



BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at 7:00 PM

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

MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. INVOCATION - Rev. Wayne Johnson, Associate Pastor - New Mt. Hebron Baptist Church, 2417 Smackover Road, Camden, AR

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 Ebony Gulley

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of the Regular Meeting November 14, 2023

Motion made by Alderman Askew, Seconded by Alderman Lindsey.

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

Voting Abstaining: Alderman Gulley

F. ACCEPTANCE OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

Motion made by Alderman Lindsey, Seconded by Alderman Winters.

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

Voting Nay: Alderman McCoy, Alderman Moore, Alderman Gulley

G. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Earnestine Elliott, 705 Pearl, spoke in favor of setting a 9:00 curfew.

Wayne Johnson, 280 Carter Street, thanked Public Works for fixing the drainage.

Superintendent Roy Wesley, 205 Harding, expressed his concern for the youth and senior citizens of the city.

Bishop Arnold, 518 Sharp, spoke in favor of setting a youth curfew for 9:00 p.m. on weekdays and 10:00 p.m. on the weekend.

Sharron Akins, 345 Dallas, thanked the City stating that most of the issues have been solved but the street light is still out.

Willie Cooper, 544 Louisiana, stated that he felt he was treated unfairly in the vote on an Ordinance to allow him to do business with the City. Where Ordinance 3-23 went for three readings, Ordinances 10-23 and 11-23 allowing airport commissioners to do business with the City were passed on the first reading.

H. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Young introduced the Employee of the Month, Assistant Chief Eric Bussell with the Camden Fire Department.

The Mayor said she had been to Benton earlier in the day for the luncheon honoring Cortney Parker as the Ouachita County Officer of the Year.

Mayor Young requested that Resolution 71-23 be pulled from the agenda as the budget is not quite ready, and to add Resolution 73-23 for a temporary budget through the end of January 2024.

Alderman Lindsey made a motion to amend the agenda and add Resolution 73-23 to the agenda.

Alderman Winters seconded.

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

Voting Abstaining: Alderman Moore passed

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

Alderman Lindsey made a motion for discussion, seconded by Alderman Aregood.

Alderman Lindsey made a motion to suspend the rules and place the Ordinance for the third and final reading, Seconded by Alderman Aregood.

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

Voting Nay: Alderman Moore

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

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

Voting Abstaining: Alderman Moore passed

- 2. Ordinance No. 13-23**, an ordinance rezoning property located at 2289 S. Adams Ave. from RS-2 (Single Family) to RM-2 (Multi Family District). (Second Reading)

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

Alderman Lindsey made a motion for discussion, Seconded by Alderman Aregood.

Alderman Lindsey made a motion to suspend the rules and place the Ordinance for the third and final reading, Seconded by Alderman Aregood.

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

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

- 3. Ordinance No. 14-23**, an ordinance rezoning certain property located at 2412 Smackover Road from RS-2 (Single Family) to RM-2 (Multi Family District). (Second Reading)

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

J. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Ordinance No. 15-23**, An ordinance providing for the accounting of the public safety sales and use tax; and for other purposes.

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

- 2. Resolution No. 72-23**, A resolution of the City Council, of the City of Camden, Arkansas, amending the 2023 annual operating budget and authorizing the Mayor to pay an end-of-year bonus to employees and elected officials.

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

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

- 3. Resolution No. 73-23**,

Motion 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

K. OTHER BUSINESS

- 1. Outside Fire Contract**

Motion to approve made by Alderman Lindsey, Seconded by Alderman Aregood. During discussion, Alderman Moore stated that there is a tree on the hydrant at the corner of Ratcliff and Viser.

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

Alderman McCoy said that there is a water lead around the breaker box at the transfer station and that the building is just sitting on bricks and not properly anchored.

Alderman Moore said that the citizens of Carter Street are happy with the work that's been done but there is still more to do.

Alderman Castleberry stated that the curb on Caddo still needs to be fixed and was told that it's on the list.

Alderman Winters encouraged the Aldermen to start neighborhood watches in their wards. He said there are currently only 3 neighborhood watches in the city.

Mayor Young encouraged participation in neighborhood watches.

Alderman Gulley said she had an online inquiry – When are the side streets going to be cleaned?

Alderman Moore stated that the lights at the basketball court in Ivra Clark Park are still blinking.

L. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Alderman Castleberry, seconded by Alderman Aregood. Meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Mayor, Charlotte Young

City Clerk, Donna Stewart