



BOARD OF ALDERMEN SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

Tuesday, January 23, 2024 at 6:30 PM
City Hall, 206 Van Buren NE, Camden, AR 71701

MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

Mayor Young gave the invocation.

C. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Alderman L.E. Lindsey
Alderman Marvin Moore
Alderman Lawrence Askew
Alderman Chris Aregood
Alderman Edward Winters
Alderman Ebony Gulley

ABSENT

Alderman William McCoy
Alderman Gerald Castleberry

D. OLD BUSINESS

- Resolution No. 71-23**, A resolution providing for and adopting for the City of Camden, Arkansas, an annual operating budget for the twelve months beginning January 1, 2024, and ending December 31, 2024; appropriating money for each and every item of expenditure therein provided for; and for other purposes.

Alderman Lindsey made a motion to change line item 53390, collection carts/dumpsters to \$80,000, Seconded by Alderman Aregood.

Voting Yea: Alderman Lindsey, Alderman Aregood, Alderman Winters

Voting Nay: Alderman Moore

Voting Abstaining: Alderman Askew, Alderman Gulley failed

Alderman Gulley made a motion to change the Deputy Court Clerk 3 position total on page 10 from \$48,583 to \$46,753. Seconded by Alderman Lindsey.

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

passed

Alderman Gulley made a motion to amend page 13, changing the probation salary to \$38,185, based on a 3% increase of last year's budgeted salary. Seconded by Alderman Askew.

Voting Yea: Alderman Moore, Alderman Askew, Alderman Winters, Alderman Gulley

Voting Nay: Alderman Lindsey, Alderman Aregood Mayor Young had to vote to pass.

passed

Alderman Askew made a motion to amend the Fire Department percentages by changing the Firefighters for 2% to 3%, and the Lieutenants, Captains and Assistant Chiefs from 5% to 6%. Alderman Gulley seconded.

Voting Yea: Alderman Moore, Alderman Askew, Alderman Gulley

Voting Nay: Alderman Lindsey, Alderman Aregood, Alderman Winters failed

Motion made by Alderman Lindsey to correct the City Attorney's salary from \$43,975 to \$40,843, Seconded by Alderman Winters.

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

passed

Motion made by Alderman Lindsey to amend the Public Works Directors salary on page 43, changing it from \$62,727 to \$69,000. Alderman Gulley seconded.

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

passed

Motion made by Alderman Lindsey to correct page 47 by swapping the order of Mechanic II and Mechanic III so the titles are with the appropriate salary. Seconded by Alderman Winters.

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

passed

Motion made by Alderman Lindsey to correct page 15 changing line 51110 from \$258,033 to \$233,158 and line 51210 from \$24,150 to \$24,875. Seconded by Alderman Winters.

Voting Yea: Alderman Lindsey, Alderman Askew, Alderman Aregood, Alderman Winters, Alderman Gulley

Voting Nay: Alderman Moore

passed

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

During discussion, Alderman Lindsey stated that the solid waste losses are killing the general budget, and he's disappointed that pool improvements haven't been budgeted for. Changes may have to be made later.

Alderman Moore said he was in agreement with Alderman Lindsey except he doesn't think the budget should be modified until it is gone through line by line.

Alderman Gulley asked who's decision it was for a 3% across the board increase? Mayor Young stated it was her idea.

Alderman Gulley asked for the overall financial impact of the budget and a personnel policies workshop and stated that she can't support a budget with so many mistakes.

Voting Yea: Alderman Lindsey, Alderman Aregood, Alderman Winters

Voting Nay: Alderman Moore, Alderman Askew

Voting Abstaining: Alderman Gulley

failed

Alderman Moore stated that a street light on Visor at the park has detached and is hanging from the line, still working, but sparking when it's on.

Mayor Young announced the date of the next Special Meeting as Monday, January 29, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

E. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Alderman Aregood, Seconded by Alderman Lindsey. Meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

Mayor, Charlotte Young

City Clerk, Donna Stewart