



BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, July 12, 2022 at 7:00 PM

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

AGENDA

- A. **CALL TO ORDER**
- B. **INVOCATION** - Reverend Connell Muse, Pastor - Price Chapel Church of God In Christ, Taylor, Texas.
- C. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- D. **ROLL CALL**
- E. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - 1. EnterTextHere
- F. **ACCEPTANCE OF FINANCIAL REPORTS**
- G. **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**
- H. **MAYOR'S REPORT**
- I. **OLD BUSINESS**
- J. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - 1. RESOLUTION NO. 41-22, A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE DILAPIDATED STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 538 HARRISON STREET A PUBLIC NUISANCE AND TO ORDER REMOVAL OF THE SAME.
 - 2. RESOLUTION NO. 42-22, A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE DILAPIDATED STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 604 IOWA STREET SW A PUBLIC NUISANCE AND TO ORDER REMOVAL OF SAME.
 - 3. RESOLUTION NO. 43-22, A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE DILAPIDATED STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 311 B MONROE STREET SW A PUBLIC NUISANCE AND TO ORDER REMOVAL OF THE SAME.
 - 4. RESOLUTION NO. 44-22, A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2022 ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
 - 5. RESOLUTION NO. 45-22, A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2022 ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET; AUTHORIZING THE DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS TO OPED; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
 - 6. RESOLUTION NO. 46-22, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SALARY INCREASES; AMENDING THE 2022 ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES
 - 7. RESOLUTION NO. 47-22, A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2022 ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET; AUTHORIZING THE DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS FOR REPAIRS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
- K. **OTHER BUSINESS**
- L. **ADJOURNMENT**



BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, June 14, 2022 at 7:00 PM

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

MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. INVOCATION - REVEREND CONNER DAVIS, PASTOR - FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH, 1275 MAUL ROAD, CAMDEN, ARKANSAS.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. ROLL CALL

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Alderman Lindsey, Seconded by Alderman Askew.

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

F. ACCEPTANCE OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

Motion made by Alderman Aregood, Seconded by Alderman Askew.

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

G. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Ms. Carolyn Oakley, 528 Pine Street, called out individuals and departments to thank them for their work.

Mr. Ronnie Atkins, 751 Anna Street, said he received a notice from Code Enforcement and hired someone to help him but before they could get started, someone went on his property and moved several cars. He said they had to go through the fence to do it.

Mr. Michael Anderson, 430 Church Avenue, presented a list of items that needed to be addressed: street lights that are out; a sharp curve on East Grinstead with a ravine and no railing; a pot hole on Adams that the State Highway Department says the City is responsible for.

H. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor gave a quick update of his activities last month, taught a course on workforce development in Las Vegas, attended the Ouachita River Valley Association meeting, and the first annual Memorial Day parade. Upcoming events include the Arkansas Municipal League, Judge Phil Foster will be honored Thursday afternoon and Juneteenth is this weekend. He also informed the Council that the City is running low on space at the landfill and needs to start making plans now for future space.

I. OLD BUSINESS

None

J. NEW BUSINESS

1. RESOLUTION NO. 31-22, A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NUMBER 34-20; SETTING POLICY FOR EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
Motion made by Alderman Lindsey, Seconded by Alderman Aregood.
Voting Yea: Alderman Lindsey, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Smith, Alderman Moore, Alderman Askew, Alderman Aregood
 2. RESOLUTION NO. 32-22, A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR 2022; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
Motion made by Alderman Aregood, Seconded by Alderman Lindsey.
Voting Yea: Alderman Lindsey, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Smith, Alderman Moore, Alderman Askew, Alderman Aregood
 3. Resolution to amend the annual operating budget
RESOLUTION NO. 33-22, A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR 2022; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
Motion made by Alderman Lindsey, Seconded by Alderman Moore.
Voting Yea: Alderman Lindsey, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Smith, Alderman Moore, Alderman Askew, Alderman Aregood
 4. Resolution 34-22 to donate obsolete fire equipment
RESOLUTION NO. 34-22, A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN FIREFIGHTING APPARATUS OBSOLETE AND AUTHORIZING ITS DONATION TO THE BUENA VISTA AND TWO BAYOU FIRE DEPARTMENTS.
Motion made by Alderman Aregood, Seconded by Alderman Smith.
Voting Yea: Alderman Lindsey, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Smith, Alderman Moore, Alderman Askew, Alderman Aregood
 5. Resolution 35-22 to amend the budget - River Valley claim
RESOLUTION NO. 35-22, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SETTLE A CLAIM; AMENDING THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR 2022; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
Motion made by Alderman Lindsey, Seconded by Alderman Askew.
Voting Yea: Alderman Lindsey, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Smith, Alderman Moore, Alderman Askew, Alderman Aregood
 6. Resolution 36-32- ARPA Revenue Replacement
RESOLUTION NO. 36-22, 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 made by Alderman Lindsey, Seconded by Alderman Aregood.
Voting Yea: Alderman Lindsey, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Smith, Alderman Moore, Alderman Askew, Alderman Aregood.
- RESOLUTION NO. 37-22, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF WILLIE COOPER TO THE WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION.
- Motion made by Alderman Lindsey, Seconded by Alderman Askew.
Voting Yea: Alderman Lindsey, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Smith, Alderman Moore, Alderman Askew, Alderman Aregood

RESOLUTION NO. 38-22, A RESOLUTION AWARDDING THE BID FOR THE PURCHASE OF OILS AND LUBRICANTS FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2022.

