

CARAWAY CITY COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY

September 9, 2021

CITY COUNCIL MEETING ROOM

Meeting opened: 6:00 p.m.

Meeting closed at 7:10 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 August 12th, 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.

August 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 started the meeting with a update on the construction of the new city water well. Pump test should be performed next week. Mayor James also stated the old city well had been filled in and abandon.

The water tower projected is completed with some adjustments being made as needed now.

The mayor also gave updated information concerning some of the properties that are being looked at for cleanup to meet city ordinance standards.

Mayor James informed the council that Robert Harrell had moved his stuff out of the old dress factory while Ricky Harrell has not. The city attorney is proceeding with legal action on behalf of the city.

Mayor James said he has been looking into a program for the city to adopt to allow city employees the opportunity to help other city employees by giving them some of the vacation time when there was a hardship situation. Nothing has been found that would be suited to meet that need as of yet.

Jerry Vaughn made a motion for the city to set water tap fees at \$600.00 from the current \$300.00.
Second by Jerry Martin.

Vote: Jerry Vaughn- Yes

Vote: Mitchell Tipton- Yes

Vote: Jerry Martin- Yes

Vote: Jeff Rea - No

Vote: Marvin Browning- Yes

Vote: Chris Kelems - Yes

Motion carries on vote of 5-1.

Chris Kelems made a motion to authorize Mayor James to sign an Administrative Order for the city.
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.

Mayor James informed the council about a letter from the A.D.E.Q. concerning non-compliance of the city water and sewer department for years 2018-2020.

Requirements for this:

1. Revised Corrective Plan of action.

2. Milestone Schedule.

3. Final Compliance Date. (deadline 12/31/2022)

4. Waste Water Operator with a class # 2 license to fill in until the city has a operator with a class # 2 license.

Cameron Tate will be hired to overlook the city sewer plant and train city employee's to do the job. The city will pay Cameron \$100.00 a week to do this. He is already being paid \$100.00 a week to do the water side.

Arkansas Rural Water will have people providing training also.

Jerome will also be here to provide training for Roger and Jerry.

Roger Overman and Jerry Berry will be attending classes to take the test to attain the license they need to operator the city sewer system.

Mitchell Tipton made a motion to pay Cameron Tate \$100.00 a week to oversee the city water and sewer system. 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.

Marvin Browning made a motion to add to the meeting agenda the need to transfer money from the city one cent sales tax account to the water and sewer department, 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.

Mitchell Tipton made a motion to move \$10,000.00 from the city one cent saies tax account to the city water and sewer department, second 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.

Other items discussed in the meeting included;

Work on the city tennis courts.

Street lights that are out.

Turtles at the city pond.

A hole behind the Methodist church that is being filled with trash.

Some trees behind Glenda Sand's house on 203 Leigh street.

Chris Kelems made a motion to adjourn meeting, seconded by Marvin Browning.

Motion carries on vote of 6-0.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

MAYOR

B. James

RECORDER

Pick Allen
