



BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, December 09, 2025 at 7:00 PM
City Hall, 206 Van Buren NE, Camden, AR 71701

MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. INVOCATION - Reverend Rodney Frazier, Pastor - Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church, 675 Viser Street SE, Camden, Arkansas

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Alderman Lawrence Askew

Alderman Gerald Castleberry

Alderman Edward Winters

Alderman Boyd Woody

Alderman Willie Cooper

Alderman Josh Steed

Alderman Patric Flannigan

ABSENT

Alderman William McCoy

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Alderman Winters, Seconded by Alderman Askew.

Voting Yea: Alderman Askew, Alderman Castleberry, Alderman Winters, Alderman Woody, Alderman Cooper, Alderman Steed, Alderman Flannigan

F. ACCEPTANCE OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

Motion made by Alderman Askew, Seconded by Alderman Flannigan.

Voting Yea: Alderman Askew, Alderman Castleberry, Alderman Winters, Alderman Woody, Alderman Cooper, Alderman Steed, Alderman Flannigan

G. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Jarrold Purifoy, 131 Highway 57, Chidester announced his candidacy for Ouachita County Sheriff.

Sandra Lee, 603 Texas Street, requested a sidewalk on Olive Street, and asked why the "Buckshot" memorial is not up yet.

James Silliman, with Ouachita Partnership for Economic Development, 570 Ben Lane stated he was there to talk about the Area Housing Report. Mayor Young moved him to the Mayor's report.

H. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mr. Silliman gave a condensed version of the housing report, the complete report is available at OPED.

Mayor Young requested that the Aldermen amend the agenda, placing ordinance 15-25 first so Mr. Holsclaw and Mr. Bowman could head back to Little Rock.

Motion made by Alderman Steed, Seconded by Alderman Winters.

Voting Yea: Alderman Askew, Alderman Castleberry, Alderman Winters, Alderman Woody, Alderman Cooper, Alderman Steed, Alderman Flannigan

I. OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Ordinance No. 12-25, an ordinance rezoning property located at 114 Spring Street from C-3 (Central Commercial) to RM-2 (Multi Family District).**

Alderman Winters introduced the ordinance for the second reading and the City Clerk read the number and title.

Alderman Winters made a motion to suspend the rules and put the ordinance up for the third and final reading, Seconded by Alderman Steed.

Voting Yea: Alderman Askew, Alderman Castleberry, Alderman Winters, Alderman Woody, Alderman Cooper, Alderman Steed, Alderman Flannigan

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

Voting Yea: Alderman Askew, Alderman Castleberry, Alderman Winters, Alderman Woody, Alderman Cooper, Alderman Steed, Alderman Flannigan

- 2. Ordinance No. 13-25, an ordinance adopting an artificial intelligence Policy for the City of Camden, Arkansas in compliance with the ACT 848 of 2025; and for other purposes.**

Alderman Steed introduced the ordinance for the second reading and the City Clerk read the number and title.

Alderman Flannigan made a motion to suspend the rules and put the ordinance up for the third and final reading, Seconded by Alderman Steed.

Voting Yea: Alderman Askew, Alderman Castleberry, Alderman Winters, Alderman Woody, Alderman Cooper, Alderman Steed, Alderman Flannigan

Motion to approved made by Alderman Steed, Seconded by Alderman Winters.

Voting Yea: Alderman Askew, Alderman Castleberry, Alderman Winters, Alderman Woody, Alderman Cooper, Alderman Steed, Alderman Flannigan

J. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Ordinance No. 14-25, an ordinance amending Ordinance 12-10 regarding the position of City Treasurer.**

Alderman Steed introduced the ordinance and the City Clerk read the number and title.

Alderman Winters made a motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance for the third and final reading, Seconded by Alderman Steed.

Voting Yea: Alderman Askew, Alderman Castleberry, Alderman Winters, Alderman Woody, Alderman Cooper, Alderman Steed, Alderman Flannigan

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

Voting Yea: Alderman Askew, Alderman Winters, Alderman Woody, Alderman Steed, Alderman Flannigan

Voting Nay: Alderman Castleberry, Alderman Cooper

- 2. Ordinance No. 15-25, an ordinance authorizing the issuance and sale of Capital Improvement Revenue Bonds; providing for the payment of the principal of and interest on the bonds; prescribing other matters relating thereto; and declaring an emergency.**

Alderman Cooper introduced the ordinance and the City Clerk read the number and title.

