

CARAWAY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY
January 14, 2021
CITY COUNCIL MEETING ROOM
 Meeting opened: 6:00 p.m.
 Meeting closed: 7:15 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

	PRESENT	ABSENT
MEMBERS:		
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 except Mitchell Tipton.

Minutes of the December 10, 2020 & December 21, 2021 meeting was presented.
 Jerry Martin made a motion to approve the minutes, second by Jerry Vaughn.
 Vote: Jerry Vaughn- Yes Vote: Mitchell Tipton-
 Vote: Jeff Rea - Yes Vote: Marvin Browning- Yes Vote: Jerry Martin- Yes
 Vote: Chris Kelems - Yes
 Motion carries on vote of 5-0.

December Financial Statements for Water & Sewer, Street and General Fund were presented.
 Marvin Browning made a motion to approve the financial statements,
 second by Chris Kelems.
 Vote: Jerry Vaughn- Yes Vote: Mitchell Tipton-
 Vote: Jeff Rea - Yes Vote: Marvin Browning- Yes Vote: Jerry Martin- Yes
 Vote: Chris Kelems - Yes
 Motion carries on vote of 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chris Kelems made a motion to adopt Resolution #2021-1 to amend the General, Street and Water & Sewer 2020 budgets, second by Jerry Martin.
 Vote: Jerry Vaughn- Yes Vote: Mitchell Tipton-
 Vote: Jeff Rea - Yes Vote: Marvin Browning- Yes Vote: Jerry Martin- Yes
 Vote: Chris Kelems - Yes
 Motion carries on vote of 5-0.

Jeff Rea made a motion to adopt the 2021 budgets for the General, Street and Water department by adopting resolution #2021-2, second by Jerry Vaughn.
 Vote: Jerry Vaughn- Yes Vote: Mitchell Tipton-
 Vote: Jeff Rea - Yes Vote: Marvin Browning- Yes Vote: Jerry Martin- Yes
 Vote: Chris Kelems - Yes
 Motion carries on vote of 5-0.

Mayor James informed the council that the General fund budget for the police department included \$50,667.90 of CARES ACT funds to be used by the police department.

The department budgets for each department included a one dollar an hour raise per employee.

Jerry Vaughn made a motion to approve the one dollar an hour raise for all the city employees, second by Chris Kelems.
 Vote: Jerry Vaughn- Yes Vote: Mitchell Tipton-
 Vote: Jeff Rea - Yes Vote: Marvin Browning- Yes Vote: Jerry Martin- Yes
 Vote: Chris Kelems - Yes
 Motion carries on vote of 5-0.

Chris Kelems made a motion to purchase two diesel "72" cut mowers for \$19,998 with the old Kubota and John Deere city mowers being traded in on the new ones. 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.

Jerry Vaughn made a motion to allow three houses on Hackberry road to be picked up by Buffalo Island Rural Water. The water line going to the houses had been damaged and the cost of repair would be averted.

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 informed the council of the need for the city to adopt an ordinance regulating farm animals and chickens in the city limits. The ordinance would include an allowance for animals to perform at the Caraway Equine Center. MAYOR James will contact city attorney Johnny Dunigan to prepare an ordinance for the council to review at the next council meeting.

Marvin Browning made a motion to make the last payment on the city CAT backhoe out of the city one cent sales tax account, second by Chris Kelems. The amount is \$ 10,563.00.

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 Roger Overman to get a .50 an hour raise and a \$500.00 bonus for passing a class and getting certification in the water department work. Second by Chris Kelems. The raise and bonus have already been given.

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 informed the council that city residents would be receiving a letter of notification on a door hanger concerning the city being out of compliance in October 2020 in the water department. The reason was the city did not have a employee certified for the requirements for compliance. The city has since hired Cameron Tate of the Lake City Water Dept. to work with the Caraway Water & Sewer department employees until the city employees attain certification as needed. This out of compliance order did not effect the quality of the city water and all residents were informed of this.

Mayor James stated that the recycling program no longer provides a truck for the program but a \$5,000.00 grant to the city.

Mayor James also stated the city was looking into purchasing a sewer cleaning machine and a bucket lift truck in the future.


The mayor also stated appreciation for the help that the cities of Monette and Lake City have been to help the city when called on.

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

Motion carries on vote of 5-0.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

MAYOR 

RECORDER 