



BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 7:00 PM

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

AGENDA

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. INVOCATION - Reverend Mark Smith, Pastor - Thrive Church, 746 California Avenue, Camden, AR

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. ROLL CALL

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- [1.](#) 1. Minutes of Regular Meeting, March 14, 2023
- [2.](#) 2. Minutes of Special Called Meeting, March 28, 2023

F. ACCEPTANCE OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

G. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

H. MAYOR'S REPORT

1. 1. Biannual Water and Sewer Report - David Richardson, Manager

I. OLD BUSINESS

- [1.](#) ORDINANCE NO. 01-23, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A RATE PLAN FOR THE WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT, AND AMENDING CHAPTER 22, WATER AND SEWERS, ARTICLE II, WATER, DIVISION W, METER AND RATES, SECTION 22-22, RATES OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CAMDEN, ARKANSAS. (third reading)
- [2.](#) ORDINANCE NO. 20-23, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 22, WATER AND SEWERS, ARTICLE III, SEWERS, DIVISION 3 RATES AND CHARGES, SECTION 22-65, SEWER RATES, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CAMDEN, ARKANSAS. (third reading)

J. NEW BUSINESS

- [1.](#) RESOLUTION NO. 31-23, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A USED BUSHHOG AND BUCKET TRUCK; AMENDING THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR 2023; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
- [2.](#) RESOLUTION NO. 32-23, A RESOLUTION CREATING A POSITION IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT; AMENDING THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR 2023; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

K. OTHER BUSINESS

L. ADJOURNMENT



BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at 7:00 PM
City Hall, 206 Van Buren NE, Camden, AR 71701

MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. INVOCATION - Superintendent Ronald Matheney, Pastor, Johnson Memorial Church of God in Christ, 885 Lincoln Drive, Camden, Arkansas.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. ROLL CALL

PRESENT AT ROLL CALL

Alderman Lawrence Askew
Alderman Chris Aregood
Alderman Gerald Castleberry
Alderman L.E. Lindsey
Alderman William McCoy
Alderman Marvin Moore
Alderman Edward Winters

ABSENT

Alderman Ebony Gulley

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the February 14, 2023 minutes made by Alderman Castleberry, Seconded by Alderman Lindsey.

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

F. ACCEPTANCE OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

Motion to accept the February 2023 Financial report made by Alderman Lindsey, Seconded by Alderman Winters.

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

G. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Corliss Sinclair, 585 Agee, NW, requested a dog park in Carnes Park, and suggested a centrally located senior center.

Callie Hughey, 257 Madison Avenue, once again harangued the Mayor over her campaign promise and insisted on knowing how the Public Works Director ended up being overpaid in 2022.

Carolyn Green, 108 Hildreth, NE, asked for help with a dilapidated building behind her house and a commercial truck that parks down the street.

Alderman Gulley arrived.

Robert Arnold, 518 Sharp, wants to host a March for Youth on April 8th. He said it should be on Easter Weekend because Camden needs a resurrection.

H. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Young reminded everyone that the Water Utilities will be flushing the system March 27-31. She made the City Employee of the Month presentation to Officer Leslie Herring. Officer Herring was nominated by citizens for her kindness and involvement with the people of the City. She has delivered flowers to the elderly, and toys to children in the Housing Projects. Mayor Young introduced the poster for Staycation coloring and stated that there will be something for children going on everyday during Spring Break.

The Mayor introduced Police Chief Boyd Woody to give his annual report. Chief Woody highlighted a few areas of his report. 75% of all cases have been solved, calls were down overall, and accidents were down for 2022 also. The animal control numbers were higher even though they only pick up dogs. Chief Woody stated that things are going so well because the Police Department has a good relationship with the citizens of the City. Chief Woody introduced Assante Rogers as the new Public Relations Officer and she invited everyone to apply for the Citizen’s Police Academy.

