



BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, October 08, 2024 at 7:00 PM

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

MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. INVOCATION - Superintendent Ronald Matheney, Pastor - Johnson Memorial Church of God in Christ, 200 Yancey Street, Camden, Arkansas.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Alderman Lawrence Askew

Alderman Chris Aregood

Alderman Gerald Castleberry

Alderman L.E. Lindsey

Alderman Marvin Moore

Alderman Edward Winters

Alderman Brady Renix

ABSENT

Alderman William McCoy

City Clerk Donna Stewart

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Minutes of Regular Scheduled Meeting, September 10, 2024

Motion made by Alderman Winters, Seconded by Alderman Aregood.

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

Alderman Moore, Alderman Winters, Alderman Renix

F. ACCEPTANCE OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. Financial Report for September 10, 2024

Motion made by Alderman Lindsey, Seconded by Alderman Askew.

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

Voting Abstaining: Alderman Moore

G. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Bryan Smith, 223 North Street, complained about Code Enforcement, feels he is being harassed by Ms. Sewell. Unhappy with city spending. He said the Police Department is not investigating the people who are harassing him.

Roy Wesley, 205 Harding, passed out a letter from the Ouachita County Ministerial Alliance with a list of items that they want. Including information on candidates for the job of Chief of Police, and a monthly update on the Teen Town Building in Carnes Park.

Robert Arnold, 518 Sharp Avenue, talked about crime in Lincoln Center. He wants a special meeting about crime in the city.

Michael Fountain, 410 Palisade Drive, asked for more detail on the Sportsplex contract.

H. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor updated the Council on the Council on how things are going with the accounting firm. She informed them that a time will be set later this month for a budget meeting.

The National Guard will be in town to do 3 community projects for the city. The inclusive playground equipment is here and installation will begin soon. The after school programs at the Housing Authority are going well.

I. OLD BUSINESS

None

J. NEW BUSINESS

1. Ordinance No. 12-24, an ordinance fixing the rate of taxation for the year 2025; declaring an emergency; and for other purposes.

Alderman Lindsey introduced the ordinance and the Assistant Mayor read the number and title.

Motion to suspend the rules and place the ordinance for the third and final reading made by Alderman Lindsey, Seconded by Alderman Moore.

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

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

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

2. Ordinance No. 13-24, an ordinance rezoning certain property located in Section 16 Township 13, Range 17 West of the City of Camden, Arkansas.

Alderman Moore introduced the ordinance for the first reading and the Assistant Mayor read the number and title.

3. Resolution No. 44-24, a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with the Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment, a division of the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), for care of the Class IV Landfill pursuant to Arkansas Code Annotated 8-6-1603.

The Mayor introduced the resolution and the Assistant Mayor read the number and title.

Motion made by Alderman Askew, Seconded by Alderman Moore.

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

4. Resolution No. 45-24, a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with the Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment, a division of the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), for the care of the Transfer Station pursuant to Arkansas Code Annotated 8-6-1603.

The Mayor introduced the Resolution and the Assistant Mayor read the number and title.

Motion made by Alderman Renix, Seconded by Alderman Lindsey.

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

5. Resolution No. 47-24, a resolution approving "Alternative C" for the Watershed Flood Prevention Operations Program and authorizing the Mayor to execute documents necessary to proceed with the project.

The Mayor introduced the resolution and the Assistant Mayor read the number and title.

Motion made by Alderman Moore, Seconded by Alderman Renix.

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

6. Resolution No. 48-24, a resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contractual agreement with Camden Sportsplex Coalition, Inc, to provide Youth Recreation Services for the City of Camden.

The Mayor introduced the resolution and the Assistant Mayor read the number and title.

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

Motion to amend to 10 years made by Alderman Lindsey, Seconded by Alderman Askew. Vote by show of hands, 3-4 motion failed.

Motion to amend to 15 years made by Alderman Castleberry, Seconded by Alderman Aregood. Vote by show of hand, 6-1 motion passed.

Motion to approve as amended made by Alderman Castleberry, Seconded by Alderman Aregood. Vote of 6-1, motion passed.
Passed

7. Resolution No. 49-24, a resolution confirming the appointment of Brandon Burns to the Airport Commission; and for other purposes.

The Mayor introduced the resolution and the Assistant Mayor read the number and title. Motion made by Alderman Aregood, Seconded by Alderman Lindsey.

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

K. OTHER BUSINESS

Public Works Administrative Assistant La’Nedra Lindsey requested that Teen Town in Carnes Park be made available for rental again.

L. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Alderman Aregood, seconded by Alderman Castleberry. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Mayor, Charlotte Young

City Clerk, Donna Stewart