

RESOLUTION NO. 56-22

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
CAMDEN, ARKANSAS, AMENDING THE 2022 ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET;
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR
TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES
(CASA); AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, in 1997, the Arkansas Supreme Court identified representation of children as one of the key needs for children in Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) was created to fulfill this need; and

WHEREAS, the role of CASA was written into law by the Arkansas Legislature in A.C.A. § 9-27-316; and

WHEREAS, CASA volunteers speak up and advocate for abused and neglected children in the courtroom and other settings; and

WHEREAS, the City of Camden desires to support CASA and contract with CASA to provide services to children in the court system; and

WHEREAS, the 2022 annual operating budget included funds for special projects in line item 01-150-57560; and

WHEREAS, line item 01-150-57560 for special projects also included \$7,500.00 for contingencies; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to dedicate \$2,500.00 for the CASA program; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CAMDEN, ARKANSAS, THAT:

SECTION 1. The Mayor, on behalf of the City of Camden, is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the Thirteenth Judicial District CASA North to provide advocate services for the sum of \$2,500.00, to be funded as a special project from line item 01-150-57560.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2022.

Mayor

City Clerk