



BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, February 11, 2025 at 7:00 PM
City Hall, 206 Van Buren NE, Camden, AR 71701

AGENDA

- A. **CALL TO ORDER**
- B. **INVOCATION** - Elder Donald Juniel, Associate Pastor - St. Paul Christian Church, 134 Ouachita 404, Camden, AR
- C. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- D. **ROLL CALL**
- E. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
- F. **ACCEPTANCE OF FINANCIAL REPORTS**
- G. **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**
- H. **MAYOR'S REPORT**
- I. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - 1. **Ordinance No. 1-25**, an ordinance amending Chapter 10, Fire Prevention and Protections, Article 1, and amending Chapter 6, Buildings and Building Regulations, Article 1, of the Code of Ordinance of the City of Camden, Arkansas. (second reading)
- J. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - 1. **Ordinance No. 2-25**, an ordinance assessing a lien on certain property located at 213 Wood St.
 - 2. **Resolution No. 2-25**, 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.
 - 3. **Resolution No. 3-25**, a resolution authorizing the sale of real property; and for other purposes.
 - 4. **Resolution No. 4-25**, a resolution authorizing the Mayor to purchase a New Pumper Truck for the City of Camden Fire Department; and for other purposes.
 - 5. **Resolution No. 5-25**, a resolution confirming the re-appointment of Fred Lilly to the Camden Housing Authority.
 - 6. **Resolution No. 6-25**, a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with the Ouachita County Cooperative Extension Service to provide Education Programs.
- K. **OTHER BUSINESS**
- L. **ADJOURNMENT**

ORDINANCE NO. 01-25

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 10, FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION, ARTICLE I, AND AMENDING CHAPTER 6, BUILDINGS AND BUILDING REGULATIONS, ARTICLE I, OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CAMDEN.

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

SECTION: 1. Section 10-1 of the Code of Ordinances of City of Camden, Arkansas, is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced by “Section 10-1, State Fire Code Adopted” and will read as follows:

There is hereby adopted by the City Council of the City of Camden, Arkansas, for the purpose of establishing rules and regulations governing conditions hazardous to life and property from fire or explosion, that certain code known as the 2021 Edition of the Arkansas Fire Prevention Code Volume I save and except such portions as may be hereinafter deleted, modified or amended of which code one (1) copy has been and is 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 and, from the date on which this section shall take effect, as well as subsequent editions as adopted by the State The provisions thereof shall be controlling within the city limits of Camden.

SECTION: 2. Section 6-1 of the Code of ordinances of the City of Camden, Arkansas, is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced by “Section 6-1, State Fire Code Adopted” and will read as follows:

There is hereby adopted by the City Council of the City of Camden, Arkansas, for the purpose of establishing rules and regulations for the construction, alteration, removal, demolition, equipment, use and occupancy, location and maintenance of buildings and structures, including permits and penalties, that certain building code known as the 2021 Edition of the Arkansas Fire Prevention Code Volume II, and the whole thereof, save and except such portions as are hereinafter deleted, modified or amended, as well as subsequent editions as adopted by the State of which (1) copy have been and now are filed in the office of the clerk of the city; and the same is hereby adopted and incorporated as fully as it set out at length herein and the provisions thereof shall be controlling within the city limits of Camden.

SECTION: 3. Section 6-2 Residential Code Adopted is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced by “Section 6-2, State Fire Code Adopted” and will read as follows:

For the purpose of prescribing regulations governing the minimum standards applicable to one- and two-family dwellings in the city, there is hereby adopted that certain code known as the 2021 Edition of the Arkansas Fire Prevention Code Volume III of which code (1) copy have been and are now filed in the office of the city clerk, and the same is hereby adopted as well as subsequent editions as adopted by the State and incorporated as fully as if set out at length herein, and the provisions thereof shall be controlled in the limits of the city.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS __ DAY OF _____, 2025.

Mayor

City Clerk

AN ORDINANCE ASSESSING A LIEN ON CERTAIN PROPERTY LOCATED AT 213 WOOD ST. PURSUANT TO SECTION 6-68 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CAMDEN.

WHEREAS, The City declared the structure located at 213 Wood St. Camden, Arkansas, Parcel No. 777-00140-000R to be a nuisance pursuant to the provisions of Section 6-61, et, seq., by Resolution No 18-24; and

WHEREAS the owner of the property failed to demolish the property as required by law and the City performed the cleanup and demolition of the property.

WHEREAS notice has been given to the property owner that a hearing will be held on Tuesday, February 11, 2025, at, 7:00 p.m. to determine the cost of work performed and to assess such cost to then as a lien on the property has been given 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 213 Wood St. Camden, Arkansas, has been determined at a hearing before the City Council of the City of Camden to be the sum of \$7,693.98.

SECTION 2: In addition to the above cost of removal, the city is entitled to recover a 10% penalty for collection in the amount of \$769.40, making it a total of \$8,463.38.

SECTION 3: The property concerned herewith being assessed in the name of Professional Housing & Land LLC (Tallahassee, FL), is in Ouachita County Arkansas, 213 Wood St. Camden, Arkansas.