Alderman Moore made a motion to have an executive session for personnel issues, Alderman Askew seconded. The council returned at 8:25 and announced that they had made a request to the Mayor for certain information to be available by the next meeting.

I. OLD BUSINESS

- 1. ORDINANCE NO. 01-23, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A RATE PLAN FOR THE WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT, AND AMENDING CHAPTER 22, WATER AND SEWERS, ARTICLE II, WATER, DIVISION W, METER AND RATES, SECTION 22-22, RATES OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CAMDEN, ARKANSAS. (second reading)

Alderman Moore introduced the Ordinance and the City Clerk read the number and title. A motion to suspend the rules and put the Ordinance for the third and final reading was made by Alderman Lindsey, Seconded by Alderman Winters.

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

Motion failed, the third reading will be next month.

- 2. ORDINANCE NO. 20-23, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 22, WATER AND SEWERS, ARTICLE III, SEWERS, DIVISION 3 RATES AND CHARGES, SECTION 22-65, SEWER RATES, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CAMDEN, ARKANSAS. (second reading)

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

- 3. RESOLUTION NO. 14-23, 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.

Motion to approve made by Alderman Aregood, Seconded by Alderman Lindsey. James Silliman introduced Janelle Reaves and Florence Nunn, the small business consultants who are available at OPED once a week, a free service offered to the community. They explained what they do to help people who want to open a business. During discussion, it was pointed out that the Resolution should not have been on the agenda because it failed at the previous meeting. The City Clerk said she had made a mistake and took full responsibility for it. Aldermen Moore and Askew continued to question the Resolution being on the agenda. The Clerk firmly stated several times that she had made a mistake.

Alderman Moore repeatedly said it wasn't a mistake and cut the Clerk off at one point, clearly saying "This wasn't a mistake". The Clerk gave up and let them waste the Council's time.

J. NEW BUSINESS

1. RESOLUTION NO. 20-23, A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF KAREN McCLANE TO THE CAMDEN HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.
Motion to approve made by Alderman Askew, Seconded by Alderman McCoy.
Voting Yea: Alderman Askew, Alderman Aregood, Alderman Castleberry, Alderman Gulley, Alderman Lindsey, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Moore, Alderman Winters. Passed
2. RESOLUTION NO. 21-23, A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF SANDRA WOOD TO THE CAMDEN HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Motion to approve made by Alderman Askew, Seconded by Alderman McCoy.
Voting Yea: Alderman Askew, Alderman Aregood, Alderman Castleberry, Alderman Gulley, Alderman Lindsey, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Moore, Alderman Winters. Passed
3. RESOLUTION NO. 22-23, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH OUACHITA COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE TO PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS.
Motion to approve made by Alderman Aregood, Seconded by Alderman Winters.
Voting Yea: Alderman Askew, Alderman Aregood, Alderman Castleberry, Alderman Gulley, Alderman Lindsey, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Moore, Alderman Winters. Passed
4. RESOLUTION NO. 23-22, A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR 2023; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
Motion to approve made by Alderman Lindsey, Seconded by Alderman Aregood.
Voting Yea: Alderman Askew, Alderman Aregood, Alderman Castleberry, Alderman Gulley, Alderman Lindsey, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Moore, Alderman Winters. Passed
5. RESOLUTION NO. 24-23, A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR 2023; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
Motion to approve made by Alderman Askew, Seconded by Alderman McCoy.
Voting Yea: Alderman Askew, Alderman Aregood, Alderman Castleberry, Alderman Gulley, Alderman Lindsey, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Moore, Alderman Winters. Passed
6. RESOLUTION NO. 25-23, A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 7-17 AND THE PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL.
Motion to approve made by Alderman Aregood, Seconded by Alderman Winters. After discussion, Alderman Gulley made a motion to table the Resolution until the June meeting, Seconded by Alderman Moore.
Voting Yea: Alderman Askew, Alderman Aregood, Alderman Castleberry, Alderman Gulley, Alderman Lindsey, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Moore, Alderman Winters. The Resolution was tabled.
7. RESOLUTION NO. 26-23, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE EVENT CENTER AT FAIRVIEW PARK; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
Motion to approve made by Alderman Aregood, Seconded by Alderman McCoy. After some discussion, a motion was made by Alderman Lindsey to amend the bottom of section 1 to read subject to approval from the Camden Fairview School Board, Seconded by Alderman Aregood.
Voting Yea: Alderman Aregood, Alderman Castleberry, Alderman Gulley, Alderman Lindsey, Alderman

