



BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, January 09, 2024, at 7:00 PM

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

MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. INVOCATION - Reverend Gwen Edwards, Pastor - Set Free Christian Ministries, 221 Monroe Avenue NE, Camden, Arkansas

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Alderman Lawrence Askew

Alderman Chris Aregood

Alderman Gerald Castleberry

Alderman L.E. Lindsey

Alderman William McCoy

Alderman Marvin Moore

Alderman Edward Winters

Alderman Ebony Gulley

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. December 12, 2023, Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Alderman Lindsey, Seconded by Alderman Winters.

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

Voting Abstaining: Alderman Gulley

F. ACCEPTANCE OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. December 2023 Financial Report

Motion made by Alderman Lindsey, Seconded by Alderman Winters.

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

Voting Nay: Alderman McCoy, Alderman Gulley

G. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Morley Hodnett, 256 Ouachita 81, stated that he felt that towing companies weren't well informed about the bid and wants it to be rebid.

Brandy Kendrick, 2407 Maul Road, stated that the Camden Sportsplex Coalition is not a valid non-profit.

Bishop Arnold, 518 Sharp Street, asked why a curfew was not on tonight's agenda.

Wesley Carter, 184 Ouachita 6, said he thought the bidding process for towing was unfair.

Alderman Marvin Moore, 843 Visor, said that he supported Bishop Arnold's request for a curfew, and stated that there was no transparency at City Hall.

Voting Yea: Alderman Askew, Alderman Aregood, Alderman Castleberry, Alderman Lindsey, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Moore, Alderman Winters, Alderman Gulley Motion passed

Alderman Askew made a motion to strike the \$40,000 new truck for Parks and Cemeteries on page 51, Seconded by Alderman Moore.

Voting Yea: Alderman Aregood, Alderman Castleberry, Alderman Lindsey, Alderman Winters
Voting Nay: Alderman Askew, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Moore, Alderman Gulley Motion failed

Alderman Castleberry made a motion to amend the resolution by adding \$15,000 to line 52660, to repair or replace the restroom at the transfer station, Alderman Askew seconded.

Voting Yea: Alderman Askew, Alderman Aregood, Alderman Castleberry, Alderman Lindsey, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Winters, Alderman Gulley
Voting Abstaining: Alderman Moore Motion passed

Alderman Lindsey made a motion to add line 52550 with \$2,500 for internet services at the transfer station, seconded by Alderman Gulley.

Voting Yea: Alderman Askew, Alderman Aregood, Alderman Castleberry, Alderman Lindsey, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Winters, Alderman Gulley
Voting Abstaining: Alderman Moore Motion passed

Alderman Lindsey made a motion to table the Resolution until a Special Meeting on January 23 at 6:30 p.m. Seconded by Alderman Castleberry.

Voting Yea: Alderman Askew, Alderman Aregood, Alderman Castleberry, Alderman Lindsey, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Moore, Alderman Winters, Alderman Gulley Motion passed

J. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Resolution No. 1-24**, a resolution recognizing *Meetings and Procedures* as set forth in the Code of Ordinances of the City of Camden and adopting other procedural rules.

Motion made by Alderman Moore, Seconded by Alderman Winters.

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

- 2. Resolution 2-24**, a resolution declaring the dilapidated property located at 545 Harrison Street a public nuisance and to order the removal of same.

Motion made by Alderman Askew, Seconded by Alderman McCoy.

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

- 3. Resolution No. 3-24**, 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.

Motion made by Alderman Aregood, Seconded by Alderman Lindsey. After much discussion,

Alderman Lindsey made a motion to table the Resolution indefinitely and rebid the request with the following changes: Change 501(c)3 to must have a State of Arkansas Corporate Charter; the ability to purchase liability insurance; and have affiliation with a national or state sports league. Seconded by Alderman Gulley.

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

Bids will close January 29 and a Special Called Meeting will be held on January 30, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

- 4. Resolution 4-24**, A resolution awarding the bid for the purchase of oils and lubricants for the Year 2024.

Motion made by Alderman Lindsey, Seconded by Alderman Winters.

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

5. Resolution No. 5-24, A resolution awarding the bid for the purchase of tires and tubes for the Year 2024.

Motion made by Alderman Winters, Seconded by Alderman McCoy.

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

6. Resolution No. 6-24, A resolution awarding the bid for the purchase of batteries for the Year 2024.

Motion made by Alderman Castleberry, Seconded by Alderman Lindsey.

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

7. Resolution No. 7-24, A resolution awarding the bid for towing regular-sized vehicles for the Year 2024.

Motion made by Alderman Castleberry, Seconded by Alderman Lindsey.

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

Voting Nay: Alderman Askew, Alderman McCoy

Voting Abstaining: Alderman Moore, Alderman Gulley Mayor Young had to vote to pass the Resolution. Passed

8. Resolution No. 8-24, A resolution awarding the bid for towing large-sized city vehicles for the Year 2024.

Motion made by Alderman Castleberry, Seconded by Alderman Lindsey.

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

Voting Nay: Alderman McCoy

Voting Abstaining: Alderman Gulley Passed

9. Ordinance No. 1-24, An Ordinance assessing a lien on certain property located at 606 Welcome Street pursuant to section 6-68 of the Code of Ordinance of the City of Camden

Alderman Askew introduced the Ordinance and the City Clerk read the number and title.

Alderman Askew made a motion to put the Ordinance up for the third and final reading, seconded by Alderman Castleberry.

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

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

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

10. Ordinance No. 2-24, An Ordinance repealing Ordinance No. 30-16 assessing a lien on certain property located at 742 Union Street, Camden, Arkansas.

Alderman Lindsey introduced the Ordinance and the City Clerk read the number and title.

Alderman Lindsey made a motion to put the Ordinance up for the third and final reading, seconded by Alderman Askew.

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

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

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

K. OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Young announced that the City app is up and running, go to the app store to load it and mark yes for notifications.

Alderman Moore said that utility work is causing problems in Ward 3. Summit cut a driveway and didn't fix it afterwards.

Alderman Lindsey stated that he would like to take the Radio station up on their offer to take names for baseball and softball sign ups.

Alderman Castleberry said that the Caddo Street curb still needs to be repaired.

Alderman Lindsey made a motion to suspend the rules and amend the agenda to add an item to authorize Radio Works to take names for baseball and softball signups.

Failed

L. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Alderman Castleberry, seconded by Alderman McCoy. Meeting adjourned at 11:11 p.m.

Mayor, Charlotte Young

City Clerk, Donna Stewart