



BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, December 13, 2022 at 7:00 PM

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

MINUTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. INVOCATION - Superintendent Roy L. Wesley, Pastor - New Hope Church of God in Christ, 2236 S Adams Avenue, Camden, Arkansas.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

D. ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Alderman Cecil McDonald
Alderman L.E. Lindsey
Alderman William McCoy
Alderman Terrie Smith
Alderman Marvin Moore
Alderman Chris Aregood

ABSENT

Alderman James Bell
Alderman Joe Askew

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Minutes from the November 22, 2022 Special Called Meeting

Motion made by Alderman Lindsey, Seconded by Alderman Aregood.

Voting Yea: Alderman McDonald, Alderman Lindsey, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Smith,
Alderman Moore, Alderman Aregood

F. ACCEPTANCE OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

Motion made by Alderman Lindsey, Seconded by Alderman Aregood.

Voting Yea: Alderman McDonald, Alderman Lindsey, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Smith, Alderman Moore, Alderman Aregood

G. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Mr. Ed Winters, 1141 Woodside, thanked the Mayor for his service.

Ms. Corliss Sinclair, 585 Agee, stated that the stop sign at Agee and Pearl is not slowing people down. She estimates that only 25% of the vehicles actually stop at the stop sign. She also thanked Mayor Lott for his service.

Ms. Rose Moore, 241 Columbia, requested that the Aldermen call instead of email, so there can be no misunderstanding when they are unhappy about something.

H. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Lott thanked everyone for their help and support over the last 4 years and said he was grateful for the opportunity to serve the city.

I. OLD BUSINESS

None

J. NEW BUSINESS

1. RESOLUTION NO. 70-22, A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT OF OBLIGATION WITH THE DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENT QUALITY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

Voting Yea: Alderman McDonald, Alderman Lindsey, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Smith, Alderman Moore, Alderman Aregood. Motion passed.

2. RESOLUTION NO. 71-22, A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR AND ADOPTING FOR THE CITY OF CAMDEN, ARKANSAS, AN ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE TWELVE MONTHS BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2023, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023; APPROPRIATING MONEY FOR EVERY ITEM OF EXPENDITURE THEREIN PROVIDED; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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

Voting Nay: Alderman McDonald, Alderman Lindsey, Alderman McCoy, Alderman Smith, Alderman Moore, Alderman Aregood. Motion failed

K. OTHER BUSINESS

Alderman Lindsey made a motion that City Attorney Michael Frey write a resolution that allows the city to continue to meet payments and obligations in 2023 without the budget having been passed. Alderman Moore seconded. Motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Other business was discussed while Attorney Frey wrote the resolution.

Alderman Lindsey inquired about the Scenic Solar credits. Treasurer Lauren Robertson stated that she hasn't had a reply to her questions yet. Mayor Lott stated that the name has changed and he will leave a folder with all the pertinent information for incoming Mayor Young. He will also leave a folder on Electric Vehicle charging stations and the watershed project.

Mayor Lott said that there is a recall on the vehicle he's driving but the City Garage has not fixed it yet, nor have they changed the oil.

The Mayor stated that 77 of 198 street lights have been repaired.

Attorney Frey completed the Resolution.

A motion to amend the agenda and add Resolution 72-22 was made by Alderman Aregood.

Alderman Lindsey seconded. The motion was passed by a unanimous voice vote and the agenda was amended.

RESOLUTION NO. 72-22, A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR AN INTERIM BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF CAMDEN, ARKANSAS, FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2023; APPROPRIATING MONEY FOR EACH AND EVERY ITEM OF EXPENDITURE THEREIN PROVIDED FOR; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Alderman Lindsey made a motion to approve Resolution 72-22, seconded by Alderman Aregood. The Resolution was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

Alderman Lindsey made a motion to accept the emergency clause, seconded by Alderman Aregood. The motion passed with a unanimous voice vote.

L. ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Aregood motioned to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Lindsey. Meeting adjourned at 8:24.

Mayor

City Clerk