SECTION 4: That a certified copy of this Ordinance shall be transmitted to the Tax Collector of Ouachita County Arkansas, with the direction to place above the cost of removal 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.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS ____ DAY OF _____ 2025

Mayor

City Clerk

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMDEN, ARKANSAS; 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

WHEREAS, the future of the City of Camden is dependent upon economic development in order to sustain the progress and success of the local economy; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Ouachita Partnership for Economic Development, Inc. (OPED), is to work with existing industry, attract new industry, capital investment and jobs to the City of Camden, Ouachita County and its environs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Camden desires for OPED to exercise its leadership role in providing a comprehensive and aggressive marketing strategy to insure economic prosperity in the City of Camden, Ouachita County and its environs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Camden wishes to enter into a new Contract with OPED to replace previous contracts; and

WHEREAS, the City appropriated \$155,000.00 for economic development in line item 08-54045 of the 2025 operating budget: and

WHEREAS, the City of Camden specifically desires to contract with OPED to pay to it the sum of \$155,000 to be used by OPED for administration of the economic development program, including the continued employment of the Executive Director, maintenance of the Small Business Development Center, and marketing for a period of time through December 31, 2025.

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, similar to the one previously presented to the city council, in the amount of One-Hundred and Fifty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$155,000.00) for the purpose of providing economic development services for the City of Camden in full replacement of all previous contracts. Said amount shall be paid from the economic development line item 08-54045.

SECTION 3. In the event OPED ceases to exist, all its assets shall be conveyed to the City of Camden without any compensation.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2025.

Mayor

City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 03-25

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
CAMDEN, ARKANSAS, AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF REAL
PROPERTY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Arkansas Code Annotated § 14-54-302, municipal corporations are empowered and authorized to buy, sell, convey, lease, rent or let any real estate or personal property owned or controlled by the municipal corporations; and

WHEREAS, the City owns a parcel of real property described as Lot 449 of Block 7 of the Bunn Subdivision to the City of Camden, as shown on the recorded plat thereof, and identified as Ouachita County Parcel Number 732-00060-000; and

WHEREAS, the real property is a vacant lot; and

WHEREAS, the real property no longer serves any useful purpose; and

WHEREAS, Charlotte has offered the sum of Three-Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) to purchase the property.

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

SECTION 1. The City Council, the official governing body of the City of Camden, Arkansas, hereby authorizes the Mayor to execute a Quitclaim Deed to Charlotte Renix for the sum of Three-Hundred Dollars (\$300.00).

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2025.

Mayor

City Clerk

RESOLUTION 04-25

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN INTERLOCAL CONTRACT FOR COOPERATIVE PURCHASING; AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PURCHASE A NEW PUMPER TRUCK FOR THE CITY OF CAMDEN FIRE DEPARTMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Camden Fire Department is in need of a new pumper truck; and

WHEREAS, the fire chief sought out proposals for said fire pumper and located one through Sourcewell, which 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, 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 cooperative purchasing program; and

WHEREAS, Sourcewell has an E-One commercial pumper from Banner Fire Equipment, Inc. for the price of \$ 518,981.00, as shown on the attached Fire Apparatus Proposal; and

WHEREAS, the City appropriated \$ 555,816.00 for the purchase of a fire truck in line item 01-120-59440 of the 2025 operating budget; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to purchase the E-One commercial pumper from Banner Fire Equipment, inc. for the sum of \$ 518,981.00, as shown on the attached Agreement.

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

SECTION 1. The Mayor is hereby authorized to execute an Agreement to purchase one E-One commercial pumper from Banner Fire Equipment, Inc. of Roxana, IL, for the negotiated total price of \$ 518,981.00.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2025.

Mayor

City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 05-25

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMDEN, ARKANSAS, CONFIRMING THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF FRED LILLY TO THE CAMDEN HOUSING AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, Arkansas Code Annotated §14-169-208 provides for the appointment of members to a local housing authority; and

WHEREAS, said statute further provides that when a vacancy occurs on the commission, the commission shall appoint a person to fill the vacancy, subject to the approval of the city council; and

WHEREAS, Fred Lilly was previously appointed to serve a partial term due to a vacancy; and

WHEREAS, the Camden Housing Authority has requested that Fred Lilly be re-appointed to serve a full term that will expire on January 9, 2030; and

WHEREAS, Fred Lilly has expressed his willingness to serve on the Camden Housing Authority; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to confirm the re-appointment of Fred Lilly to serve a full term that will expire on January 9, 2030.

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

SECTION 1. The City Council, the official governing body of the City of Camden, Arkansas, does hereby confirm the re-appointment of Fred Lilly to serve a full term on the Camden Housing Authority, ending on January 9, 2030.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2025.

Mayor

City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 06-25

**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 appropriated the sum of \$3,500.00 for the Ouachita County Extension Co-Operative in Line Item 01-150-57560; 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 \$3,500.00.

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Mayor

City Clerk