



## BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, June 13, 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** - Roby Compston, Pastor - Camden Bible Church, 1245 California Avenue, Camden, Arkansas

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

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

PRESENT

Alderman Lawrence Askew

Alderman Chris Aregood

Alderman Ebony Gulley

Alderman L.E. Lindsey

Alderman William McCoy

Alderman Marvin Moore

Alderman Edward Winters

ABSENT

Alderman Gerald Castleberry

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

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

Motion to amend made by Alderman Gulley, Seconded by Alderman Lindsey.

Alderman Gulley amended page 3 about the A&P Commission to read: during the A&P Commission meetings we discussed how the tournaments could generate millions of dollars for the city. She also amended the section on threats to read: if people continue to send me those things, I will be keeping it if they do decide to send me something.

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

Voting Abstaining: Alderman Moore

Motion to approve as amended made by Alderman Lindsey

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

Voting Abstaining: Alderman Moore

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

Motion made by Alderman Lindsey, Seconded by Alderman Aregood.

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

Voting Nay: Alderman Gulley, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Moore

Mayor had to vote to pass

## **G. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Earl Green, 3136 King, stated that the street light at the corner of King and JFK has been out since he moved into the neighborhood, and that the power goes out every time the wind blows.

Mark Green, 1016 Amanda, spoke in favor of the Watershed project, and against Resolution 42-23.

Eddie Adair, 546 Hawkins, asked that Hawkins be paved, stating that there are places where you can almost see the dirt through the bit of paving that is left.

Corliss Sinclair, 585 Agee Avenue, again requested a centrally located Senior Center.

Walter Anderson, 220 JFK Blvd, requested that something be done about the pot holes and the trees by the power lines.

Jim Golden, 1475 Woodland Drive, on behalf of OPED, thanked the Council for voting to fund the entity for another year and pledged to have representation at future Council meetings. He said they are working towards better transparency and plan to have more town hall meetings.

Patric Flanigan, 600 Warner, invited the Council to Juneteenth.

Carolyn Oakley, 528 Pine, requested a sound system be installed in the Council Chambers so the audience could hear the meetings better. She stated that the old Ouachita Industries building needs to be cleaned up, and said that the children at Riverside Court are litter bugs.

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

Mayor Young introduced Public Works Director Kevin Franklin for a report on Public Works. Mr. Franklin gave highlights from each department. One of the biggest problems they're dealing with right now is people taking the blue carts with them when they move.

Mayor Young then introduced Police Chief Boyd Woody who made his case for a raise for the police department. Alderman Winters made a motion to have a workshop to address the raise. Alderman Gulley stated it should be a raise for everyone and seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Young introduced Jeremy Covington as the new Fire Chief

## **I. OLD BUSINESS**

## **J. NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. RESOLUTION NO. 40-23, A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE OPERATING BUDGET FOR 2023; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

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

Motion to amend made by Alderman Moore, Seconded by Alderman Aregood. Amend the second whereas to \$48,500; amend the fourth whereas to \$39,500; amend Section 1. to \$39,500.

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

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

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

Passed

### **2. RESOLUTION NO. 41-23, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR THE WATERSHED FLOOD PREVENTION OPERATION PROGRAM.**

Motion made by Alderman Askew, Seconded by Alderman Aregood. During discussion, Alderman Lindsey made a motion to add Alderman Gulley as a point of contact in addition to Jennifer Horn and Mayor Young. Alderman Moore seconded. Motion passed on a 6-1 vote with Alderman Aregood voting no.

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

Voting Nay: Alderman Aregood, Alderman Lindsey, Alderman Winters

Mayor had to vote to pass

3. Resolution No. 42-23, a resolution amending Resolution 01-23 and adopting procedural rules.  
Pulled

**K. OTHER BUSINESS**

Alderman Aregood pointed out the duties of council members.

Alderman McCoy directed attention to State Law 14-45-105.

Alderman Moore stated that the pool concession contract needs to be bid out next year.

Alderman Askew stated his concern about Nepotism at the Fire Department and wants an answer back.

Mayor Young stated that the pool made \$6,000 in two weeks and that was the intake for the entire summer last year.

Alderman Moore asked about the price of pool chemicals this year and if the Housing Authority was sending kids this year. He also stated that people working with the kids need to be vetted.

**L. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made by Alderman Aregood, seconded by Alderman Moore. Meeting adjourned at 10:27 p.m.

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Mayor, Charlotte Young

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City Clerk, Donna Stewart