Motion made by Alderman Winters, Seconded by Alderman Steed.

Voting Yea: Alderman Askew, Alderman Castleberry, Alderman Winters, Alderman Woody, Alderman Cooper, Alderman Steed, Alderman Flannigan

Ryan Bowman read the number and title of the ordinance.

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

Voting Yea: Alderman Askew, Alderman Castleberry, Alderman Winters, Alderman Woody, Alderman Cooper, Alderman Steed, Alderman Flannigan

Alderman Winters made a motion to accept the emergency clause, Seconded by Alderman Askew.
Voting Yea: Alderman Askew, Alderman Castleberry, Alderman Winters, Alderman Woody, Alderman Cooper, Alderman Steed, Alderman Flannigan

3. Resolution 40-25, a resolution declaring the structure located at 908 Garland Street a public nuisance and to order the removal of same.

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

Motion made by Alderman Askew, Seconded by Alderman Steed.

Voting Yea: Alderman Askew, Alderman Castleberry, Alderman Winters, Alderman Woody, Alderman Cooper, Alderman Steed, Alderman Flannigan

4. Resolution No. 41-25, a resolution declaring the structure located at 2251 Bess Street a public nuisance and to order the removal of same.

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

Motion made by Alderman Castleberry, Seconded by Alderman Winters.

Voting Yea: Alderman Askew, Alderman Castleberry, Alderman Winters, Alderman Woody, Alderman Cooper, Alderman Steed, Alderman Flannigan

5. Resolution No. 42-25, a resolution declaring the structure located at 602 Magnolia Road a public nuisance and to order the removal of same.

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

Motion made by Alderman Askew, Seconded by Alderman Steed.

Voting Yea: Alderman Askew, Alderman Castleberry, Alderman Winters, Alderman Woody, Alderman Cooper, Alderman Steed, Alderman Flannigan

6. Resolution No. 43-25, a resolution declaring the structure located at 181 Hickory Street a public nuisance and to order the removal of same.

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

Motion made by Alderman Winters, Seconded by Alderman Steed.

Voting Yea: Alderman Askew, Alderman Castleberry, Alderman Winters, Alderman Woody, Alderman Cooper, Alderman Steed, Alderman Flannigan

7. Resolution No. 44-25, a resolution approving the appointment of Kayla McKelvy as the city treasurer.

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

Motion made by Alderman Winters, Seconded by Alderman Askew.

Motion made by Alderman Steed, Seconded by Alderman Winters.

Voting Yea: Alderman Askew, Alderman Castleberry, Alderman Winters, Alderman Woody, Alderman Cooper, Alderman Steed, Alderman Flannigan

Motion made by Alderman Steed, Seconded by Alderman Winters.

Voting Yea: Alderman Askew, Alderman Winters, Alderman Woody, Alderman Cooper, Alderman Steed, Alderman Flannigan

Voting Nay: Alderman Castleberry

8. Resolution No. 45-25, a resolution providing for and adopting the City of Camden, Arkansas, an Annual Operating budget for the twelve months beginning January 1, 2026, and ending December 31, 2026; appropriating money for each and every item of expenditure therein provided for; and for other purposes.

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

Motion made by Alderman Castleberry, Seconded by Alderman Winters.

During discussion, Alderman Askew said he saw a couple of typos, Alderman Woody stated he had about 2 pages of questions. Mayor Young said the resolution would be tabled until a special meeting next

Tuesday at 6:00 and everyone to turn in their questions by end of business Wednesday. Staff will make corrections and have answers before the meeting.

9. Resolution No. 46-25, a resolution awarding the bid for the purchase of oils and lubricants for the year 2026.

The resolution was pulled.

10. Resolution No. 47-25, a resolution awarding the bid for the purchase of batteries for the year 2026.

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

Motion made by Alderman Askew, Seconded by Alderman Castleberry.