Motion made by Alderman Aregood, Seconded by Alderman Askew.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 39-22, A RESOLUTION COMMENDING AND THANKING JUDGE PHILLIP J. FOSTER FOR HIS SERVICE.

Motion made by Alderman Aregood, Seconded by Alderman Moore.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 40-22, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR ACEDP GRANT FUNDS TO THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.

Motion made by Alderman Aregood, Seconded by Alderman Askew.

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

K. OTHER BUSINESS

Alderman Askew inquired about the pool. Public Works Director Franklin stated that the chemical well doesn't work, and even though the motors have been replaced, the pumps are not working.

The Mayor stated that we need the community to work together to prevent vandalization of the park bathrooms.

Alderman Lindsey asked Director Franklin if he has figured in the higher gas prices for his budget. He suggested that some of the ARPA money be used for the pool. Alderman Lindsey also requested that the new sidewalks be marked along the edge to help draw attention and hopefully keep people from falling off/down.

Alderman Moore asked what the primary problem at the pool is and was informed that it's not draining. Alderman Moore asked if there is a cost effective way to redirect the waterline. Director Franklin said he wants to get it done as soon as possible and asked about forming a committee.

Alderman Aregood agreed that they should form a committee.

Alderman Moore asked for more information on the landfill. Director Franklin stated that 20 of 27 acres have been used. The engineer said to start looking now because it will take at least a year to acquire more land. Mr. Franklin said that it can only expand to the east or west and both directions are private property.

L. ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Aregood made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Askew. The meeting dismissed at 8:35 p.m. after a unanimous voice vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 41-22

A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE THE DILAPIDATED STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 538 HARRISON ST. A PUBLIC NUISANCE AND TO ORDER THE REMOVAL OF SAME PURSUANT TO THE PROCEDURE OUTLINED IN ORDINANCE NO. 14-84.

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

SECTION 1: The dilapidated structure located at 538 Harrison St. SW., are 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 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 _____, 2022.

Mayor

City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 42-22

A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE THE DILAPIDATED STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 604 IOWA ST SW. A PUBLIC NUISANCE AND TO ORDER THE REMOVAL OF SAME PURSUANT TO THE PROCEDURE OUTLINED IN ORDINANCE NO. 14-84.

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

SECTION 1: The dilapidated structure located at 604 Iowa St., are 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 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 _____, 2022.

Mayor

City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 43 -22

A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE THE DILAPIDATED STRUCTURE LOCATED AT 311 B MONROE ST. A PUBLIC NUISANCE AND TO ORDER THE REMOVAL OF SAME PURSUANT TO THE PROCEDURE OUTLINED IN ORDINANCE NO. 14-84.

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

SECTION 1: The dilapidated structure located at 311 B Monroe St., are 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 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 _____, 2022.

Mayor

City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 44-22

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMDEN, ARKANSAS,
AMENDING THE 2022 ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, the City of Camden received funds from the American Rescue Plan Act; and

WHEREAS, the initial amount received was \$1,110,587.41; and

WHEREAS, the City Council passed Resolution 2-22 authorizing the following expenditures:

- Water tank rehabilitation - \$400,000.00; and
- Structural repairs to the Missouri-Pacific Railroad Depot - \$30,000.00; and
- Public works department for a knuckle-boom loader - \$200,000.00.

WHEREAS, the City Council passed Resolution 9-22 authorizing the following expenditures:

- Police Department LED lighting - \$15,000.00; and
- Police Department gas generator - \$85,000.00.

WHEREAS, the City Council passed Resolution 36-22 appropriating the City’s received ARPA funds to reimburse the general fund for police and fire department salaries; and

WHEREAS, the resulting surplus in the general fund was placed in a separate account number 11118 to be disbursed by the Council at a future date; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to appropriate funds from the surplus for the above projects.

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

SECTION 1. The 2022 annual operating budget is amended to appropriate funds from account number 11118 in the following amounts:

- \$400,000.00 - Water tank rehabilitation
- \$30,000.00 - Structural repairs to the Missouri-Pacific Railroad Depot
- \$200,000.00 - Public works department for a knuckle-boom loader
- \$15,000.00 - Police Department LED lighting
- \$85,000.00 - Police Department gas generator

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2022.

