



BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, September 10, 2024 at 7:00 PM

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

MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. INVOCATION - Reverend Brady Renix, Sr., Associate Pastor - Whitest Chapel Baptist Church, 1032 Cook St., SW, Camden, Arkansas.

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 Brady Renix

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

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

F. ACCEPTANCE OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. Motion to approve made by Alderman Lindsey, Seconded by Alderman Castleberry.

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

Voting Abstaining: Alderman Askew, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Moore

G. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Earl Porchia, Public Works Director, asked everyone to observe a moment of silence, recognizing the loss of our employee Maurice Hegler.

Alderman L.E. Lindsey, 10 Edgehill Drive, explained that the proposed chip seal on Palisade is a new kind, not the old pea gravel and oil.

Karen Bullard, 924 Franklin, address the council about letters she had received from Code Enforcement about 930 Franklin.

Michael Fountain, stated that he is against the chip seal on Palisade.

Bryan Smith, 223 North St., stated that there are drainage and culvert problems all over the city.

Grady Renix, 1637 Springhill Drive, said that the chip seal will bring down property values and he is against it.

Brenda Starkey, 595 Palisade, said she was against chip sealing Palisade.

Calvin Jackson, 599 Palisade, said he was against chip sealing Palisade.

William Willis 463 Lakeside, reminded everyone that if someone apologizes you should forgive and move on.

H. MAYOR'S REPORT

David Richardson, Camden Water Utilities Manager, presented his final quarterly report. He will be retiring at the end of the year. He informed the council that all of the water tanks have been painted. The price of meters has risen which has slowed down installation. They've only ordered 400 this year.

Michael Baker Engineering presented the options for the watershed project. The final public meeting will be September 26 at 5:00.

I. OLD BUSINESS

1. **Ordinance No. 09-24**, an ordinance amending section 6 Building and Building Regulations, Article II, Plumbing of the City of Camden, Arkansas Code of Ordinances, adopting by reference the 2018 Arkansas Plumbing Code and the 2018 Arkansas Fuel Gas Code; and for other purposes. (Third & Final Reading)

Alderman Lindsey introduced the ordinance and the city clerk read the number and title. Alderman Castleberry made a motion to approve, seconded by Alderman Lindsey.

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

J. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Ordinance No. 11-24**, an ordinance authorizing the assignment of certain duties to a private accountant; and for other purposes.

Alderman Lindsey introduced the ordinance and the city clerk read the number and title. Alderman Lindsey made a motion to suspend the rules and put the ordinance up for the third and final reading. Alderman Aregood seconded.

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

Voting Abstaining: Alderman Moore

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

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

Voting Nay: Alderman Moore

Voting Abstaining: Alderman McCoy

2. **Resolution No. 43-24**, a resolution authorizing the Mayor to retain an outside accountant; amending the 2024 Annual Operating Budget; and for other purposes.

Motion made by Alderman Askew, Seconded by Alderman Winters.

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

Voting Nay: Alderman Moore

K. OTHER BUSINESS

1. **Resolution No. 36-24**, a resolution awarding the bid for the installation of Chip Seal Resurfacing for the Public Works Street Department.

Motion to reconsider the resolution made by Alderman Lindsey, Seconded by Alderman Askew.

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

McCoy, Alderman Moore, Alderman Winters, Alderman Renix

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

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

Alderman Moore asked about playground equipment for Ivra Clark Park and was informed that the city is looking at equipment.

Alderman Winters announced that the Camden Clean Up will be held September 28 and invited everyone to join in.

L. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Alderman Aregood, Seconded by Alderman Castleberry. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Mayor, Charlotte Young

City Clerk, Donna Stewart