Moore, Alderman Winters

Voting Abstaining: Alderman Askew, Alderman McCoy

After more discussion, a motion made by Alderman Gulley, to set the lease term as 25 years, Seconded by Alderman Lindsey.

Voting Yea: Alderman Askew, Alderman Castleberry, Alderman Gulley, Alderman Lindsey, Alderman Moore, Alderman Winters Voting No: Alderman Aregood Voting Abstaining: Alderman McCoy

A 15 minute break was requested by Alderman Aregood. Discussion resumed after the break and a motion to approve as amended was made by Alderman Lindsey, Seconded by Alderman Aregood.

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

Voting Abstaining: Alderman McCoy Passed

- 8. RESOLUTION NO. 27-23, A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR 2023; ADDING NEW REVENUE AND EXPENSE LINE ITEMS FOR A POLICE GRANT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

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

- 9. RESOLUTION NO. 28-23, A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 7-17 AND THE PERSONNEL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL; SHORTENING THE WAITING PERIOD FOR EMPLOYEE INSURANCE COVERAGE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Motion to approve made by Alderman Askew, Seconded by Alderman McCoy. After discussion, a motion was made by Alderman Gulley to table the Resolution until the June meeting, Seconded by Alderman Askew.

Voting Yea: Alderman Askew, Alderman Gulley, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Moore

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

The motion to table failed. A vote was taken to approve the Resolution.

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

Voting Abstaining: Alderman Gulley Passed

- 10. RESOLUITON NO. 29-23, A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CITY AND RESCUE GRANT BUDGETS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CLAIMING REVENUE REPLACEMENT FUNDS FOR POLICE AND FIRE SALARIES AND EMPLOYER PAYROLL CONTRIBUTIONS.

Motion to approve made by Alderman Lindsey, seconded by Alderman Winters.

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

K. OTHER BUSINESS

Alderman Moore stated that the Keystone area is flooding and needs some work.

Alderman Lindsey said garbage fees probably need to be raised by 50% and pointed out the worksheet that he passed out before the meeting started. He also said that if the A&P would put \$100,000 back into parks for maintenance, the City could probably increase Officer pay by \$1.50.

Alderman Winters said his subdivision has requested yield signs, stop signs, a 20 mph limit, and that the City change the north side of Dooley Womack Drive back to Jefferson because that is how it is listed on maps and

driving aps. Mr. Winters encouraged the Aldermen to participate in the City-wide clean up on April 1st. It will begin at Thrive Church on California Avenue.

Alderman Gulley inquired about a new tenant at the technology building and was informed that JC Productions is renting some warehouse space. She also said she would like Camden to increase innovation in the technology area. Alderman Gulley also asked about a vote to rehire the former Code Enforcement Officer and was told by the City Attorney to make a motion. This caused a lively round of discussion and it was revealed that the Council had decided to call a special meeting during their executive session. Some Aldermen wanted to put it to a vote at that moment while others felt they needed more time to discuss it and wanted the special meeting. Eventually Alderman Askew made a motion to call a Special Meeting for Tuesday, March 28 at 6:00. Aldermen Gulley and McCoy both seconded. City Attorney Michael Frey suggested a voice vote for the record.

