

CARAWAY CITY COUNCIL MEETING**THURSDAY****August 12, 2021****CITY COUNCIL MEETING ROOM****Meeting opened: 6:00 p.m.****Meeting closed at 7:40 p.m.****ROLL CALL:**

MEMBERS:	PRESENT	ABSENT
MAYOR: BO JAMES	X	
RECORDER: RICK STEVENS	X	
ALDERMAN: JEFF REA	X	
ALDERMAN: MITCHELL TIPTON	X	
ALDERMAN: CHRIS KELEMS	X	
ALDERMAN: JERRY VAUGHN	X	
ALDERMAN: MARVIN BROWNING	X	
ALDERMAN: JERRY MARTIN	X	

The group said the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Prayer was led by Rick Stevens.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Bo James.

The roll was called with the mayor, recorder and all alderman present.

Minutes of the July 8th, 2021 meeting was presented.

Jerry Martin made a motion to approve the minutes, second by Marvin Browning.

Vote: Jerry Vaughn- Yes

Vote: Mitchell Tipton- Yes

Vote: Jerry Martin- Yes

Vote: Jeff Rea - Yes

Vote: Marvin Browning- Yes

Vote: Chris Kelems - Yes

Motion carries on vote of 6-0.

July Financial Statements for Water & Sewer, Street and General Fund were presented.

Jerry Vaughn made a motion to approve the financial statements,

second by Chris Kelems.

Vote: Jerry Vaughn- Yes

Vote: Mitchell Tipton- Yes

Vote: Jerry Martin- Yes

Vote: Jeff Rea - Yes

Vote: Marvin Browning- Yes

Vote: Chris Kelems - Yes

Motion carries on vote of 6-0.

Mayor James gave the floor to District 53 Representative Jon Milligan. Mr. Milligan distributed books containing recent Arkansas State legislative laws passes earlier this year during their convening session.

Marvin Browning made a motion to approve a 50-cent per hour raise for Water Supervisor Roger Overman as well as a \$500.00 bonus for completing additional certification in his job work.

Jerry Martin second the motion.

Vote: Jerry Vaughn- Yes

Vote: Mitchell Tipton- Yes

Vote: Jerry Martin- Yes

Vote: Jeff Rea - Yes

Vote: Marvin Browning- Yes

Vote: Chris Kelems - Yes

Motion carries on vote of 6-0.

Jerry Vaughn made a motion for plumbing and gas inspector to receive 25% of the collected fee for the service, second by Mitchell Tipton.

Vote: Jerry Vaughn- Yes

Vote: Mitchell Tipton- Yes

Vote: Jerry Martin- Yes

Vote: Jeff Rea - Yes

Vote: Marvin Browning- Yes

Vote: Chris Kelems - Yes

Motion carries on vote of 6-0.

Mitchell Tipton made a motion for the opening of a new bank account to put the city's Rescue Plan funds into, second by Jerry Vaughn. Mayor James, Christy Tipton and Rick Stevens names will be on the account.

Vote: Jerry Vaughn- Yes

Vote: Mitchell Tipton- Yes

Vote: Jerry Martin- Yes

Vote: Jeff Rea - Yes

Vote: Marvin Browning- Yes

Vote: Chris Kelems - Yes

Motion carries on vote of 6-0.

Chris Kelems made a motion for the city to send information to the city attorney to start the process for having dilapidated/abandoned structures in the city removed. Second by Jerry Martin.

Vote: Jerry Vaughn- Yes

Vote: Mitchell Tipton- Yes

Vote: Jerry Martin- Yes

Vote: Jeff Rea - Yes

Vote: Marvin Browning- Yes

Vote: Chris Kelems - Yes

Motion carries on vote of 6-0.

Chris Kelems made a motion to hire a part-time employee for the Street Dept. to work while David Roberson was off work after surgery. The pay will be minimum wage. Second by Jeff Rea.