Voting Yea: Alderman Askew, Alderman Castleberry, Alderman Winters, Alderman Woody, Alderman Cooper, Alderman Steed, Alderman Flannigan

11. Resolution No. 48-25, a resolution awarding the bid for the purchase of tires and tubes for the year 2026.

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

Motion made by Alderman Cooper, Seconded by Alderman Winters.

Voting Yea: Alderman Askew, Alderman Castleberry, Alderman Winters, Alderman Woody, Alderman Cooper, Alderman Steed, Alderman Flannigan

12. Resolution No. 49-25, a resolution awarding the bid for towing regular-sized city vehicles for the year 2026.

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

Motion made by Alderman Askew, Seconded by Alderman Cooper.

Voting Yea: Alderman Askew, Alderman Castleberry, Alderman Winters, Alderman Woody, Alderman Cooper, Alderman Steed, Alderman Flannigan

13. Resolution No. 50-25, a resolution awarding the bid for towing large-sized city vehicles for the year 2026.

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

Motion made by Alderman Winters, Seconded by Alderman Cooper.

Voting Yea: Alderman Askew, Alderman Castleberry, Alderman Winters, Alderman Woody, Alderman Cooper, Alderman Steed, Alderman Flannigan

14. Resolution No. 51-25, a resolution authorizing the Mayor to pay an end-of-year bonus to employees.

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

Motion to approve made by Alderman Castleberry, Seconded by Alderman Cooper. Alderman Steed made a motion to amend the resolution to include department heads and the City Clerk. Alderman Cooper seconded. Voting Yea: Alderman Castleberry, Alderman Winters, Alderman Steed, Alderman Flannigan. Voting Nay: Alderman Woody, Alderman Askew, Alderman Cooper. The Mayor voted yea for the majority. Alderman Woody made a motion to amend the resolution and include everybody, seconded by Alderman Cooper. Voting Yea: Alderman Woody, Alderman Cooper, Alderman Askew, Alderman Castleberry. Voting Nay: Alderman Steed, Alderman Winters, Alderman Flannigan. Mayor Young voted nay, the motion did not pass. Mayor Young called for a vote on the resolution as amended. Voting Yea: Alderman Castleberry, Alderman Flannigan, Alderman Winters, Alderman Steed. Voting Nay: Alderman Woody, Alderman Askew, Alderman Cooper. Mayor Young voted yea for the majority, passing the resolution as amended.

15. Resolution No. 52-25, a resolution setting a date for a public hearing to petition to abandon an undeveloped alley located off Fairview Road.

The Mayor introduced the resolution and the City Clerk read the number and title. Alderman Cooper made a motion to approve, seconded by Alderman Steed. Voting Yea: Alderman Askew, Alderman Castleberry, Alderman Winters, Alderman Woody, Alderman Cooper, Alderman Steed, Alderman Flannigan.

K. OTHER BUSINESS

The City Clerk informed the Council that Statement of Financial Interest need to be completed and turned in before January 31, 2026.

Mayor Young stated that there were 2 proposals at their seats for lettering on the police building.

Alderman Askew made a motion to accept the proposal from Weatherly Sign, with navy blue letters, cut the tree down, and split the payment between line number 52660 repairs and maintenance and line 53390 miscellaneous. Motion was Seconded by Alderman Woody.

Voting Yea: Alderman Askew, Alderman Castleberry, Alderman Winters, Alderman Woody, Alderman Cooper, Alderman Steed, Alderman Flannigan

Alderman Flannigan asked about the vendor at Atwoods. Code Enforcement Officer Jeanette Sewell explained that the vendor was several months behind on his A&P taxes and was asked to leave until he caught up on his paperwork and payments.

Alderman Askew commended everyone who worked on the bonuses.

Alderman Flannigan stated that the Christmas Parade was great this year.

Alderman Cooper thanks everyone for checking on him while he was down. Especially Mayor Young, Tom Vaughan, and Aldermen Steed, askew and Castleberry.

L. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Alderman Askew, Seconded by Alderman Castleberry. Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Mayor, Charlotte Young

City Clerk, Donna Stewart