Voting Yea: Alderman Askew, Alderman Gulley, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Moore

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

L. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Alderman Askew, Seconded by Alderman Aregood.
Meeting ended at 12:18 a.m. Wednesday, March 15.

Mayor, Charlotte Young

City Clerk, Donna Stewart



BOARD OF ALDERMEN SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

Tuesday, March 28, 2023 at 6:00 PM
City Hall, 206 Van Buren NE, Camden, AR 71701

MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Alderman L.E. Lindsey
Alderman William McCoy
Alderman Lawrence Askew
Alderman Chris Aregood
Alderman Edward Winters
Alderman Gerald Castleberry

ABSENT

Alderman Marvin Moore
Alderman Ebony Gulley

C. NEW BUSINESS

1. Resolution No. 30-23, a resolution expressing the willingness of the City of Camden to utilize State Aid Street monies for the Camden Overlay Project.

Motion made by Alderman Aregood, Seconded by Alderman Winters.

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

2. OTHER BUSINESS

Personnel Issues

Report from Donna Stewart and Lauren Robertson

Aldermen Gulley and Moore arrived.

Alderman Winters asked to address the second item on Alderman Gulley's list, which was the termination of Ben Wooten as Code Enforcement Officer, stating that there are polices and procedures which a council should follow and they should all read the handbook. His remark lead to a lengthy discussion of events leading up to the termination.

At 6:42, Alderman Gulley made a motion to go into executive session, seconded by Alderman Moore.

Voting Yea: Alderman McCoy, Alderman Moore, Alderman Askew, Alderman Gulley

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

The Mayor broke the tie stating the Council would go into a limited executive session.

The Council reconvened at 7:07.

Alderman Gulley made a motion to overturn the Mayor's decision to terminate Ben Wooten as Code Enforcement Officer, and the hiring of Thomas Vaughan. Alderman Moore seconded.

Voting Yea: Alderman McCoy, Alderman Moore, Alderman Askew, Alderman Gulley
Voting Nay: Alderman Lindsey, Alderman Aregood, Alderman Winters, Alderman Castleberry.
Motion failed.

The next discussion was on the first item on Alderman Gulley’s list, the perceived retaliation letter of the City to Public Works employees for speaking at the last Council meeting. Alderman Winters pointed out that not all Alderman had a copy of the letter, and copies were made for the four who didn’t have one. After more discussion, Alderman Lindsey made a motion that the Council disavow the letter, adjust the policy manual, and ask Public Works Director Kevin Franklin to speak to the Public Works Employees and let them know that they are entitled to come speak at the City Council meetings. Alderman Aregood seconded.

Voting Yea: Alderman Lindsey, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Aregood, Alderman Gulley, Alderman Winters, Alderman Castleberry
Voting Nay: Alderman Moore
Voting Abstaining: Alderman Askew Motion passed.

The Council heard the report from City Treasurer Lauren Robertson on the overpayment to Public Works Director Kevin Franklin, and Alderman Gulley requested that former Mayor Lott be allowed to speak since he was in attendance. The Council then heard the explanation of the report from City Attorney Michael Frey. City Clerk Donna Stewart’s report was written and provided to the Aldermen and Mayor. Alderman Askew read selected questions he referred to as unnecessary out loud but declined to read the report because it had already been heard from Robertson and Frey. Alderman McCoy referred to the questions as unprofessional.

Mayor Young reminded everyone of L.C. "Buckshot" Smith’s retirement party Friday afternoon.
Alderman Winters reminded everyone of the clean up on Saturday.

D. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Alderman Castleberry, Seconded by Alderman Winters.
Meeting ended at 8:54 p.m.

Mayor, Charlotte Young

City Clerk, Donna Stewart

ORDINANCE NO. 01-23

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMDEN, ARKANSAS, AUTHORIZING A RATE PLAN FOR THE WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT, AND AMENDING CHAPTER 22, WATER AND SEWERS, ARTICLE II, WATER, DIVISION 2, METERS AND RATES, SECTION 22-22, RATES, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CAMDEN, ARKANSAS.

