



## BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at 7:00 PM

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

### MINUTES

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#### **A. CALL TO ORDER**

**B. INVOCATION** - Reverend Jackie Flannigan, Pastor - Concord Missionary Baptist Church, 430 S Adams Avenue, Camden, Arkansas.

#### **C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

#### **D. ROLL CALL**

PRESENT

Alderman Lawrence Askew  
Alderman Gerald Castleberry  
Alderman Ebony Gulley  
Alderman L.E. Lindsey  
Alderman William McCoy  
Alderman Edward Winters

ABSENT

Alderman Chris Aregood  
Alderman Marvin Moore

Alderman Gulley made a motion for Executive Session to discuss an employee matter, seconded by Alderman Gulley. The Council and Mayor left the chambers at 7:11 p.m. and returned at 7:39 p.m. The Mayor stated that no action was taken.

#### **E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The City Clerk stated that Alderman Gulley requested more details of her statement at the end of the previous Council Meeting be included in the minutes and that each Alderman had a copy.

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

Motion to amend made by Alderman Lindsey, Seconded by Alderman Winters. Alderman Lindsey requested a two or three sentence summary of the details.

Motion made by Alderman Castleberry to postpone approval of the minutes until the summary can be done. Seconded by Alderman Askew.

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

#### **F. ACCEPTANCE OF FINANCIAL REPORTS**

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

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

Voting Abstaining: Alderman Gulley

Passed

## **G. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Minerva Daniel, 2600 Mt. Holly Road, with the Mary Bethune Order of the Eastern Star, invited everyone to the Breast Cancer Awareness Parade this Friday at 5:30 p.m.

Reese Broadnax, 424 Sharp Avenue, announced the informational reception for the WIOA Youth program, Thursday afternoon at the Workforce building.

Ed Winters, 1141 Woodside Drive, reminded everyone of the City-Wide Clean-up on October 21 from 7:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

## **H. MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Young stated that the Employee of the month is ill and unable to make tonight's meeting so she will announce 2 employees of the month in November.

Camden was awarded the VOCA grant which covers the Domestic Violence Advocate and the Assistant at the Police Department. Camden was the only city in the Golden Triangle to be awarded the VOCA grant. The City received \$74,000 from FEMA for the February winter storm. Camden is in the final round for the Outdoor Fun Grant and the City Block Development Grant has been submitted. Mayor Young reminded everyone that there will be a budget workshop October 26 at 6:00 p.m.

Alderman Lindsey made a motion to move Ordinance 7-23 to the top of old business, Seconded by Alderman Castleberry.

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

## **I. OLD BUSINESS**

- 1. Ordinance No. 07-23**, an ordinance amending Camden Code 2-46, 2-52 and 2-53, regarding purchases and contracts; and for other purposes. (Third & final reading)

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

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

Motion to amend made by Alderman Castleberry setting the amount as \$12,000. Seconded by Alderman Askew.

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

Motion to accept as amended made by Alderman Askew, Seconded by Alderman Lindsey.

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

- 2. Ordinance No. 04-23**, an ordinance repealing Camden Code Section 2-54 regarding advertising of bids for public improvements; and for other purposes. (Fourth & final reading)

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

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

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

- 3. Ordinance No. 05-23**, an ordinance amending Article II of the Camden Code; establishing rates for the collection of garbage for Commercial Customers; and for other purposes. (Fourth & final reading)

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

Motion to amend made by Alderman Lindsey, Seconded by Alderman Castleberry. The amendment is as follows:

**SECTION 1:** Section 11-16 of the Camden Code of Ordinances is amended by deleting the second paragraph defining “back door collection”.

**SECTION 2:** Subsection (e) of Section 11-20 of the Camden Code of Ordinances regarding fees for commercial collection is deleted in its entirety and replaced by the following:

(e) Schools, churches, businesses or industrial establishments, with the exception of downtown zoning district C-3 (central business district), shall pay the following monthly fees to the city for removal of garbage and trash:

Each service unit, per cubic yard .... \$ 16.00

Minimum monthly fee, per using establishment ..... \$ 19.00

Monthly fee for downtown central business district ..... \$ 24.00

Collection charge per month:

	1 pickup per week	2 pickups per week	3 pickups per week	4 pickups per week	5 pickups per week
3 yard container	\$ 48.00	\$ 96.00	\$ 144.00	\$ 192.00	\$ 240.00
4 yard container	\$ 64.00	\$ 128.00	\$ 192.00	\$ 256.00	\$ 320.00

**SECTION 3:** Section 11-33 of the Camden Code of Ordinances is amended by adding the following language to the end of the Section:

“Commercial dumpsters must be placed on a solid surface. A surcharge fee of \$2.00 per month will be added to the bill for each dumpster not in compliance.”

**SECTION 4:** This ordinance shall become effective on January 1, 2024.

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

Motion to accept as amended made by Alderman Castleberry, Seconded by Alderman Lindsey.

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

Passed

**J. NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. Ordinance No. 09-23**, an ordinance repealing Ordinance No. 11-11 assessing a lien on certain property located at 327 Buchanan St. SE.

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

Alderman Lindsey made a motion to suspend the rules and put the Ordinance up for the third and final reading, Seconded by Alderman Castleberry.

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

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

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

**2. ORDINANCE NO. 10-23, AN ORDINANCE PERMITTING AN OFFICIAL OF THE CAMDEN AIRPORT COMMISSION TO BE INTERESTED IN CONTRACTS WITH THE CITY OF CAMDEN.**

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

Motion to suspend the rules made by Alderman Lindsey, Seconded by Alderman Winters.

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

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

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

**3. ORDINANCE NO. 11-23, AN ORDINANCE PERMITTING AN OFFICIAL OF THE AIRPORT COMMISSION TO BE INTERESTED IN CONTRACTS WITH THE CITY OF CAMDEN, ARKANSAS.**

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

Motion to suspend the rules made by Alderman Askew, Seconded by Alderman Winters.

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

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

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

**4. Resolution No. 58-23, a resolution appointing Sandra Arnold to the Civil Service Commission.**

The Mayor introduced the Resolution and the City Clerk read the number and title.

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

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

**5. Resolution No. 60-23, a resolution confirming the reappointment of Tim Jordan to the Airport Commission; and for other purposes.**

The Mayor introduced the Resolution and the City Clerk read the number and title.

Motion made by Alderman Lindsey, Seconded by Alderman Winters.

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

**6. RESOLUTION NO. 61-23, A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF TIM JORDAN TO THE AIRPORT COMMISSION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

The Mayor introduced the Resolution and the City Clerk read the number and title.

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

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

**7. RESOLUTION NO. 62-23, A RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR REPLACEMENT OF A TRUCK FOR CODE ENFORCEMENT; AMENDING THE BUDGET FOR 2023; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

The Mayor introduced the Resolution and the City Clerk read the number and title.

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

Alderman Lindsey made a motion to amend by changing the second whereas to state that the truck has not been replaced and to eliminate section 1 completely. Alderman Gulley made the second.

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

Motion to approve as amended made by Alderman Castleberry, Seconded by Alderman Lindsey.

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

**K. OTHER BUSINESS**

Alderman McCoy asked when the position for Public Works Director will be posted and was informed it will be up by the end of the year. He then stated that he would like the pay scale to be in place before they start.

**L. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Alderman Lindsey, Seconded by Alderman McCoy. Meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

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Mayor, Charlotte Young

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City Clerk, Donna Stewart