Mayor

City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 45-22

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMDEN, ARKANSAS, AMENDING THE 2022 ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET; AUTHORIZING THE DISPURSEMENT OF FUNDS TO OPED; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the City of Camden received funds from the American Rescue Plan Act to replace revenue lost during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the funds were used to reimburse the City for the cost of police and fire salaries and related expenses; and

WHEREAS, the resulting surplus in the general fund was placed in a separate account number 11118 to be disbursed by the Council at a future date; and

WHEREAS, the initial amount available was \$1,110,587.41; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has allocated the sum of \$730,000.00 for separate projects; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to allocate funds for economic development; and

WHEREAS, the City Council previously approved Resolution 20-22 to enter into a contract with Ouachita Partnership for Economic Development (OPED) to provide economic development services for the calendar year 2022; and;

WHEREAS, Resolution 20-22 amended the 2022 operating budget to include the payment to OPED for \$100,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the payment to OPED was for administration of the economic development program, but did not include additional funds for incentives; and

WHEREAS, the contract provides that OPED may request additional funds for incentives; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to provide an additional \$55,000.00 to OPED for incentives pursuant to the contract.

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

SECTION 1. The 2022 annual operating budget is amended to transfer the sum of \$155,000.00 from account 11118 to economic development miscellaneous revenue line item number 08-46900.

SECTION 2. The 2022 annual operating budget is amended by increasing expense line item 08-54045 for economic development by \$55,000.00.

SECTION 3. Pursuant to the contract with OPED, the mayor is authorized to transfer the sum of \$55,000.00 to OPED for its use as incentives to procure economic development.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2022.

Mayor

City Clerk

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMDEN, ARKANSAS, AUTHORIZING SALARY INCREASES; AMENDING THE 2022 OPERATING BUDGET; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Camden, Arkansas, approved Resolution No. 85-21, adopting the 2022 annual operating budget; and

WHEREAS, inflation has reduced the purchasing power of the salaries paid to City employees; and

WHEREAS, the City appreciates the hard work and dedication of its employees; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to provide raises to its lowest paid employees; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to amend the 2022 annual operating budget to provide for the resulting increase in salary expenses.

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

SECTION 1. Employees with a starting gross base annual salary below Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) shall receive a raise of One-Dollar (\$1.00) per hour.

SECTION 2. Employees with a starting gross base annual salary of at least Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) but less than Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00) shall receive a raise of Fifty Cents (\$0.50) per hour.

SECTION 3. Employees with a starting gross base annual salary of at least Thirty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00) but less than Forty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$45,000.00) shall receive a raise of Twenty-Five Cents (\$0.25) per hour.

SECTION 4. Sworn police officers, certified firefighters and district court employees are not included in this raise. Non-sworn civilian staff at the police and fire departments are included in this raise.

SECTION 5. The 2022 annual operating budget is amended by adding the following amounts to the salary expenses of the designated departments:

Line:	Department:	Amount:
	51000 Public administration	
	51110 Public finance	
	51110 Municipal building	
	51110 Code enforcement	
	51110 Public works administration	
	51110 Public works garage	
	51110 Public works parks	

- 51110 Street
- 51110 Solid waste collection
- 51110 Solid waste disposal
- 51100 Police dispatch and clerical
- 51105 Police domestic violence clerical
- 51110 Fire department (non-certified staff)

SECTION 6. Said increases shall be become effective at the beginning first pay cycle after approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2022.

Mayor

City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 47-22

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMDEN, ARKANSAS, AMENDING THE 2022 ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET; AUTHORIZING THE DISPBURSEMENT OF FUNDS FOR REPAIRS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the City of Camden received funds from the American Rescue Plan Act to replace revenue lost during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the funds were used to reimburse the City for the cost of police and fire salaries and related expenses; and

WHEREAS, the resulting surplus in the general fund was placed in a separate account number 11118 to be disbursed by the Council at a future date; and

WHEREAS, the initial amount available was \$1,110,587.41; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has allocated the sum of \$730,000.00 for separate projects; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to allocate funds for repairs to certain municipal buildings.

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

SECTION 1. The 2022 annual operating budget is amended to authorize an expenditure from account 11118 in the sum of \$15,000.00 for the repair or replacement of the roof and steps at the manufactured home used for storage at Madison Avenue.

SECTION 2. The 2022 annual operating budget is amended to authorize an expenditure from account 11118 in the sum of \$150,000.00 for mold abatement, LED lighting, gas generator and air conditioning system repairs to the Camden Municipal Building at 213 Madison Avenue.

SECTION 3. The 2022 annual operating budget is amended to authorize an expenditure from account 11118 in the sum of \$50,000.00 for repairing the roof and painting exterior of the Camden Port Warehouse.

SECTION 4. The 2022 annual operating budget is amended to authorize an expenditure from account 11118 in the sum of \$100,000.00 for repairing the roof, interior sheet rock, carpet and an architectural study of the Ouachita Valley Business and Technology Center.

SECTION 5. The 2022 annual operating budget is amended to authorize an expenditure from account 11118 in the sum of \$25,000.00 for repairing a portion of the roof and painting the public works central garage.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2022.

Mayor

City Clerk