WHEREAS, the City of Camden’s Water and Sewer Department wishes to continue to offer professional service and products to the citizens of Camden; and

WHEREAS, like much of the nation, the City of Camden’s Water infrastructure is approaching its age and service limit and is in need of improvement; and

WHEREAS, the Camden City Council previously approved a twenty (20) year Master plan for water and sewer improvements in 2015 as Ordinance 11-15; and

WHEREAS, the Master Plan included rate increases for five (5) years with a review to be conducted by the City Council after the first five (5) year cycle; and

WHEREAS, Act 605 of 2021 requires, among other things, that retail water providers conduct a rate study at least every five (5) years; and

WHEREAS, Camden Water Utilities retained Civil Engineering Associates, LLC of Conway to complete a rate study; and

WHEREAS, Civil Engineering Associates, LLC has presented its 2023 Water & Sewer Rate Study to the Camden Water & Sewer Commission and the Camden City Council; and

WHEREAS, the Camden Water & Sewer Commission voted to approve the rates suggested in the rate study and forwarded it to the City Council for review and approval; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that funding for water operations necessitate an annual rate increase for the next five (5) years.

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

SECTION 1. Section 22-22. Rates. Is hereby deleted in its entirety and the following substituted therefor:

Section 22-22. Rates.

- (a) **BASE CHARGE** - shall include the meter charge and the first one-thousand (1,000) gallons of metered water.
- (b) **CHARGE PER GALLONS** - the charge per gallons of water used shall be applied after the first one-thousand (1,000) gallons of metered water, which shall be included within the base charge.
- (c) The following monthly rates shall apply to all measured water service, except as otherwise provided in this division:
 - (1) Beginning August 1, 2023:
 - (A) Three dollars and fifty cents (\$3.50) per one thousand (1,000) gallons, or any portion thereof; plus
 - (B) A sixteen dollar (\$16.00) per each metered customer account base charge; and
 - (C) An additional surcharge of thirteen dollars (\$13.00) shall apply to each meter supplying a customer located outside the Camden City Limits [equaling a total of twenty-nine dollars (\$29.00) per meter serving customers outside of the city limits of Camden].
 - (2) Beginning August 1, 2024:
 - (A) Three dollars and seventy-five cents (\$3.75) per one thousand (1,000) gallons, or any portion thereof for all accounts; plus
 - (B) An eighteen dollar (\$18.00) per each metered customer account base charge; and
 - (C) An additional surcharge of thirteen dollars (\$13.00) shall apply to each meter supplying a customer located outside the Camden City Limits [equaling a total of thirty-one dollars (\$31.00) per meter serving customers outside of the city limits of Camden].
 - (3) Beginning August 1, 2025:
 - (A) Three dollars and eighty-five cents (\$3.85) per one thousand (1,000) gallons, or any portion thereof for all accounts; plus
 - (B) A nineteen dollars (\$19.00) per each metered customer account base charge; and
 - (C) An additional surcharge of thirteen dollars (\$13.00) shall apply to each meter supplying a customer located outside the Camden

City Limits [equaling a total of thirty-two dollars (\$32.00) per meter serving customers outside of the city limits of Camden].

