

**CARAWAY CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**THURSDAY**  
**May 14, 2020**  
**SENIOR LIFE CENTER**  
**Meeting opened: 6:00 p.m.**  
**Meeting closed: 7:15 p.m.**

**ROLL CALL:**

<b>MEMBERS:</b>	<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
MAYOR: BO JAMES	X	
RECORDER: RICK STEVENS	X	
ALDERMAN: DIANA POWELL	X	
ALDERMAN: MITCHELL TIPTON	X	
ALDERMAN: JORDAN ADCOCK	X	
ALDERMAN: ROGER WILLIAMS	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 March 12th meeting were presented.  
 Roger Williams made a motion to approve the minutes, second by Jordan Adcock.  
 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.

Minutes of the April 17th special called meeting were presented.  
 Jerry Martin made a motion to approve the minutes, 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.

March Financial Statements for Water & Sewer, Street and General Fund were presented.  
 Marvin Browning made a motion to approve the financial statements,  
 second by Roger Williams.  
 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.

April Financial Statements for Water & Sewer, Street and General Fund were presented.  
 Jerry Martin made a motion to approve the financial statements,  
 second by Jordan Adcock.  
 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.

Mayor James thanked Monica Jeffers for preparing food and drink for the meeting at the Senior Life Center.

Mayor James then ask Rick Vance with Entegrity to come and discuss his companies desire to work with the city to see if there are some projects they could propose to the city in order to save money in various operations of the city. Most notably he discussed proposing solar power as a possible project for the cities consideration. He said his company would like to come in and look closer at operating costs of the city and then he would be able to better inform the council on what his company could do do help the city with operating cost.

Roger Williams made a motion to allow Entegrity to continue with their research and come back with their findings. This work would be a no cost to the city. 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.

Roger Williams made a motion to pass resolution 2020-3 Intent Regarding Water Project. Second by Marvin Browning. New water rates will go into effect June 1, 2020.

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 for the city to advertise for a police dept. patrolman with the pay based on experience. The ad will run in the Jonesboro Sun for two weeks ( May 18th- May 28th).

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.

Jerry Martin made a motion to sell Bill Shirley an extra 10 foot addition connected to the original 50 ft. by 130 ft. lot the council voted to sell him in October, 2019. The addition is on the south end of the property. The cost of the additional land will be \$200.00 with an extra \$150.00 cost for surveying the property. The total cost for the land is \$1,200.00 and \$500.00 for the surveying.

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.

Others items discussed included:

Mayor James informed them Don Crews can fix the damaged police car for \$8-10,000.00.

The city has applied for financial assistance from the state regarding furloughing city employees including street, water & sewer and office personal. The move could save the city \$7-8,000.00 depending on the length of the furloughs. The plan calls for employees to work thirty hours a week in a staggered fashion to insure full city coverage of personal as needed.

Mayor James ask the city council to be thinking about reworking the way comp. time for city employees managed and discuss the subject at next month's meeting.

The mayor also brought the subject of pressure test and plumbing inspections and how it might be better handled by having a city employee trained to do them. The subject will be further discussed at next month's meeting.

The mayor outlined what city streets he would like to see repaved with state aid monies later this year if the city gets the money. Streets targeted included: Waco, Dallas, Chicago, Asher and Bowen.

City hall will be reopened Tuesday, May 26th, with access restricted to the window once inside and mask are to be worn by those entering.

Police Chief Shannon Kelems informed the council that Alex Edmonds is no longer with the department. The council voted to run an ad in the Jonesboro Sun paper for applications.

Roger Williams expressed concerns on having the usual July 4th picnic. After discussion it was agreed to only have the fireworks as part of the celebration.

The Caraway Fishing Rodeo was cancelled this spring also Mayor James stated.

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

APPROVED:

MAYOR

Bo James

ATTEST:

RECORDER

Ruth King