



BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, August 13, 2024 at 7:00 PM

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

MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. INVOCATION - Reverend Scott Knight, Pastor - Cullendale Assembly of God Church, 3250 Cash Road, SW, 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 Brady Renix

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of Regular Scheduled Meeting, July 9, 2024

Motion made by Alderman Winters seconded by Alderman Aregood.

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

2. Minutes of Special Called Meeting, July 11, 2024

Motion made by Alderman Askew, Seconded by Alderman Castleberry.

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

F. ACCEPTANCE OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. Financial Report for July 2024

Motion made by Alderman Aregood, Seconded by Alderman Askew.

Voting Yea: Alderman Aregood, Alderman Castleberry, Alderman Winters

Voting Nay: Alderman Askew, Alderman Lindsey, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Moore, Alderman Renix
failed

G. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

James Johnson, 416 Madison, thanked the fire department for their help during a health scare. Specifically recognizing Captain Kyle Rogers, Lieutenant Jason Wright and Assistant Chief Jarod Purifoy.

Bryan Smith, 223 North Street, complained about the landfill being closed during inclement weather.

Mike Sherman, 240 Adams, asked that the Sportsplex contract be renewed.

Anita McElfresh, 2810 Hawthorne, claimed she was assaulted by the police and said she had video proof.

Julian Lott, 412 Arkansas, called for a forensic audit.

Superintendent Roy Wesley, 205 Harding, called for more transparency on crime, and suggested recognizing "Buckshot" Smith by naming a street after him.

Randy Sanders, 2810 Cherokee, stated that 4 way stops on Cherokee is a bad idea, if there were more police in the area, there would be less speeding.

Larry Mitchell, 649 Magnolia Road, requested an update on the fiber optic lines that are being buried around the city.

Sandra Lee, 603 Texas, called for a forensic audit and asked how many departments the city has and how many vehicles they have.

Bishop Robert Arnold, 518 Sharp, said he was concerned about the City's spending and asked if the trucks on the agenda were really needed.

Jacovy Barker, 2365 Country Club Road, expressed his concerns for the City's finances.

Julia Brown, 422 Arkansas, invited everyone to the "Clap Up" at the schools to welcome the students back on their first day.

H. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Young introduced Jake Plyler and Blake Rogers with TRM&P CPA firm. They were there to answer questions about their proposal to take over the finances for the City. The cost will be \$5,250 a month plus time and travel if they have to attend a council meeting. They invited the Council to email them any questions they may have. Alderman Moore asked if they could do a forensic audit and was told that a full audit will be very expensive and TRM&P can not do it if they are working for the city.

Mayor Young announced that Legislative will be here August 26th.

The Mayor thanked David Richardson and Camden Water Utilities for their help at the transfer station, they saved the city quite a bit of money. The scales are in place the the landfill and all scale-hoiuse employees have been trained on doing tickets.

The Mayor, Police Chief and Assistant Chief met with the Housing Authority. Extra patrols through the complexes will begin soon. Three new officers have completed ALETA and are at work.

The Mayor announced that Commodity Distribution will be Wednesday and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Mayor Young thanked the Police and Fire Departments for their efforts during L.C. "Buckshot" Smith's funeral and asked everyone to keep his family in their prayers and also asked everyone to pray for Ed Parham and his wife in the loss of their son.

I. OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Ordinance No. 09-24**, an ordinance amending section 6, Building and Building Regulations, Article II, Plumbing of the City of Camden, Arkansas Code of Ordinances, adopting by reference the 2018 Arkansas Plumbing Code and the 2018 Arkansas Fuel Gas Code; and for other purposes.

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

J. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Ordinance No. 10-24**, an ordinance repealing Ordinance No. 7-02, assessing a lien on certain property located at 1049 Cook Ave.

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 Winters.

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

Motion to amend made by Alderman Lindsey, making a change to section 2, the payment being \$900 instead of \$800. Seconded by Alderman Moore.

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

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

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

- 2. Resolution No. 36-24.** a resolution awarding the bid for the installation of Chip Seal Resurfacing for the Public Works Street Department.

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

Motion made by Alderman Lindsey, Seconded by Alderman Moore.

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

- 3. Resolution No. 37-24,** a resolution awarding the bid for the installation of 2" Hot Mix Asphalt Overlay for the Public Works Street Department.

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 Renix

- 4. Resolution No. 38-24,** a resolution awarding the bid for oils and lubricants.

Motion made by Alderman Castleberry, Seconded by Alderman Aregood.

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

- 5. Resolution No. 39-24,** a resolution awarding the bid for the purchase of one (1) 2024 F150 Crew Cab Pickup for the Code Enforcement Department.

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 Renix

- 6. Resolution No. 40-24,** a resolution awarding the bid for the purchase of one (1) 2024 F150 Regular Cab Pickup for the Public Works Parks Department.

Motion made by Alderman Castleberry, Seconded by Alderman Lindsey.

Failed

- 7. Resolution No. 41-24,** a resolution awarding the bid for the purchase of one (1) 2024 F150 Crew Cab Pickup with platform service bed the the Public Works Street Department.

Motion made by Alderman Castleberry, Seconded by Alderman Lindsey. The vote was 4-4 and the Mayor voted to pass.

- 8. Resolution No. 42-24,** a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a lease extension with the Women's Crisis Center of South Arkansas, Inc.

Motion made by Alderman Aregood, Seconded by Alderman Askew.

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

K. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Camden Fire Department Short Term Position

Chief Covington requested an additional fireman through the end of the year. A couple of retirements are planned for next year and if someone starts now, they will be trained by the beginning of the year. Alderman Lindsey made a motion to approve the addition, seconded by Alderman Aregood. The request was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Alderman Lindsey would like the council to consider naming the Police Department Building or Police Drive after Buckshot.

Alderman Moore asked about the Arkansas Black Mayors Association Flood Abatement Plan. He said their website said a decision has been made.

Alderman Moore also announced that he is not running for re-election but says he will always know what's going on with the council. He asked about the playground equipment in Carnes Park and was told that it should arrive in September.

Alderman Castleberry said things are pretty close on the Cherokee Facebook page but most would prefer blue lights over the stop signs. He also stated that work on the contract for the Sportsplex needs to start now.

Alderman Renix said a group of trucks had parked on the basketball courts at Ivra Clark Park and the kids couldn't play. He again requested that the neighborhood watch be restarted.

L. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Alderman Castleberry, Seconded by Alderman Aregood. Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Mayor, Charlotte Young

City Clerk, Donna Stewart