- (4) Beginning August 1, 2026:
- (A) Three dollars and ninety-five cents (\$3.95) per one thousand (1,000) gallons, or any portion thereof for all accounts; plus
 - (B) A twenty dollar (\$20.00) per each metered customer account base charge; and
 - (C) An additional surcharge of thirteen dollars (\$13.00) shall apply to each meter supplying a customer located outside the Camden City Limits [equaling a total of thirty-three dollars (\$33.00) per meter serving customers outside of the city limits of Camden].
- (5) Beginning August 1, 2027:
- (A) Four dollars and five cents (\$4.05) per one thousand (1,000) gallons, or any portion thereof for all accounts; plus
 - (B) A twenty-one dollars (\$21.00) per each metered customer account base charge; and
 - (C) An additional surcharge of thirteen dollars (\$13.00) shall apply to each meter supplying a customer located outside the Camden City Limits [equaling a total of thirty-four dollars (\$34.00) per meter serving customers outside of the city limits of Camden].
- (6) Beginning August 1, 2028:
- (A) Four dollars and fifteen cents (\$4.15) per one thousand (1,000) gallons, or any portion thereof for all accounts; plus
 - (B) A twenty-two dollars (\$22.00) per each metered customer account base charge; and
 - (C) An additional surcharge of thirteen dollars (\$13.00) shall apply to each meter supplying a customer located outside the Camden City Limits [equaling a total of thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) per meter serving customers outside of the city limits of Camden].

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2023.

Mayor

City Clerk

ORDINANCE NO. 02-23

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMDEN, ARKANSAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 22, WATER AND SEWERS, ARTICLE III, SEWERS, DIVISION 3, RATES AND CHARGES, SECTION 22-65, SEWER RATES, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CAMDEN, ARKANSAS.

WHEREAS, the City of Camden’s Water and Sewer Department wishes to continue to offer professional service and products to the citizens of Camden; and

WHEREAS, like much of the nation, the City of Camden’s sewer infrastructure is approaching its age and service limit and is in need of improvement; and

WHEREAS, Act 605 of 2021 required, among other things, that retail water providers conduct a rate study at least every five (5) years; and

WHEREAS, Camden Water Utilities retained Civil Engineering Associates, LLC of Conway to complete a rate study; and

WHEREAS, Civil Engineering Associates, LLC has presented its 2023 Water & Sewer Rate Study to the Camden Water & Sewer Commission and the Camden City Council; and

WHEREAS, the Camden Water & Sewer Commission voted to approve the rates suggested in the rate study forwarded it to the City Council for review; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that funding for water and sewer operations necessitate an annual rate increase for the next five (5) years.

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

SECTION 1. The second paragraph of Section 22-65 (a) of the Code of Ordinances is hereby deleted in its entirety and the following substituted therefor:

Commencing on the date set forth in subsection (q) hereof, all users of the system shall be charged the following monthly rate per one thousand (1,000) gallons, over the first one thousand (1,000) gallons included within the base charge, or portion thereof of metered water consumption for OM&R.

- (1) Beginning August 1, 2023, all customers shall pay four dollars and fifty cents (\$4.50) per (1,000) one-thousand gallons.

- (2) Beginning August 1, 2024, all customers shall pay four dollars and seventy-five cents (\$4.75) per (1,000) one-thousand gallons.
- (3) Beginning August 1, 2025, all customers shall pay five dollars (\$5.00) per (1,000) one-thousand gallons.
- (4) Beginning August 1, 2026, all customers shall pay five dollars and twenty-five cents (\$5.25) per (1,000) one-thousand gallons.
- (5) Beginning August 1, 2027, all customers shall pay five dollars and fifty cents (\$5.50) per (1,000) one-thousand gallons.
- (6) Beginning August 1, 2028, all customers shall pay five dollars and seventy-five cents (\$5.75) per (1,000) one-thousand gallons.

SECTION 2. Section 22-65 (d) of the Code of Ordinances is hereby deleted in its entirety and the following substituted therefor:

(c) The following monthly sewer base charge shall apply to all customers except as may be provided in subsection (c) hereof.

