



BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, August 08, 2023 at 7:00 PM

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

MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. INVOCATION - Rev. Jim Lockhart, Interim Pastor - Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church, 675 Viser Street SE, Camden, Arkansas

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Alderman Lawrence Askew

Alderman Chris Aregood

Alderman Gerald Castleberry

Alderman Ebony Gulley

Alderman L.E. Lindsey

Alderman William McCoy

Alderman Marvin Moore

Alderman Edward Winters

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Minutes Regular Meeting July 11, 2023

Motion to amend the minutes by leaving out mention of Alderman McCoy leaving the table early, made by Alderman Askew, Seconded by Alderman Lindsey.

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

Motion to approve the minutes as amended made by Alderman Askew, Seconded by Alderman Winters. Voting Yea: Alderman Askew, Alderman Aregood, Alderman Castleberry, Alderman Gulley, Alderman Lindsey, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Moore, Alderman Winters. The minutes were approved as amended.

F. ACCEPTANCE OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. Financial Report for July 2023

Motion to accept the July financial report 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

Voting Abstaining: Alderman Gulley

The July financial report was accepted by a 6-2 vote.

G. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Joyce Campbell, 629 Crestwood said that people are dumping illegally on her property at the corner of Pearl and Crestwood.

Jim Golden, 1475 Woodland, accompanied by Jeff Franklin, gave an OPED update and stated that they would like to have another town hall meeting.

H. Earl Anderson, 247 Buchanan, stated that he was appalled at the way the council operates.

Julie A. Brown, 422 Arkansas, invited everyone to a city wide prayer meeting Sunday at the Trace Trail Head on Adams, sponsored by Youth in Motion and Impact Camden. She also invited everyone to be at the schools 7:00 Monday morning with encouraging posters for the kids as they begin their first day back at school.

Michael Fountain, 410 Palisade, requested that something be done about the drainage system in Carnes Park. He said the water is pooling and the mosquitoes are terrible there.

H. MAYOR'S REPORT

1. Kyle Gatling and Jason Fletcher - Report on Airport

The Mayor stated that the airport report had to be rescheduled. She announced that the Fire Department's Rescue Boat had been delivered Friday and is on display at Station 3 if anyone would like to see it. She congratulated Dana Peterson, Information Officer at the Camden Police Department for hosting a very successful National Night Out. The Mayor introduced the August Employee of the Month as Earl Porchia, Street Superintendent.

I. OLD BUSINESS

1. Ordinance 03-23 An Ordinance permitting an Official of the Camden Water and Sewer Commission to be interested in contracts with the City of Camden, Arkansas

Alderman Lindsey introduced the Ordinance for the second reading and the City Clerk read the number and title. Motion to suspend the rules made by Alderman Lindsey, Seconded by Alderman Castleberry. Voting Yea: Alderman Askew, Alderman Aregood, Alderman Castleberry, Alderman Lindsey, Alderman Winters. Voting Nay: Alderman Gulley, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Moore. The third reading will be at the next Council meeting.

2. Ordinance 04-23 An Ordinance repealing Camden code Section 2-54 regarding advertisement of bids for public improvements; and for other purposes.

Alderman Lindsey introduced the Ordinance for the second reading and the City Clerk read the number and title. Motion to suspend the rules made by Alderman Lindsey, Seconded by Alderman Aregood. Voting Yea: Alderman Aregood, Alderman Castleberry, Alderman Lindsey. Voting Nay: Alderman Askew, Alderman Gulley, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Moore, Alderman Winters. The third reading will be at the next Council meeting. Alderman Moore requested that it be on record that it was said the Ordinance would be discussed but it hasn't.

3. Ordinance 05-23 An Ordinance amending Article II of the Camden code; Establishing Rates and Procedures for Collection of Garbage for Commercial Customers; and for other purposes.

Alderman Aregood introduced the Ordinance for the second reading and the City Clerk read the number and title. Motion to suspend the rules was made by Alderman Aregood, Seconded by Alderman Castleberry. After discussion, the motion was withdrawn. The third reading will be at the next Council meeting.

J. NEW BUSINESS

1. Ordinance No. 06-23, an ordinance repealing Ordinance No. 6-12 assessing a lein on certain property located at 777 Bradley Ferry Road SE.

Alderman Moore introduced the Ordinance and the City Clerk read the number and title. Motion to suspend the rules made by Alderman Lindsey, Seconded by Alderman Gulley. Voting Yea: Alderman Aregood, Alderman Lindsey

Voting Nay: Alderman Askew, Alderman Castleberry, Alderman Gulley, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Moore, Alderman Winters. The second reading will be at the next Council meeting.

- 2. Ordinance No. 07-23**, an ordinance amending Camden Code 2-46, 2-52, and 2-53, regarding purchases and contracts; and other purposes.

Alderman Lindsey introduced the Ordinance and the City Clerk read the number and title. Motion to approve for discussion made by Alderman Winters, Seconded by Alderman Aregood. After some discussion, Alderman Lindsey made a motion to amend and add that competitive bidding will be placed on the City website, Seconded by Alderman Gulley. Voting Yea: Alderman Askew, Alderman Castleberry, Alderman Gulley, Alderman Lindsey, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Moore, Alderman Winters. Voting Nay: Alderman Aregood. The amendment was approved.

- 3. Resolution No. 49-23**, a resolution confirming the appointment of Gisela Perez to the Advertising and Promotion Commission.

The Mayor introduced the Resolution and the City Clerk read the number and title. Motion to approve was made by Alderman Gulley, Seconded by Alderman Lindsey.

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

- 4. Resolution No. 50-23**, a resolution confirming the re-appointment of Michael Tidwell to the Advertising and Promotion commission.

The Mayor introduced the Resolution and the City Clerk read the number and title. Motion to approve was made by Alderman Gulley, Seconded by Alderman Askew.

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

- 5. Resolution No. 51-23**, a resolution amending the Annual Operating Budget for 2023; and for other purposes.

The Mayor introduced the Resolution and the City Clerk read the number and title. Motion to approve was made by Alderman Lindsey, Seconded by Alderman Winters.

Voting Yea: Alderman Aregood, Alderman Castleberry, Alderman Winters

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

K. OTHER BUSINESS

Alderman Lindsey made a motion to amend the agenda and add Resolution 52-23.

Seconded by Alderman Winters.

Voting Yea: Alderman Castleberry, Alderman Lindsey

Voting Nay: Alderman Askew, Alderman Aregood, Alderman Gulley, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Moore, Alderman Winters. The Resolution will be on next month's agenda.

Alderman Lindsey would like to get video of the meetings on the website, and a sound system in the council chambers. He passed out information on a suggested increase in special pick up fees.

Alderman Moore remarked on the drainage at Carnes Park, he was informed that Code Enforcement and the Water Department have looked at it and they are waiting on a specialized truck to be available so the culvert can be blown out. He inquired about the repairs on the Teen Town building, the Mayor stated that the grant opens this month and SWAPPD is working on it.

Alderman Moore also asked if the pool hours had changed. Hours changed last week, getting ready for the beginning of the new school year.

Alderman Gulley expressed her concern over the possible need for more lifeguards to be on duty at the pool. She referenced an employee and her concerns about how his position was handled and followed up with a suggestion that more HR and EEOC training is needed.

Alderman Winters thanked Public Works for their work in Pine Hills subdivision. He also asked about the dead tree being removed in Greenwood Cemetery, it's been several months and it's still there.

L. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Alderman Aregood, Seconded by Alderman Castleberry. Meeting adjourned at 9:29.

Mayor, Charlotte Young

City Clerk, Donna Stewart