



BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, December 13, 2022 at 7:00 PM

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

AGENDA

- A. **CALL TO ORDER**
- B. **INVOCATION** - Superintendent Roy L. Wesley, Pastor - New Hope Church of God in Christ, 2236 S Adams Avenue, Camden, Arkansas.
- C. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- D. **ROLL CALL**
- E. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - 1. Minutes from the November 22, 2022 Special Called Meeting
- F. **ACCEPTANCE OF FINANCIAL REPORTS**
- G. **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**
- H. **MAYOR'S REPORT**
- I. **OLD BUSINESS**
- J. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - 1. RESOLUTION NO. 70-22, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT OF OBLIGATION WITH THE DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENT QUALITY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
 - 2. RESOLUTION NO. 71-22, A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR AND ADOPTING FOR THE CITY OF CAMDEN, ARKANSAS, AN ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2023, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023; APPROPRIATING MONEY FOR EVERY ITEM OF EXPENDITURE THEREIN PROVIDED; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
- K. **OTHER BUSINESS**
- L. **ADJOURNMENT**

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF CAMDEN, ARKANSAS
Regular Meeting, November 22, 2022**

The City Council of the City of Camden, Arkansas, met in postponed Regular Session at 7:00 p.m., on Tuesday, November 22, 2022, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 206 Van Buren, Camden, Arkansas. The invocation was given by Reverend Gwen Edwards, Pastor – Set Free Christian Ministries, 221 Monroe Avenue NE, Camden, Arkansas.

ROLL CALL

Council members present on roll call were Mayor Julian Lott, Aldermen Lawrence Askew, William McCoy, James Bell, L.E. Lindsey, Terri Smith, Marvin Moore and Chris Aregood. Alderman Cecil McDonald was absent. A quorum was in attendance to conduct official business.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Alderman Aregood made a motion to approve the minutes for the October 11, 2022 regular meeting and the October 25, Special Meeting. The motion was seconded by Alderman Bell. The minutes were approved by a unanimous voice vote.

ACCEPTANCE OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

Alderman Lindsey made a motion to accept the City of Camden financial report for October 2022. The motion was seconded by Alderman Askew and the financial report was accepted by a unanimous voice vote.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Mr. Ed Winters, 1141 Woodside, requested that something be done about the dead tree in Greenwood Cemetery before it falls on the tombstones that are under it.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Lott listed a few of the many events he had attended since the last council meeting. He remarked that Camden Fairview football and basketball are doing well this year. The Elementary School has requested that citizens get involved in reading to the children, many are behind because of the COVID school closings. The Mayor said that we continue to work on the street light problem, and reminded everyone of the budget workshop to follow the meeting this evening.

OLD BUSINESS

Alderman Aregood said under unofficial old business, and inquired “How are the garbage trucks?” Public Works Director Kevin Franklin informed everyone that 2 trucks went down last Monday and he used employees from the parks and street department to keep up. He said the second one was back to work on Thursday. Parts for the other truck should be in mid-week next week. It will be back on the job a day or two after that.

Alderman Askew inquired about the street light project. He said he will bring it up every month until something gets done. Mr. Wooten said the city will have to go over Mr. Wasson’s head. We have done everything Mr. Wasson said and nothing has happened. It was decided to send pictures and a letter to the Arkansas Public Service Commission.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 64-22, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMDEN, ARKANSAS, APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF MIKE CASH TO THE WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION.

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 Bell. The Resolution was approved with a unanimous voice vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 65-22, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMDEN, ARKANSAS, AMENDING THE OPERATING BUDGET FOR 2022, 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 Bell. The Resolution was approved with a 6-1-1 voice vote, with Alderman Moore voting No.