- (1) Beginning August 1, 2023, all customers shall pay a monthly sewer base charge of twenty-two dollars (\$22.00); and
- (2) Beginning August 1, 2024, all customers shall pay a monthly sewer base charge of twenty-four dollars (\$24.00); and
- (3) Beginning August 1, 2025 all customers shall pay a monthly sewer base charge of twenty-six dollars (\$26.00).
- (4) Beginning August 1, 2026 all customers shall pay a monthly sewer base charge of twenty-seven dollars (\$27.00).
- (5) Beginning August 1, 2027 all customers shall pay a monthly sewer base charge of twenty-eight dollars (\$28.00).
- (6) Beginning August 1, 2028 all customers shall pay a monthly sewer base charge of twenty-nine dollars (\$29.00).
- (7) A five dollar (\$5.00) outside city customer surcharge will be added to the sewer base charge for all customers residing outside the City.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2023.

Mayor

City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 31-23

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMDEN, ARKANSAS, AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A USED BUSHHOG AND BUCKET TRUCK; AMENDING THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR 2023; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the 2023 annual operating budget allocated \$36,000.00 for a 2023 Kubota L3560 Bushhog in street department line item 02-501-59410; and

WHEREAS, the 2023 annual operating budget allocated \$134,657.00 for a 2023 Bucket Truck in street department line item 02-501-59440; and

WHEREAS, due to economic and supply issues, a new bucket truck and bushhog could not be located that will meet the needs of the solid waste division; and

WHEREAS, a used bucket truck and bushhog will satisfy the needs for the street department; and

WHEREAS, the city council desires to amend the 2023 annual operating budget to authorize the purchase of a used bushhog and bucket truck for the street department; and

WHEREAS, the total amount in the budget for such vehicles for the street department will not change.

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

SECTION 1. Line item number 02-501-59410 of the 2023 annual operating budget for the purchase of capital outlay/equipment is amended to authorize the purchase of a used bushhog.

SECTION 2. The budgeted expense for line item 02-501-59410 of the 2023 annual operating budget for the purchase of capital outlay/equipment shall remain \$36,000.00.

SECTION 3. Line item number 02-501-59440 of the 2023 annual operating budget for the purchase of capital outlay/autos&trucks is amended to authorize the purchase of a used bucket truck.

SECTION 2. The budgeted expense for line item 02-501-59440 of the 2023 annual operating budget for the purchase of capital outlay/autos&trucks shall remain \$134,657.00.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2023.

Mayor

City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 32-23

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMDEN, ARKANSAS, CREATING A POSITION IN THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT; AMENDING THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR 2023; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the 2023 annual operating budget includes \$33,103.00 for the position of Equipment Operator III within the Street Department; and

WHEREAS, said position is not currently filled; and

WHEREAS, the 2023 annual operating budget includes \$58,240.00 for the positions of Sanitation Worker II (Collection); and

WHEREAS, said position is not currently filled; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to create the position of Heavy Equipment Operations Foreman in the Public Works Department (Admin) with a salary of \$38,833.60; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to create a new line item in the 2023 annual operating budget for the position of Heavy Equipment Operations Foreman with a requested salary of \$38,833.60 and an additional \$9,269.40 for potential overtime.

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 reducing the requested salary for Equipment Operator III in the Street Department from \$33,103.00 to \$0.00. Line item number 02-501-51110 for regular salaries is reduced from \$475,325.00 to \$442,222.00.

SECTION 2. The 2023 annual operating budget is amended by reducing the requested salary for Sanitation Worker II in the Solid Waste Collection Department from \$58,240.00 to \$43,240.00. Line item number 09-550-51110 for regular salaries is reduced from \$344,305.00 to \$329,305.00.

SECTION 3. A new position is created in the Public Works Department (Admin) designated Heavy Equipment Operations Foreman with the attached job description, having a salary of \$38,833.60.

SECTION 4. The 2023 annual operating budget is amended by adding the position of Heavy Equipment Operations Foreman in the Public Works Department (Admin) with requested salary of \$38,833.60. Line item number 01-130-51110 for regular salaries is increased from \$103,311.00 to \$142,144.60. Line item number 01-130-51220 for overtime is increased from \$100.00 to \$9,369.40.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2023.

Mayor

City Clerk