equipment, of the solid waste disposal fund; and

WHEREAS, the City of Camden has solicited and received competitive bids for the purchase of a scale system; and

WHEREAS, one bid was received; and

WHEREAS, following a review and evaluation of the bid received, the City has determined that the low bid of \$135,129.39 submitted by System Scale will provide 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. The City Council as the governing board of the City of Camden hereby awards the bid for a replacement scale system for the landfill to System Scale.

SECTION 2. The Mayor is authorized to purchase a scale system for the landfill from System Scale, 8101 Industry Drive, North Little Rock, Arkansas, for \$135,129.39, as shown on the attached quote.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS ___ DAY OF _____, 2024.

Mayor

City Clerk