

**CARAWAY CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**Tuesday**

**June 18, 2019**

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING ROOM**

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

**Meeting closed: 7:10 p.m.**

**ROLL CALL:**

<b>MEMBERS:</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
<b>MAYOR: BO JAMES</b>	X	
<b>RECORDER: RICK STEVENS</b>	X	
<b>ALDERMAN: DIANA POWELL</b>	X	
<b>ALDERMAN: MITCHELL TIPTON</b>	X	
<b>ALDERMAN: JORDAN ADCOCK</b>	X	
<b>ALDERMAN: ROGER WILLIAMS</b>	X	
<b>ALDERMAN: MARVIN BROWNING</b>	X	
<b>ALDERMAN: JERRY MARTIN</b>	X	

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Bo James.

Prayer was led by Rick Stevens.

The group said the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

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

Minutes of the May 9th & 18th meeting were presented.

Roger Williams made a motion to approve the minutes, second by Jordan Adcock.

Motion carries on vote of 6-0.

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

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

Motion carries on vote of 6-0.

Mayor James reported that the new debit card system was up and running at city hall now.

Mitchell Tipton made a motion to grant the increase in garbage pickup from the present \$13.00 per resident to \$14.00 as asked by Deadman's Sanitation, second by Diana Powell. The increase will begin July 1st.

Vote: Diana Powell - Yes

Vote: Mitchell Tipton- Yes

Vote: Jerry Martin- Yes

Vote: Jordan Adcock- Yes

Vote: Marvin Browning- Yes

Vote: Roger Williams - No

Motion carries on vote of 5-1.

Jerry Martin made a motion for the city of Caraway to enter into a governmental agreement with Craighead County to pay \$797.07 per month toward jail billing fees. Second by Mitchell Tipton.

Vote: Diana Powell - Yes

Vote: Mitchell Tipton- Yes

Vote: Jerry Martin- Yes

Vote: Jordan Adcock- Yes

Vote: Marvin Browning- Yes

Vote: Roger Williams - Yes

Motion carries on vote of 6-0.

Motion made by Mitchell Tipton to go into executive session with a second by Jerry Martin.

The council would discuss an employee bonus.

Vote: Diana Powell - Yes

Vote: Mitchell Tipton- Yes

Vote: Jerry Martin- Yes

Vote: Jordan Adcock- Yes

Vote: Marvin Browning- Yes

Vote: Roger Williams - Yes

Motion carries on vote of 6-0.

Motion made by Roger Williams to come out of executive session with a second by Marvin Browning.

Vote: Diana Powell - Yes

Vote: Mitchell Tipton- Yes

Vote: Jerry Martin- Yes

Vote: Jordan Adcock- Yes

Vote: Marvin Browning- Yes

Vote: Roger Williams - Yes

Motion carries on vote of 6-0.

Roger Williams made a motion to give Tisha Eldridge a \$500.00 bonus for attaining Level I operator. This an incentive for Tisha to go further in her work classification. Second by Diana Powell.

Vote: Diana Powell - Yes

Vote: Mitchell Tipton- Yes

Vote: Jerry Martin- Yes

Vote: Jordan Adcock- Yes

Vote: Marvin Browning- Yes

Vote: Roger Williams - Yes

Motion carries on vote of 6-0.

Roger Williams made a motion to move Eli Bishop from the Water & Sewer dept. to the Street dept. Eli will be working a maximum of 28 hours per week. This will begin June 24th. Second by Jerry Martin.

Vote: Diana Powell - Yes

Vote: Mitchell Tipton- Yes

Vote: Jerry Martin- Yes

Vote: Jordan Adcock- Yes

Vote: Marvin Browning- Yes

Vote: Roger Williams - Yes

Motion carries on vote of 6-0.

Other items discussed by the council included:

The mayor and city council continued discussions concerning options for trash pickup.

The employee handbook will be presented as a city ordinance for approval by the city council at next month's meeting.

The city trailer ordinance will also be presented to the council for approval with some minor additions at next month's council meeting.

Mayor James gave the meeting floor to Robert Gross to address the council about his water bill.

Mayor James read a letter from A.N.R.C. to inform the city of their recommendation for Caraway for a loan in the amount of \$527,000.00 to be used for the digging of the new city well being considered. The loan would be for 20 years at 2.5 interest. The city must send a letter in by June 25th to meet the deadline. The mayor informed the council that this is very early in the process.

More new apartments are being built on Missouri street in what will be known as Park Place Apartments. Refurbished light poles and lights will be added to the property for enhanced appearance of the property.

Police Chief Shannon Kelems reported he and the police department are continuing to work to get all residential property in compliance with the city's ordinance. Citations have been served and will be if needed to get all in compliance.

New lights have been put up on the north end of the city cemetery to provide more light at night.

Roger Williams thanked volunteers for work on the city monument, city park bandstand and encouraged everyone to come out and support the Caraway July 4th celebration. Fireworks will be shot at approximately 9:00 p.m. that night.

Roger Williams made a motion to adjourn meeting, seconded by Jerry Martin. Motion carries on vote of 6-0.

APPROVED:

MAYOR Bo James

ATTEST:

RECORDER P. Kelly