



BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, July 09, 2024 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 SW, Camden, AR 71701
- C. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- D. **ROLL CALL**
- E. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - 1. June 11, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes
- F. **ACCEPTANCE OF FINANCIAL REPORTS**
 - 1. Financial report for June 2024
- G. **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**
- H. **MAYOR'S REPORT**
- I. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - 1. **Ordinance No. 08-24**, an ordinance amending Camden Code Sections 2-46, 2-52 and 2-53, regarding purchases and contracts; and for other purposes. (Third and final reading)
- J. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - 1. **Resolution No. 33-24**, a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with the Ouachita County Cooperative Extension Service to provide educational programs.
 - 2. **Resolution No. 33-24**, a resolution amending the Annual Operating Budget for 2024: and for other purposes.
 - 3. **Resolution No. 34-24**, a resolution authorizing the Mayor to purchase a compact excavator through an Interlocal contract for cooperative purchasing; and for other purposes.
 - 4. **Ordinance No. 09-24**, an ordinance amending section 6, Building and Building Regulations, Article II, Plumbing of the City of Camden, Arkansas Code of Ordinances, adopting by reference the 2018 Arkansas Plumbing Code and the 2018 Arkansas Fuel Gas Code; and for other purposes.
- K. **OTHER BUSINESS**
- L. **ADJOURNMENT**



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MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. INVOCATION - Reverend Karen A King, MDiv, Vicar - St. John's Episcopal Church, 117 Harrison Avenue, Camden, AR 71701

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Alderman Lawrence Askew

Alderman Chris Aregood

Alderman L.E. Lindsey

Alderman William McCoy

Alderman Marvin Moore

Alderman Brady Renix

Alderman Edward Winters

ABSENT

Alderman Gerald Castleberry

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Alderman Winters to approve the minutes of the May regular meeting, Seconded by Alderman Lindsey.

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

Voting Abstaining: Alderman Moore

Motion made by Alderman Lindsey to approve the minutes for the special meeting on May 23, Seconded by Alderman Winters.

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

Voting Abstaining: Alderman Moore

F. ACCEPTANCE OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

The interim treasurer stated that she had found a mistake and requested that the council not approve the May financial report.

Motion to table until the July meeting made by Alderman Lindsey, Seconded by Alderman Winters.

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

G. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Lillie Gossett, 290 Parker, requested help with her landlord.

Gwen Rogers, 417 Sharp Avenue, requested that the street be repaired.

Rodriquess Broadnax, 424 Sharp Avenue, echoed the request for street repair and also asked that the ditch be cleaned out.

Boyd M Woody,1436 Forest View Drive, tendered his resignation as Chief of Police, effective June 28, 2024, stating he was unable to work under the current administration.

Alderman Aregood made a motion to go into executive session, seconded by Alderman Moore. The council left at 7:45 and returned at 8:38. No action was taken.

William Willis, 463 Lakeside, encouraged people to disagree in a good way. Point out the positives more often than the negatives.

Bishop Arnold, 518 Sharp Avenue, said Camden is in disarray, erroneously stated that there have been 7 resignations in the last year and that our protection is in jeopardy.

H. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Young introduced Elijah Jackson as the new contact for the Watershed Project with the Arkansas Black Mayor's Association.

Mayor Young also introduced Earl Porchia as the new Public Works Director. Mr. Porchia gave an update on the wastewater drain system at the landfill and stated that the city has been given a 3 month extension on getting the line repaired. He also said that the Class IV passed inspection this morning.

I. OLD BUSINESS

- 1. **Ordinance No. 6-24**, an ordinance amending Article II of Chapter 5 of the Camden Code regarding dogs; and for other purposes. (Second Reading)

Alderman Aregood introduced the Ordinance for the third and final reading.

Motion made by Alderman Aregood, Seconded by Alderman Winters.

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

- 2. **Ordinance No. 7-24**, an ordinance amending Section 3, Residential, Section 4, Commercial, Section 5, Manufacturing, Section 6, RS-4 Residential District & PUD's, Section 7 Special Provisions, Section 14, Definitions, and ,Table of Contents, of the Zoning Ordinance for the City of Camden, Arkansas.

Alderman Lindsey introduced the Ordinance for the second reading.

Motion to suspend the rules and put the Ordinance up for the third and final reading made by Alderman Lindsey, Seconded by Alderman Aregood.

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

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

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

- 3. **Ordinance No. 8-24**, an ordinance amending Camden Code Sections 2-46, 2-52 and 2-53 regarding purchase and contracts; and for other purposes.

Alderman Lindsey introduced the Ordinance for the second reading.

J. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Resolution No. 31-24**, a resolution changing the position of Probation Clerk from part-time to full-time; amending the Annual Operating Budget for 2024; and for other purposes.

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

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

K. OTHER BUSINESS

Alderman Lindsey made a motion to accept Chief Woody's resignation and place him on paid administrative leave from 7:00 AM Wednesday June 10 through June 28, 2024, Seconded by Alderman Winters.

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

L. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Alderman Aregood, Seconded by Alderman Winters.
Meeting adjourned at 9:29 p.m.

Mayor, Charlotte Young

City Clerk, Donna Stewart

**City of Camden
Financial Summary
June 2024**

		Budget	Month	YTD	Budget Balance	%
General Fund Revenue						
1	Total - Taxes	\$6,979,470	\$535,593	\$3,632,715	\$3,346,755	52.0%
2	Total - Licenses	\$21,800	\$573	\$11,999	\$9,801	55.0%
3	Total - Inter-Govt	\$329,472	\$107,148	\$417,981	(\$88,509)	126.9%
4	Total - Chg Service	\$67,720	\$7,255	\$29,887	\$37,833	44.1%
5	Total - Fines	\$273,545	\$22,174	\$130,933	\$142,612	47.9%
6	Total - Misc	\$47,800	\$2,787	\$30,805	\$16,995	64.4%
Total General Fund Revenue		\$7,719,807	\$675,530	\$4,254,319	\$3,465,488	55.1%
General Fund Expense						
7	District Court	\$267,214	\$16,712	\$104,309	\$162,905	39.0%
8	District Court/Probation	\$75,074	\$5,753	\$31,407	\$43,667	41.8%
9	Public Admn	\$415,477	\$28,269	\$172,474	\$243,003	41.5%
10	Fin Admn	\$206,830	\$12,472	\$89,626	\$117,204	43.3%
11	City Attorney	\$61,177	\$4,309	\$27,521	\$33,656	45.0%
12	Muni Bldg	\$110,181	\$6,008	\$40,306	\$69,875	36.6%
13	Code Enforce	\$239,811	\$13,217	\$88,561	\$151,250	36.9%
14	Police	\$3,189,041	\$268,605	\$1,577,263	\$1,611,778	49.5%
15	Fire	\$2,639,341	\$249,711	\$1,330,515	\$1,308,826	50.4%
16	P/W Admn	\$219,276	\$21,867	\$100,799	\$118,477	46.0%
17	P/W Garage	\$398,260	\$14,125	\$93,846	\$304,414	23.6%
18	P/W Parks	\$533,699	\$42,067	\$239,762	\$293,937	44.9%
19	P/W Pool & Splash Pad	\$125,938	\$3,585	\$5,171	\$120,767	4.1%
20	Non-Dept	\$983,376	\$59,984	\$321,593	\$661,783	32.7%
21	Tech Center	\$35,148	\$317	\$10,771	\$24,377	30.6%
22	Brownfields	\$2,000	\$0	\$0	\$2,000	0.0%
Total General Fund Expense		\$9,501,843	\$747,002	\$4,233,924	\$2,055,915	44.6%
23	Net General Fund	(\$1,782,036)	(\$71,471)	\$20,394		
Street Fund Revenue		\$1,183,200	\$104,028	\$727,910	\$455,290	61.5%
Street Fund Expense		\$1,812,803	\$241,396	\$826,788	\$986,015	45.6%
24	Net Street Fund	(\$629,603)	(\$137,368)	(\$98,879)		

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Financial Summary
June 2024**

