

**MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF CAMDEN, ARKANSAS
Regular Meeting, November 22, 2022**

The City Council of the City of Camden, Arkansas, met in postponed Regular Session at 7:00 p.m., on Tuesday, November 22, 2022, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 206 Van Buren, Camden, Arkansas. The invocation was given by Reverend Gwen Edwards, Pastor – Set Free Christian Ministries, 221 Monroe Avenue NE, Camden, Arkansas.

ROLL CALL

Council members present on roll call were Mayor Julian Lott, Aldermen Lawrence Askew, William McCoy, James Bell, L.E. Lindsey, Terri Smith, Marvin Moore and Chris Aregood. Alderman Cecil McDonald was absent. A quorum was in attendance to conduct official business.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Alderman Aregood made a motion to approve the minutes for the October 11, 2022 regular meeting and the October 25, Special Meeting. The motion was seconded by Alderman Bell. The minutes were approved by a unanimous voice vote.

ACCEPTANCE OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

Alderman Lindsey made a motion to accept the City of Camden financial report for October 2022. The motion was seconded by Alderman Askew and the financial report was accepted by a unanimous voice vote.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Mr. Ed Winters, 1141 Woodside, requested that something be done about the dead tree in Greenwood Cemetery before it falls on the tombstones that are under it.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Lott listed a few of the many events he had attended since the last council meeting. He remarked that Camden Fairview football and basketball are doing well this year. The Elementary School has requested that citizens get involved in reading to the children, many are behind because of the COVID school closings. The Mayor said that we continue to work on the street light problem, and reminded everyone of the budget workshop to follow the meeting this evening.

OLD BUSINESS

Alderman Aregood said under unofficial old business, and inquired “How are the garbage trucks?” Public Works Director Kevin Franklin informed everyone that 2 trucks went down last Monday and he used employees from the parks and street department to keep up. He said the second one was back to work on Thursday. Parts for the other truck should be in mid-week next week. It will be back on the job a day or two after that.

Alderman Askew inquired about the street light project. He said he will bring it up every month until something gets done. Mr. Wooten said the city will have to go over Mr. Wasson’s head. We have done everything Mr. Wasson said and nothing has happened. It was decided to send pictures and a letter to the Arkansas Public Service Commission.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 64-22, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMDEN, ARKANSAS, APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF MIKE CASH TO THE WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION.

The Mayor introduced the Resolution, and the City Clerk read the number and title. Alderman Lindsey made a motion to approve the Resolution, seconded by Alderman Bell. The Resolution was approved with a unanimous voice vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 65-22, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMDEN, ARKANSAS, AMENDING THE OPERATING BUDGET FOR 2022, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Mayor introduced the Resolution, and the City Clerk read the number and title. Alderman Lindsey made a motion to approve the Resolution, seconded by Alderman Bell. The Resolution was approved with a 6-1-1 voice vote, with Alderman Moore voting No.

RESOLUTION NO. 66-22, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMDEN, ARKANSAS, CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF PHIL McBRIDE TO THE AIRPORT COMMISSION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The Mayor introduced the Resolution, and the City Clerk read the number and title. Alderman Aregood made a motion to approve the Resolution, seconded by Alderman Askew. The Resolution was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 67-22, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMDEN, ARKANSAS, AWARDED THE BID FOR THE PURCHASE OF A GENERATOR FOR THE CAMDEN POLICE DEPARTMENT.

The Mayor introduced the Resolution, and the City Clerk read the number and title. Alderman Aregood made a motion to approve the Resolution, seconded by Alderman Bell. The Resolution was approved with a unanimous voice vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 68-22, A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMDEN, ARKANSAS, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PAY AN END-OF-YEAR BONUS TO EMPLOYEES AND ELECTED OFFICIALS.

The Mayor introduced the Resolution, and the City Clerk read the number and title. Alderman Askew made a motion to approve the Resolution, seconded by Alderman Moore. The Resolution was approved with a 6-1-1 voice vote, with Alderman Aregood voting No.

RESOLUTION NO. 69-22 was withdrawn by Alderman Lindsey.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Mayor said he attended the Home Going Celebration for former City of Camden Fire Fighter Earl Banks and commended the Fire Chief for the department's participation and thanked everyone that attended.

Alderman Bell requested that Public Works get an estimate to repair the fence at Greenwood Cemetery.

Alderman Bell stated that he may not be at the next meeting due to his work schedule, so he wanted to take this opportunity to thank everyone for allowing him the wonderful opportunity to serve the city.

Alderman Moore stated that if goodbyes were being said tonight, he needed to let everyone know that he was retiring at the end of the year but he would still be keeping an eye on things and would still be at some meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Bell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Aregood. Following a unanimous voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Mayor

City Clerk