



# BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, November 14, 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** - Minister Johnny Hobbie - Maul Road Church of Christ, 1425 Maul Road, Camden, Arkansas

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

### **D. ROLL CALL**

PRESENT ON ROLL CALL

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. September 12, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Alderman Aregood, Seconded by Alderman Lindsey.

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

Voting Nay: Alderman Askew

Passed

2. October 10, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes

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

Alderman Lindsey made a motion to amend the minutes, changing the second on the executive meeting to Alderman Askew and item number 6, changing the title of Resolution 61-23 to read William Archer instead of Tim Jordan. Alderman Askew made the second.

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

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

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

Passed

3. October 24, 2023 Special Called Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Alderman Castleberry, Seconded by Alderman Winters.

During discussion, Alderman Moore made a motion to go into executive session, seconded by Alderman Askew.

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

Voting Nay: Alderman Aregood, Alderman Castleberry, Alderman Lindsey, Alderman Winters, Mayor Young had to vote to pass. The Council went into executive session at 7:16 p.m. and returned at 7:32 p.m., and stated that no action was taken. After more discussion, Alderman Aregood called for the vote to approve the minutes.

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

Voting Nay: Alderman Askew, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Moore, Alderman Gulley, Mayor Young had to vote to pass.

4. October 26, 2023 Special Called Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Alderman Lindsey, Seconded by Alderman Winters.

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

Voting Nay: Alderman Askew, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Moore, Alderman Gulley, Mayor Young had to vote to pass.

**F. ACCEPTANCE OF FINANCIAL REPORTS**

1. Financials October 2023

Motion made by Alderman Lindsey, Seconded by Alderman Aregood.

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

Voting Nay: Alderman Askew, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Moore, Alderman Gulley, Mayor Young had to vote to pass.

**G. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Jim Golden, 1475 Woodland Drive, thanked the Council for their support of OPED. He said 2 restaurants are currently looking at Camden as a possible location and a short line railroad in the old International Paper has applied for an infrastructure grant.

Bishop Arnold, 518 Sharp, stated that there is a serious problem with young people and there needs to be a curfew. If there is a curfew, it needs to be better enforced.

Callie Hughey, 257 Madison, admonished the Mayor over the quality of seating in the Council Chambers, and the length of public notice for special meetings.

Sharon Akins, 345 Dallas, stated that her streetlight has been out since May and she would like it to be fixed. Also, when trees were knocked down by a storm, they were only cut up enough to clear the street and stacked to the side leaving only a trail to get down the street.

**H. MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Young announced the October Employee of the Month, Henry L. Davis, a driver from Sanitation Collections, and the November Employee of the Month, Dana Peterson, Public Relations with the Police Department. Mayor Young also announced that the Attorney General's office had called and Cortney Parker will be named Ouachita County's Officer of the Year.

Mayor Young reminded everyone that there will be a budget workshop on Tuesday, November 28 at 6:00 p.m.

Kyle Gatling, Jason Fletcher and James Green presented updates and improvements at the airport. Business is increasing, and fuel sales account for approximately 54% of the airport revenue.

**I. OLD BUSINESS**

Alderman Lindsey made a motion to reconsider Resolution No. 63-23 that was voted on in the Special Meeting on October 24, 2023. The motion died for lack of a second.

Alderman Lindsey made a motion to reconsider Resolution No. 64-23 that was voted on in the Special Meeting on October 24, 2023. The motion died for lack of a second.

**J. NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. Ordinance No. 12-23**, an ordinance repealing Ordinance No. 30-16 assessing a lien on certain property located at 2289 South Adams Avenue.  
Alderman Castleberry introduced the ordinance and the City Clerk read the number and title.  
Motion to suspend the rules made by Alderman Castleberry, Seconded by Alderman Winters.  
Voting Yea: Alderman Castleberry, Alderman Lindsey, Alderman Winters  
Voting Nay: Alderman Askew, Alderman Aregood, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Moore, Alderman Gulley  
Second reading will be at next month's meeting.
- 2. Ordinance No. 13-23**, an ordinance rezoning certain property located at 2289 South Adams Avenue.  
Alderman Castleberry introduced the Ordinance for the first reading and the City Clerk read the number and title.
- 3. Ordinance No. 14-23**, an ordinance rezoning property located at 2412 Smackover Rd from, RS-2(Single Family) to RM-2(Multi Family District).  
Alderman Askew introduced the Ordinance for the first reading and the City Clerk read the number and title.
- 4. Resolution No. 67-23**, a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract for 2023 with Camden Downtown Network (Main Street Program).  
Motion to approve made by Alderman Aregood, Seconded by Alderman Winters.  
Voting Yea: Alderman Askew, Alderman Aregood, Alderman Castleberry, Alderman Lindsey, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Winters, Alderman Gulley  
Voting Nay: Alderman Moore
- 5. Resolution No. 68-23**, a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a Contract of Obligation with the Arkansas Division of Environmental Quality and to sign the contract of obligation.  
Motion to approve made by Alderman Askew, Seconded by Alderman Lindsey. During discussion, a copy of the letter of obligation was requested. Assistant Mayor Horn went to make copies.  
Alderman Lindsey made a motion to continue on to Resolution No. 69-23 during the wait. Alderman Askew seconded. Voting Yea: Alderman Askew, Alderman Aregood, Alderman Castleberry, Alderman Lindsey, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Moore, Alderman Winters, Alderman Gulley
- 6. Resolution No. 69-23**, a resolution amending the Certification Pay qualifications for the Camden Fire Department.  
Motion to approve made by Alderman Lindsey, Seconded by Alderman Aregood.  
Voting Yea: Alderman Aregood, Alderman Castleberry, Alderman Lindsey, Alderman Winters  
Voting Abstaining: Alderman Askew, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Moore, Alderman Gulley. The Mayor had to vote to pass.

**Returned to Resolution No. 68-23**

Voting Yea: Alderman Aregood, Alderman Castleberry, Alderman Lindsey, Alderman Winters  
Voting Abstaining: Alderman Askew, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Moore, Alderman Gulley.  
Mayor Young had to vote to pass

**K. OTHER BUSINESS**

Alderman Moore stated that the lights on the basketball court in Ivra Clark Park still aren't working properly.

Alderman Lindsey asked about the Fire Protection Agreement that was included in the packet. It will be voted on at the next meeting.

Alderman Gulley requested a discussion of the Legislative Audit that was included in the packet. The answers to the findings and supplementals were also included in the packet. Mayor Young said she was planning for that to be the last item, but it could be discussed now. Discussion started with unauthorized withdrawals, went on to changes in Human Resources and the timekeeping system. Attorney Frey stated that the findings are the only items that must be discussed in the meeting, not the supplementals. Discussion continued with compensated absences.

Mayor Young reminded everyone of the budget meeting and asked everyone to sign a Christmas card. Bundles are being sent to our National Guard Unit who have been deployed and won't be home for Christmas.

Alderman Askew requested clarification on the lease agreement at Fairview Park. Attorney Frey stated that OCRC has a 30-year lease on the big field and a non-compete for baseball, ages 13 and up. He also said that the city still needs to request proposals from organizations to run the 12 and under program.

**L. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn made by Alderman Askew, Seconded by Alderman Castleberry. Meeting adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

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Mayor, Charlotte Young

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City Clerk, Donna Stewart