



BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at 7:00 PM

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

MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. INVOCATION - Reverend Karen A King, MDiv, Vicar - St. John's Episcopal Church, 117 Harrison Avenue, Camden, AR 71701

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Alderman Lawrence Askew

Alderman Chris Aregood

Alderman L.E. Lindsey

Alderman William McCoy

Alderman Marvin Moore

Alderman Brady Renix

Alderman Edward Winters

ABSENT

Alderman Gerald Castleberry

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Alderman Winters to approve the minutes of the May regular meeting, Seconded by Alderman Lindsey.

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

Voting Abstaining: Alderman Moore

Motion made by Alderman Lindsey to approve the minutes for the special meeting on May 23, Seconded by Alderman Winters.

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

Voting Abstaining: Alderman Moore

F. ACCEPTANCE OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

The interim treasurer stated that she had found a mistake and requested that the council not approve the May financial report.

Motion to table until the July meeting made by Alderman Lindsey, Seconded by Alderman Winters.

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

G. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Lillie Gossett, 290 Parker, requested help with her landlord.

Gwen Rogers, 417 Sharp Avenue, requested that the street be repaired.

Rodriquess Broadnax, 424 Sharp Avenue, echoed the request for street repair and also asked that the ditch be cleaned out.

Boyd M Woody, 1436 Forest View Drive, tendered his resignation as Chief of Police, effective June 28, 2024, stating he was unable to work under the current administration.

Alderman Aregood made a motion to go into executive session, seconded by Alderman Moore. The council left at 7:45 and returned at 8:38. No action was taken.

William Willis, 463 Lakeside, encouraged people to disagree in a good way. Point out the positives more often than the negatives.

Bishop Arnold, 518 Sharp Avenue, said Camden is in disarray, erroneously stated that there have been 7 resignations in the last year and that our protection is in jeopardy.

H. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Young introduced Elijah Jackson as the new contact for the Watershed Project with the Arkansas Black Mayor's Association.

Mayor Young also introduced Earl Porchia as the new Public Works Director. Mr. Porchia gave an update on the wastewater drain system at the landfill and stated that the city has been given a 3 month extension on getting the line repaired. He also said that the Class IV passed inspection this morning.

I. OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Ordinance No. 6-24**, an ordinance amending Article II of Chapter 5 of the Camden Code regarding dogs; and for other purposes. (Second Reading)

Alderman Aregood introduced the Ordinance for the third and final reading.

Motion made by Alderman Aregood, Seconded by Alderman Winters.

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

- 2. Ordinance No. 7-24**, an ordinance amending Section 3, Residential, Section 4, Commercial, Section 5, Manufacturing, Section 6, RS-4 Residential District & PUD's, Section 7 Special Provisions, Section 14, Definitions, and ,Table of Contents, of the Zoning Ordinance for the City of Camden, Arkansas.

Alderman Lindsey introduced the Ordinance for the second reading.

Motion to suspend the rules and put the Ordinance up for the third and final reading made by Alderman Lindsey, Seconded by Alderman Aregood.

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

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

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

- 3. Ordinance No. 8-24**, an ordinance amending Camden Code Sections 2-46, 2-52 and 2-53 regarding purchase and contracts; and for other purposes.

Alderman Lindsey introduced the Ordinance for the second reading.

J. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Resolution No. 31-24**, a resolution changing the position of Probation Clerk from part-time to full-time; amending the Annual Operating Budget for 2024; and for other purposes.

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

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

K. OTHER BUSINESS

Alderman Lindsey made a motion to accept Chief Woody's resignation and place him on paid administrative leave from 7:00 AM Wednesday June 10 through June 28, 2024, Seconded by Alderman Winters.

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

L. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Alderman Aregood, Seconded by Alderman Winters.

Meeting adjourned at 9:29 p.m.

Mayor, Charlotte Young

City Clerk, Donna Stewart