



BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, November 12, 2024 at 7:00 PM

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

AGENDA

- A. **CALL TO ORDER**
- B. **INVOCATION** - Dr. Richard Foster, Pastor - Grace Baptist Church, 1505 California Avenue, Camden, Arkansas
- C. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- D. **ROLL CALL**
- E. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - 1. Minutes of Regular Scheduled Meeting, October 8, 2024
- F. **ACCEPTANCE OF FINANCIAL REPORTS**
- G. **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**
- H. **MAYOR'S REPORT**
- I. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - 1. Ordinance No. 13-24, an ordinance rezoning certain property located in Section 16 Township 13, Range 17 West of the City of Camden, Arkansas.
- J. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - 1. Resolution No. 50-24, a resolution confirming the appointment of Brandon Everett to the Airport Commission; and for other purposes.
 - 2. Resolution No. 51-24, a resolution confirming the re-appointment of Kyle Gatling to the Airport Commission; and for other purposes.
 - 3. Resolution No. 52-24, a resolution approving the appointment of Fred Lilly, Sr. to the Water and Sewer Commission.
 - 4. Resolution No. 53-24, a resolution approving the re-appointment of Rudie Galbert to the Water and Sewer Commission; and for other purposes.
 - 5. Resolution No. 54-24, a resolution amending the Operating Budget for 2024; and for other purposes.
 - 6. Resolution No. 55-24, a resolution approving the re-appointment of Mike Cash to the Water and Sewer Commission.
- K. **OTHER BUSINESS**
- L. **ADJOURNMENT**



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MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. INVOCATION - Superintendent Ronald Matheney, Pastor - Johnson Memorial Church of God in Christ, 200 Yancey Street, Camden, Arkansas.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

- Alderman Lawrence Askew
- Alderman Chris Aregood
- Alderman Gerald Castleberry
- Alderman L.E. Lindsey
- Alderman Marvin Moore
- Alderman Edward Winters
- Alderman Brady Renix

ABSENT

- Alderman William McCoy
- City Clerk Donna Stewart

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of Regular Scheduled Meeting, September 10, 2024
 Motion made by Alderman Winters, Seconded by Alderman Aregood.
 Voting Yea: Alderman Askew, Alderman Aregood, Alderman Castleberry, Alderman Lindsey, Alderman Moore, Alderman Winters, Alderman Renix

F. ACCEPTANCE OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. Financial Report for September 10, 2024
 Motion made by Alderman Lindsey, Seconded by Alderman Askew.
 Voting Yea: Alderman Askew, Alderman Aregood, Alderman Castleberry, Alderman Lindsey, Alderman Winters, Alderman Renix
 Voting Abstaining: Alderman Moore

G. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Bryan Smith, 223 North Street, complained about Code Enforcement, feels he is being harassed by Ms. Sewell. Unhappy with city spending. He said the Police Department is not investigating the people who are harassing him.

Roy Wesley, 205 Harding, passed out a letter from the Ouachita County Ministerial Alliance with a list of items that they want. Including information on candidates for the job of Chief of Police, and a monthly update on the Teen Town Building in Carnes Park.

Robert Arnold, 518 Sharp Avenue, talked about crime in Lincoln Center. He wants a special meeting about crime in the city.

Michael Fountain, 410 Palisade Drive, asked for more detail on the Sportsplex contract.

H. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor updated the Council on the Council on how things are going with the accounting firm. She informed them that a time will be set later this month for a budget meeting.

The National Guard will be in town to do 3 community projects for the city. The inclusive playground equipment is here and installation will begin soon. The after school programs at the Housing Authority are going well.

I. OLD BUSINESS

None

J. NEW BUSINESS

1. Ordinance No. 12-24, an ordinance fixing the rate of taxation for the year 2025; declaring an emergency; and for other purposes.

Alderman Lindsey introduced the ordinance and the Assistant Mayor read the number and title.

Motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance for the third and final reading made by Alderman Lindsey, Seconded by Alderman Moore.

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

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

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

2. Ordinance No. 13-24, an ordinance rezoning certain property located in Section 16 Township 13, Range 17 West of the City of Camden, Arkansas.

Alderman Moore introduced the ordinance for the first reading and the Assistant Mayor read the number and title.

3. Resolution No. 44-24, a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with the Arkansas Department of Energy and environment, a division of the department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), for care of the Class IV Landfill pursuant to Arkansas Code Annotated 8-6-1603.

The Mayor introduced the resolution and the Assistant Mayor read the number and title.

Motion made by Alderman Askew, Seconded by Alderman Moore.

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

4. Resolution No. 45-24, a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with the Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment, a division of the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), for the care of the Transfer Station pursuant to Arkansas Code Annotated 8-6-1603.

The Mayor introduced the Resolution and the Assistant Mayor read the number and title.

Motion made by Alderman Renix, Seconded by Alderman Lindsey.

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

5. Resolution No. 47-24, a resolution approving "Alternative C" for the Watershed Flood Prevention Operations Program and authorizing the Mayor to execute documents necessary to proceed with the project.

