

**CARAWAY CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**THURSDAY**

**December 9, 2021**

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING ROOM**

**Meeting opened: 6:00 p.m.**

**Meeting closed at 7:20 p.m.**

**ROLL CALL:**

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

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 except Mitchell Tipton.

Minutes of the November 11th meeting was presented.

Chris Kelems made a motion to approve the minutes, second by Jerry Vaughn.

Vote: Jerry Vaughn- Yes

Vote: Mitchell Tipton-

Vote: Jerry Martin- Yes

Vote: Jeff Rea - Yes

Vote: Marvin Browning- Yes

Vote: Chris Kelems - Yes

Motion carries on vote of 5-0.

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

Jeff Rea made a motion to approve the financial statements,  
second by Jerry Martin.

Vote: Jerry Vaughn- Yes

Vote: Mitchell Tipton-

Vote: Jerry Martin- Yes

Vote: Jeff Rea - Yes

Vote: Marvin Browning- Yes

Vote: Chris Kelems - Yes

Motion carries on vote of 5-0.

Mayor James told the council he is continuing to gather information for the city to start picking up city garbage. After giving financial numbers on the project, the council was in agreement for the mayor to continue to the next step towards the city trash pickup to be started.

Jerry Vaughn made a motion for the council to go into executive session to discuss employee salaries.  
Second by Chris Kelems.

Vote: Jerry Vaughn- Yes

Vote: Mitchell Tipton-

Vote: Jerry Martin- Yes

Vote: Jeff Rea - Yes

Vote: Marvin Browning- Yes

Vote: Chris Kelems - Yes

Motion carries on vote of 5-0.

Jeff Rea made a motion for the council to return into regular session.

Second by Chris Kelems.

Vote: Jerry Vaughn- Yes

Vote: Mitchell Tipton-

Vote: Jerry Martin- Yes

Vote: Jeff Rea - Yes

Vote: Marvin Browning- Yes

Vote: Chris Kelems - Yes

Motion carries on vote of 5-0.

Jeff Rea made a motion for the following employee raises, second by Marvin Browning.

Police Chief Kelems --- \$14.00 per hour      David Choate ---- \$12.25

Gary Jeffers, David Roberson, Christy Tipton, Roger Overman, Jerry Berry will receive a fifty cent per hour increase in salary. Kayla Woody will receive a seventy five cents per hour increase.

Mayor James is to receive a \$1,500.00 bonus also.

Vote: Jerry Vaughn- Yes

Vote: Mitchell Tipton-

Vote: Jerry Martin- Yes

Vote: Jeff Rea - Yes

Vote: Marvin Browning- Yes

Vote: Chris Kelems - Yes

Motion carries on vote of 5-0.

Jerry Vaughn made a motion for the city to purchase of a sewer cleaning machine from Henard Utility in Searcy at a cost of \$26,500.00. The machine will be paid for from the city one cent sales tax fund.

Second by Chris Kelems.

Vote: Jerry Vaughn- Yes

Vote: Mitchell Tipton-

Vote: Jerry Martin- Yes

Vote: Jeff Rea - Yes

Vote: Marvin Browning- Yes

Vote: Chris Kelems - Yes

Motion carries on vote of 5-0.

Jerry Vaughn made a motion for the city to move the American Rescue Plan Funds ( ARPA ) from Arvest Bank to Unico Bank to a interest bearing checking account, second by Chris Kelems.

Mayor James and city treasurer Rick Stevens will be on the signature sheet for the account.

Vote: Jerry Vaughn- Yes

Vote: Mitchell Tipton-

Vote: Jerry Martin- Yes

Vote: Jeff Rea - Yes

Vote: Marvin Browning- Yes

Vote: Chris Kelems - Yes

Motion carries on vote of 5-0.

Chris Kelems made a motion to buy back from Shannon Kelems and David Choate unused vacation time for 2021, second by Marvin Browning.

Vote: Jerry Vaughn- Yes

Vote: Mitchell Tipton-

Vote: Jerry Martin- Yes

Vote: Jeff Rea - Yes

Vote: Marvin Browning- Yes

Vote: Chris Kelems - Yes

Motion carries on vote of 5-0.

Mayor James announced the 2020 Arkansas Legislative audit showed no findings on the report.

The Caraway Christmas parade will be Saturday, December 11th at 6:00 p.m. to be followed by the city Christmas in the Park celebration.

There will be a city employee / elected officials party Friday, December 17th at the Caraway Senior Life Building at 6:30 p.m.

The work on the new city well is continuing and is expected to be up and running in a couple of weeks.

The old water department building is soon to be torn down with new fencing going up soon after.

Chris Kelems made a motion to adjourn meeting, seconded by Jeff Rea.

Vote: Jerry Vaughn- Yes

Vote: Mitchell Tipton-

Vote: Jerry Martin- Yes

Vote: Jeff Rea - Yes

Vote: Marvin Browning- Yes

Vote: Chris Kelems - Yes

Motion carries on vote of 5-0.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

MAYOR



RECORDER





SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
CARAWAY CITY COUNCIL MEETING

December 14, 2021

CITY COUNCIL MEETING ROOM

Meeting opened: 6:00 p.m.

Meeting closed: 6:10 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	

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Chris Kelems made a motion to accept the Legacy Landfill budget for 2022.

Second by Jerry Martin.

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Vote: Mitchell Tipton-

Vote: Jerry Martin- Yes

Vote: Jeff Rea - Yes

Vote: Marvin Browning- Yes

Vote: Chris Kelems - Yes

Motion carries on vote of 5-0.

Chris Kelems made a motion for the new city employee raises to start January 1, 2022.

Second by Jerry Martin.

Vote: Jerry Vaughn- Yes

Vote: Mitchell Tipton-

Vote: Jerry Martin- Yes

Vote: Jeff Rea - Yes

Vote: Marvin Browning- Yes

Vote: Chris Kelems - Yes

Motion carries on vote of 5-0.

Jerry Vaughn made a motion for Christy Tipton to be added to the signature sheet on the new account to be opened at Unico Bank for the American Recovery Plan funds.

Second by Chris Kelems.

Vote: Jerry Vaughn- Yes

Vote: Mitchell Tipton-

Vote: Jerry Martin- Yes

Vote: Jeff Rea - Yes

Vote: Marvin Browning- Yes

Vote: Chris Kelems - Yes

Motion carries on vote of 5-0.

Chris Kelems made a motion to give Recorder-Treasurer Rick Stevens a \$1,000.00 bonus, second by Jerry Vaughn.

Vote: Jerry Vaughn- Yes

Vote: Mitchell Tipton-

Vote: Jerry Martin- Yes

Vote: Jeff Rea - Yes

Vote: Marvin Browning- Yes

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