RESOLUTION NO. 66-22, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMDEN, ARKANSAS, CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF PHIL McBRIDE TO THE AIRPORT COMMISSION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Mayor introduced the Resolution, and the City Clerk read the number and title. Alderman Aregood made a motion to approve the Resolution, seconded by Alderman Askew. The Resolution was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 67-22, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMDEN, ARKANSAS, AWARDED THE BID FOR THE PURCHASE OF A GENERATOR FOR THE CAMDEN POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The Mayor introduced the Resolution, and the City Clerk read the number and title. Alderman Aregood made a motion to approve the Resolution, seconded by Alderman Bell. The Resolution was approved with a unanimous voice vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 68-22, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMDEN, ARKANSAS, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PAY AN END-OF-YEAR BONUS TO EMPLOYEES AND ELECTED OFFICIALS.

The Mayor introduced the Resolution, and the City Clerk read the number and title. Alderman Askew made a motion to approve the Resolution, seconded by Alderman Moore. The Resolution was approved with a 6-1-1 voice vote, with Alderman Aregood voting No.

RESOLUTION NO. 69-22 was withdrawn by Alderman Lindsey.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Mayor said he attended the Home Going Celebration for former City of Camden Fire Fighter Earl Banks and commended the Fire Chief for the department's participation and thanked everyone that attended.

Alderman Bell requested that Public Works get an estimate to repair the fence at Greenwood Cemetery.

Alderman Bell stated that he may not be at the next meeting due to his work schedule, so he wanted to take this opportunity to thank everyone for allowing him the wonderful opportunity to serve the city.

Alderman Moore stated that if goodbyes were being said tonight, he needed to let everyone know that he was retiring at the end of the year but he would still be keeping an eye on things and would still be at some meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Bell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Aregood. Following a unanimous voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Mayor

City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. -22

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMDEN, ARKANSAS, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT OF OBLIGATION WITH THE DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of Camden, Arkansas, deems it necessary and proper to enter into a Contract of Obligation with the Division of Environmental Quality as authorized by Arkansas Code Annotated § 8-6-1603.

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

Mayor Julian Lott, as the Signatory Agent of Camden, Arkansas, is hereby authorized to enter into the Contract of Obligation affixed hereto and to sign the Contract of Obligation on behalf of the City of Camden, Arkansas.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2022.

Mayor

City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 71-22

A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR AND ADOPTING FOR THE CITY OF CAMDEN, ARKANSAS, AN ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2023, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023; APPROPRIATING MONEY FOR EACH AND EVERY ITEM OF EXPENDITURE THEREIN PROVIDED FOR; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Camden has made a comprehensive study and review of the proposed Fiscal Year 2023 Operating Budget; and

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the City Council that the schedules and exhibits of financial information prepared and reviewed revealing anticipated revenues and expenditures for all funds for the Fiscal Year 2023, including the various pay rate modifications, appear to be as accurate as possible for budgetary purposes.

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

SECTION 1. This Resolution shall be known as the Budget Resolution for the City of Camden, Arkansas, for the twelve-month period beginning January 1, 2023, and ending December 31, 2023, reflecting estimated revenues and expenditures for all funds as set forth in the Fiscal Year 2023 Operating Budget Document, including the various pay rate modifications, for the City of Camden. Said Official Budget Document is hereby made an attachment to this Resolution and is incorporated herein as if fully set forth.

SECTION 2. This budget may be altered or revised by action of this governing body and unpledged funds may be subsequently appropriated to another purpose, except as prohibited by law.

SECTION 3. The Mayor or his duly authorized representative may approve for payment, out of funds appropriated by this budget or otherwise approved by the City Council for those purposes, or may disapprove any bills, debts, or liabilities asserted as claims against the City, up to a maximum amount allowed by Arkansas law and the payment or disapproval of any bills, debts or liabilities exceeding that amount shall require the confirmation of this governing body. Provided, however, that the execution of all contracts and conveyances and lease contracts shall be performed by the Mayor and City Clerk, when authorized by a resolution in writing and approved by a majority vote of the City Council present and participating.

SECTION 5. If any provision of this resolution or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the resolution which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this resolution are declared to be severable.

EMERGENCY CLAUSE. WHEREAS, the efficient operation of municipal government requires that a budget be planned and adopted by the governing body, and that without a budget the City may not pay its bills, debts or liabilities; now, therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and the resolution being necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2022.

Mayor

City Clerk