		Budget	Month	YTD	Budget Balance	%
	Solid Waste Revenue	\$1,846,040	\$137,245	\$970,127	\$875,913	52.6%
	Solid Waste Collection Expense	\$1,198,189	\$180,480	\$335,766	\$862,423	28.0%
	Solid Waste Disposal Expense	\$1,092,593	\$160,109	\$404,482	\$688,111	37.0%
	Total Solid Waste Expense	\$2,290,782	\$340,589	\$740,248	\$1,550,534	32.3%
25	Net Solid Waste	(\$444,742)	(\$203,344)	\$229,879		
	Two Bayou Development Revenue	\$270	\$21	\$132	\$138	48.7%
	Two Bayou Development Expense	\$10,000	\$0	\$0	\$10,000	0.0%
26	Net Two Bayou	(\$9,730)	\$21	\$132	(\$9,862)	
	Airport Revenues	\$1,274,200	\$69,295	\$611,032	\$663,168	48.0%
	Airport Expense	\$1,274,200	\$11,320	\$571,038	\$703,162	44.8%
27	Net Airport	\$0	\$57,975	\$39,993		
	Admin of Justice Revenue	\$255,250	\$21,442	\$121,433	\$133,817	47.6%
	Admin of Justice Expenses	\$255,250	\$21,442	\$119,387	\$135,863	46.8%
28	Net Admn of Justice	\$0	\$0	\$2,046	(\$2,046)	
	Port Authority Revenue	\$2,150	\$17	\$100	\$2,050	4.7%
	Port Authority Expense	\$2,150	\$0	\$200	(\$1,950)	9.3%
29	Net Port Authority	\$0	\$17	(\$100)		
	Economic Dev Revenue	\$57,500	\$254	\$1,763	\$55,737	3.1%
	Economic Dev Expense	\$155,000	\$0	\$155,000	\$0	100.0%
30	Net Economic Dev	(\$97,500)	\$254	(\$153,237)		
	Community Appearance Revenue	\$23,560	\$0	\$10,057	\$13,503	42.7%
	Community Appearance Expense	\$23,560	\$7,727	\$7,727	\$15,833	32.8%
31	Net Community Appearance	\$0	(\$7,727)	\$2,330		
	Community Development Revenue	\$1,100	\$0	\$46	\$1,054	4.2%
	Community Development Expense	\$10,175	\$0	\$0	\$10,175	0.0%
32	Net Community Development	(\$9,075)	\$9	\$46		

City of Camden
Financial Summary
June 2024

Section F, Item 1.

		Budget	Month	YTD	Budget Balance	%
Act 833 of 1991 Revenue		\$16,000	\$0	\$65	\$15,935	0.4%
Act 833 of 1991 Expense		\$16,000	\$0	\$0	\$16,000	0.0%
33	Net Act 833	\$0	\$0	\$65		
A&P Commission Revenue		\$335,000	\$32,345	\$202,575	\$132,425	60.5%
A&P Commission Expense		\$200,450	\$66,058	\$103,670	\$96,780	51.7%
34	Net A&P Commission	\$134,550	(\$33,713)	\$98,906		

RESOLUTION NO. 32-24

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
CAMDEN, ARKANSAS, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR
TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE OUACHITA COUNTY COOPERATIVE
EXTENSION SERVICE TO PROVIDE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS**

WHEREAS, the future of the Ouachita County Cooperative Extension Service is dependent upon supplemental funding in order to sustain the progress and success of the services provided to the City of Camden citizens; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Ouachita County Cooperative Extension Service is to provide research-based information through non-formal education to help all Ouachita County residents improve their economic well-being and the quality of their lives; and

WHEREAS, the City of Camden desires to contract with the Ouachita County Cooperative Extension to continue providing educational services to the City of Camden citizens.

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

SECTION 1. The Mayor, on behalf of the City of Camden, is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with the Ouachita County Cooperative Extension Service to provide educational services for the sum of \$5,500.00.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2024.

Mayor

City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 33-24

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMDEN, ARKANSAS
AMENDING THE OPERATING BUDGET FOR 2024; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, the Airport Commission consistently reviews its operating budget and compares it to actual current income and expenses; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 annual operating budget did not include any anticipated expenses for capital outlay or equipment; and

WHEREAS, the Airport has determined that a crew car and side by side utility vehicle would be beneficial for its operations; and

WHEREAS, the Airport Commission approved an amendment to its budget by adding \$34,000.00 for the purchase of a crew car; and

WHEREAS, the Airport Commission approved an amendment to its budget by adding \$20,000.00 for the purchase of a side by side utility vehicle.

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

SECTION 1. The 2024 annual operating budget is amended by adding Fifty-Four Thousand Dollars (\$54,000.00) to expense line item number 05-59410 (capital outlay/equipment) for the purchase of a crew car up to \$34,000.00, and the purchase of a side by side utility vehicle up to \$20,000.00.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2024.

Mayor

City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 34-24

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

WHEREAS, the Camden Public Works Street Department is in need of a compact excavator; and

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

WHEREAS, the public works director located a suitable John Deere compact excavator 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 35P compact excavator from Stribling Equipment for the negotiated price of \$ 64,250.00; and

WHEREAS, the 2024 annual operating budget for public works street department included \$65,000.00 for the purchase of a mini-excavator 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 35P compact excavator from Stribling Equipment, 2380 Highway 79 N, Camden, Arkansas, for the negotiated price of \$ 64,250.00 as shown on the attached quote.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2024.

Mayor

City Clerk

ORDINANCE NO. 09-24

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

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

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

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

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

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

Section 6-16 Plumbing Code Adopted

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS __ DAY OF _____, 2024.

Mayor

City Clerk