The Mayor introduced the resolution and the Assistant Mayor read the number and title.

Motion made by Alderman Moore, Seconded by Alderman Renix.

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

6. Resolution No. 48-24, a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contractual agreement with Camden Sportsplex Coalition, Inc, to provide Youth Recreation Services for the City of Camden.

The Mayor introduced the resolution and the Assistant Mayor read the number and title.

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

Motion to amend to 10 years made by Alderman Lindsey, Seconded by Alderman Askew. Vote by show of hands, 3-4 motion failed.

Motion to amend to 15 years made by Alderman Castleberry, Seconded by Alderman Aregood. Vote by show of hand, 6-1 motion passed.

Motion to approve as amended made by Alderman Castleberry, Seconded by Alderman Aregood. Vote of 6-1, motion passed.
Passed

7. Resolution No. 49-24, a resolution confirming the appointment of Brandon Burns to the Airport Commission; and for other purposes.

The Mayor introduced the resolution and the Assistant Mayor read the number and title. Motion made by Alderman Aregood, Seconded by Alderman Lindsey.

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

K. OTHER BUSINESS

Public Works Administrative Assistant La’Nedra Lindsey requested that Teen Town in Carnes Park be made available for rental again.

L. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Alderman Aregood, seconded by Alderman Castleberry. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Mayor, Charlotte Young

City Clerk, Donna Stewart

ORDINANCE NO. 13-24

AN ORDINANCE REZONING CERTAIN PROPERTIES LOCATED IN SECTION 16, TOWNSHIP 13, RANGE 17 WEST, OF THE CITY OF CAMDEN, ARKANSAS

WHEREAS, Act 186 of 1957, as amended by Act 128 of 1959, Act 36 of 1963, Act 134 of 1965, Act 138 of 1965, Act 66 of 1967, and Act 379 of 1969, of the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas, empowers the City to engage in municipal planning, to adopt plans and ordinances to regulate land-use and development practices, and to provide for the administration, enforcement, and amendment thereof and,

WHEREAS, The Planning Commission is authorized pursuant to the provisions of Act 186 of the Arkansas Acts of 1957, as amended, to secure the benefits to the public of a coordinated, adjusted and harmonious development of the City of Camden, to promote the health, safety, morals, order, convenience, prosperity and general welfare of the citizens thereof and shall make recommendations on planning issues to the City Council of the City of Camden and,

WHEREAS, Certain properties located in S16, T13, R17 West are zoned RS-1 (low density residential) and the placement of mobile/manufactured homes are not permitted to use within an RS-1 Zone and,

WHEREAS, The Planning Commission understands that through the issuance of Special Use Permits, as well as Annexation procedures, several mobile/manufactured homes are located within this RS-1 Zone

WHEREAS, The Planning Commission desires to amend Ordinance 1-90 Zoning Ordinance of the City of Camden, Arkansas enacted February 20, 1990.

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

SECTION 1: The Planning Commission of the City of Camden, Arkansas met on August 15, 2024, to discuss the best use of certain property located in Section 16, Township 13, Range 17 West.

SECTION 2: The Planning Commission passed a recommendation that the property located within the following legal description be rezoned to RM-1 (multi-family).

Part of the SE1/4, South 1/2 of Section 16, Township 13, Range 17 West.

Commence at Northeast corner of Lot 6 Block C of Bowers & Eriksen Subdivision; thence West along the South Right-of-Way of Bragg Street Approximately 1,020 Ft; thence North 90 degrees 1,005 Ft to SW corner of the M1 zone; thence running East to the SE corner of the M1 zone; thence, 90 degrees North to the City Limit Line; thence East approximately 530 feet along the City Limit Line to the Union Pacific Railroad right of way; thence run in southeasterly direction approximately 1,555 feet along the Union Pacific Right of Way to the point where the city limit runs East, thence run west 500 feet to NE corner of the property line of Parcel #885-00009-000R (1114 Belan St.); thence run South to the Northeast corner of lot 7, Block D of t Bowers & Eriksen Subdivision(Bragg St.); thence run west along the South Right of Way of Bragg St. to East Right of Way of Belan St.; thence

South along the East Right of Way of Belan St. for approximately 15 feet then west across Belan St. To POB.

Description includes previously zoned RS-1 areas.

SECTION 3: The “Official Zoning Map” of the City of Camden, Arkansas Shall be updated.

SECTION 4: BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED THAT this Ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS __ DAY OF __, 2024.

Mayor

City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 50-24

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMDEN, ARKANSAS, CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF BRANDON EVERETT TO THE AIRPORT COMMISSION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 19-86 created the Airport Commission of the City of Camden, Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, said Ordinance states that the members of the Airport Commission shall be appointed by the Mayor of the City and confirmed by three-fourths ^(3/4th) vote of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, Tim Jordan was appointed in Resolution 60-23 to serve a term on the Airport Commission which will expire November 18, 2028; and

WHEREAS, Tim Jordan has resigned from his active role as a voting member on the Airport Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Airport Commission has voted to request that Brandon Everett be appointed to serve the remainder of the unexpired term of Tim Jordan; and

WHEREAS, Brandon Everett has expressed a willingness to serve the City of Camden as a Commissioner of the Camden Airport Commission.