Vote: Jerry Vaughn- Yes

Vote: Mitchell Tipton- Yes

Vote: Jerry Martin- Yes

Vote: Jeff Rea - Yes

Vote: Marvin Browning- Yes

Vote: Chris Kelems - Yes

Motion carries on vote of 6-0.

Chris Kelems made a motion for the addition of 2 items to the meeting's agenda, second by Mitchell Tipton.

Vote: Jerry Vaughn- Yes

Vote: Mitchell Tipton- Yes

Vote: Jerry Martin- Yes

Vote: Jeff Rea - Yes

Vote: Marvin Browning- Yes

Vote: Chris Kelems - Yes

Motion carries on vote of 6-0.

Chris Kelems made a motion for the fine for inattentive driving to be raised to \$250.00.

Mitchell Tipton made a motion for the addition of 1 item to the meeting's agenda, second by Jeff Rea.

Vote: Jerry Vaughn- Yes

Vote: Mitchell Tipton- Yes

Vote: Jerry Martin- Yes

Vote: Jeff Rea - Yes

Vote: Marvin Browning- Yes

Vote: Chris Kelems - Yes

Motion carries on vote of 6-0.

Jeff Rea made a motion to cancel the Caraway Harvest Festival due to safety concerns about Covid virus, second by Jerry Vaughn.

Vote: Jerry Vaughn- Yes

Vote: Mitchell Tipton- Yes

Vote: Jerry Martin- Yes

Vote: Jeff Rea - Yes

Vote: Marvin Browning- Yes

Vote: Chris Kelems - Yes

Motion carries on vote of 6-0.

Marvin Browning made a motion to accept Glen Austin to the Caraway Housing Authority board, second by Chris Kelems.

Vote: Jerry Vaughn- Yes

Vote: Mitchell Tipton- Yes

Vote: Jerry Martin- Yes

Vote: Jeff Rea - Yes

Vote: Marvin Browning- Yes

Vote: Chris Kelems - Yes

Motion carries on vote of 6-0.

The council agreed to go forward with the eviction notice sent to occupant renters of the factory building on Chicago Street.

Jerry Martin made a motion to lease the factory building to Emerging Ag upon it being vacated by the current renters, second by Chris Kelems.

Vote: Jerry Vaughn- Abstain

Vote: Mitchell Tipton- Yes

Vote: Jerry Martin- Yes

Vote: Jeff Rea - Yes

Vote: Marvin Browning- Yes

Vote: Chris Kelems - Yes

Motion carries on vote of 5-0, 1 abstain

Chris Kelems made a motion to deny a variance concerning the city ordinance regulating farm animals within the city limits on School street to Miss Nixon upon her addressing the council for one. Second by Jerry Vaughn

Vote: Jerry Vaughn- Yes

Vote: Mitchell Tipton- Yes

Vote: Jerry Martin- Yes

Vote: Jeff Rea - Yes

Vote: Marvin Browning- Yes

Vote: Chris Kelems - Yes

Motion carries on vote of 6-0.

Mayor James updated the following information for the council:

The Fire department will be getting new radio equipment for the AWIN radio system with the department paying 10% of the cost. The county received a grant for \$858,000.00 on the system.

Also the department will be getting 10 new air packs with the cost to the department to be 10% or \$3,300.00 of the total cost.

The city water tower has been cleaned and painted and with three minor repairs and /or additions as required by the Arkansas State Health department is ready for service.

The new city well is pumping water and a test of the pump is soon coming with the finishing work soon to be completed.

Robert Harrell spoke for himself regarding his interest in leasing the old factory building. Wade Castleberry and Travis emery spoke concerning Emerging Ag's interest in the leasing the same building. Robert Harrell withdrew his proposal and left the meeting.

City park improvements, getting a basketball goals up on the park area on Asher street, and the ability for citizens to pay their water bills online were discussed also.

Chris Kelems made a motion to adjourn meeting, seconded by Jerry Vaughn.

Motion carries on vote of 6-0.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

MAYOR



RECORDER

