



BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, March 12, 2024 at 7:00 PM

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

MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. INVOCATION - Reverend Conner M. Davis, Pastor - Camden First Assembly of God Church, 1275 Maul Road NW, Camden, Arkansas

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Alderman Chris Aregood

Alderman Gerald Castleberry

Alderman L.E. Lindsey

Alderman Marvin Moore

Alderman Edward Winters

ABSENT

Alderman Lawrence Askew

Alderman William McCoy

Alderman Ebony Gulley

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of Regular Meeting February 13, 2024

Motion made by Alderman Castleberry, Seconded by Alderman Winters.

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

2. Minutes of Special Called Meeting, February 20, 2024

Motion made by Alderman Winters, Seconded by Alderman Aregood.

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

F. ACCEPTANCE OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

Motion made by Alderman Lindsey, Seconded by Alderman Castleberry. It was pointed out that the City Clerk had printed the report for the wrong dates and Alderman Lindsey withdrew his motion. Alderman Castleberry withdrew his second.

Alderman Lindsey made a motion to table the financials until the next meeting, Seconded by Alderman Castleberry.

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

G. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Julian Lott, 412 Arkansas, asked what the city had to say about the use of his signature after he was out of office.

Jesse Sanders, 219 Jack Parr, shared some pictures of the past and said it is up to us to keep the peace in Camden.

Jim Golden, 1475 Woodland, on behalf of OPED, gave an update stating that they're working with a potential manufacturer to locate inside the city limits.

Bishop Arnold, 518 sharp Avenue, implied that he thinks some of the aldermen have a bad attitude and said he feels like his aldermen should reach out to him.

Willie Cooper, 544 Louisiana, would like the ordinance for him to do business with the City brought forward for the third reading.

Alderman Ed Winters, invited everyone to participate in the clean up on March 30.

H. MAYOR'S REPORT

David Richardson, Manager of Camden Water Utilities, gave the biannual report. Mr. Richardson said that water sales were slightly up for 2023. He said a sanitary survey had been conducted by the health department and they should receive the report around the first of April.

Mayor Young reminded everyone that Spring Break is next week and there are 15 events planned for the children. She asked for volunteers to help Plant a Seed and the Salvation Army prepare meals on Monday and Friday. They're planning to feed around 400 kids. The Mayor also announced that the Keep Camden Beautiful Committee will be installing Welcome to Camden signs over the next few weeks. Mayor Young asked the City Clerk to explain what she had found out about former Mayor Lott's signature. The City Clerk stated that the signatures were on accounts in the general fund that were not used very often and the majority of them were on the Administration of Justice Fund. The software company has sent instructions on how to change the signatures on accounts and all have been checked and or changed and have been double checked by the book keeper.

I. OLD BUSINESS

Attorney Frey discussed the similarities between the Animal Ordinance in different cities and the difference between a vicious dog and a dangerous dog.

J. NEW BUSINESS

1. Ordinance No. 3-24, an ordinance repealing Ordinance No. 07-02 assessing a lien on certain property located at 541 Greenwood Street NW, Camden, Arkansas.

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

2. Resolution No. 14-24, a resolution declaring the structure located at 213 East Wood Street a public nuisance and to order the removal of same.

Motion made by Alderman Lindsey, Seconded by Alderman Winters.

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

Voting Abstaining: Alderman Moore Mayor Young voted yes to pass the Resolution.

3. Resolution No. 15-24, a resolution authorizing the mayor to purchase a truck and trailer through an interlocal contract for cooperative purchasing; and for other purposes.

Motion made by Alderman Lindsey, Seconded by Alderman Aregood.

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

4. Resolution No. 16-24, a resolution authorizing the mayor to purchase a Backhoe Loader through an interlocal contract for cooperative purchasing; and for other purposes.

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

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

5. Resolution No. 17-24, a resolution awarding the bid for the purchase of scales for the Solid Waste Disposal Division of the Public Works Department.

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

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

K. OTHER BUSINESS

Alderman Castleberry thanked public works for the repair work at the corner of Caddo and Cherokee, he said that the resident was very happy.

Alderman Lindsey would like an update on the swimming pool and asked about the street program. He suggested a penalty clause in the contract if the company can't get the work completed.

Alderman Moore said the lights are blinking at the basketball court in Ivra Clark Park and one of the nets on the tennis court needs to be replaced.

Alderman Aregood said Mr. Cooper feels like he is being mistreated by the City and Alderman Aregood would like to have an Ordinance next month allowing Mr. Cooper to do business with the City.

L. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Alderman Aregood, Seconded by Alderman Castleberry. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Mayor, Charlotte Young

City Clerk, Donna Stewart