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, does hereby confirm the Mayor's appointment of Brandon Everett to serve the remainder of the term on the Airport Commission of the City of Camden, Arkansas that will run through November 18, 2028.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2024.

Mayor

City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 51--24

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMDEN, ARKANSAS, CONFIRMING THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF KYLE GATLING TO THE AIRPORT COMMISSION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 19-86 created the Airport Commission of the City of Camden, Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, said Ordinance states that the members of the Airport Commission shall be appointed by the Mayor of the City and confirmed by three-fourths ^(3/4th) vote of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, Kyle Gatling was previously appointed to serve a term which will expire November 18, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Airport Commission has requested that Kyle Gatling be appointed to serve a five-year term on the airport Commission; and

WHEREAS, Kyle Gatling has expressed a willingness to continue to serve the City of Camden as a Commissioner of the Camden Airport Commission.

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, does hereby confirm the Mayor's re-appointment of Kyle Gatling to serve a five-year term on the Airport Commission of the City of Camden, Arkansas that will run through November 18, 2029.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2024.

Mayor

City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 52-24

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMDEN, ARKANSAS, APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF FRED LILLY, SR. TO THE WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION.

WHEREAS, Arkansas Statute § 14-234-304 provides that when the term of office of a Water and Sewer commissioner expires, the remaining commissioners shall appoint a successor subject to the approval of two-thirds (2/3) of the duly elected and qualified members of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, there is an unexpired term that needs to be filled due to the resignation of Willie Cooper as of December 18, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Water and Sewer Commissioners of the City of Camden, Arkansas, voted to appoint Fred Lilly, Sr. to fill the un-expired position of Willie Cooper which will expire on November 1, 2030, effective on December 19, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Fred Lilly, Sr. has expressed his willingness to serve the City of Camden in this capacity.

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 approves the appointment of Fred Lilly, Sr. as a Commissioner for the Camden Water and Sewer Commission, commencing on December 19, 2024, for the unexpired term of office ending on November 1, 2030.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2024.

Mayor

City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 53-24

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMDEN, ARKANSAS, APPROVING THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF RUDIE GALBERT TO THE WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION.

WHEREAS, Arkansas Statute § 14-234-304 provides that when the term of office of a Water and Sewer commissioner expires, the remaining commissioners shall appoint a successor subject to the approval of two-thirds (2/3) of the duly elected and qualified members of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council previously appointed Rudie Galbert to the Water and Sewer Commission in Resolution 56-16 to serve a term expiring November 23, 2024; and

WHEREAS, there is a vacancy that needs to be filled due to the upcoming expiration of the current term; and

WHEREAS, the Water and Sewer Commissioners of the City of Camden, Arkansas, voted to re-appoint Rudie Galbert to another eight (8) year term that will expire on November 23, 2032; and

WHEREAS, Rudie Galbert has expressed his willingness to continue to serve the City of Camden in this capacity.

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 approves the re-appointment of Rudie Galbert as a Commissioner for the Camden Water and Sewer Commission, for the term of office ending on November 23, 2032.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2024.

Mayor

City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 54-24

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

WHEREAS, the 2024 Annual Operating Budget included the sum of Sixteen-Thousand Dollars (\$16,000.00) in the Act 833 Fund; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined that there are additional unallocated Act 833 funds; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to amend the 2024 Annual Operating Budget to allocate Act 833 funds for the purchase of helmets.

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 Sixteen-Thousand Dollars (\$16,000.00) to income line 43600 of the Act 833 Fund Number 12 (raising it to \$32,000.00).

SECTION 2. The 2024 Annual Operating Budget is amended by adding Sixteen-Thousand Dollars (\$16,000.00) to expense line 59410 of the Act 833 Fund Number 12 (raising it to \$32,000), for the purchase of helmets.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2024.

Mayor

City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 55-24

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMDEN, ARKANSAS, APPROVING THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF MIKE CASH TO THE WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION.

WHEREAS, Arkansas Statute § 14-234-304 provides that when the term of office of a Water and Sewer commissioner expires, the remaining commissioners shall appoint a successor subject to the approval of two-thirds (2/3) of the duly elected and qualified members of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City Council previously appointed Mike Cash to the Water and Sewer Commission in Resolution 64-22 to complete a term expiring November 1, 2024; and

WHEREAS, there is a vacancy that needs to be filled due to the expiration of the current term; and

WHEREAS, the Water and Sewer Commissioners of the City of Camden, Arkansas, voted to re-appoint Mike Cash to an eight (8) year term that will expire on November 1, 2032; and

WHEREAS, Mike Cash has expressed his willingness to continue to serve the City of Camden in this capacity.

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 approves the re-appointment of Mike Cash as a Commissioner for the Camden Water and Sewer Commission, for the term of office ending on November 1, 2032.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2024.

Mayor

City Clerk