

CARAWAY CITY COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY
April 8, 2021
CITY COUNCIL MEETING ROOM
Meeting opened: 6:00 p.m.
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 March 11, 2021 meeting was presented.
 Marvin Browning made a motion to approve the minutes, 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.

March Financial Statements for Water & Sewer, Street and General Fund were presented.
 Jeff Rea made a motion to approve the financial statements,
 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.

Chris Kelems made a motion to pay off the balance of the city's contract with Aramark which is \$500.00. The city will provide the water and street department employee's a \$500.00 annual clothing allowance. 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.

Jerry Martin made a motion for the city to continue taking bids to mow the city cemetery,
 second by Chris Kelems. Those considered for the position must be licensed & bonded.
 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.

Jerry Martin made a motion to upgrade the city phone and security systems. Blue Sky Technologies will provide the improvements at a total cost of approximately \$8,359.00. Chris Kelems second the motion.

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.

Jerry Vaughn made a motion to add to the meeting agenda an item concerning the Park Commission, second by 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.

Jeff Rea made a motion hire Nelson Painting from Memphis to paint the ball park wall at a cost of \$ 3,500.00. second by Mitchell Tipton.

Motion carries on vote of 6-0.

Chris Kelems made a motion for the city to take sealed bids on some unused equipment. The city reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids. Items include: a sewer cleaner, a bucket truck, a tanker trailer, two trailer frames, one 1/2 ton frame hoist. Second by Jeff Rea.

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.

None of the applicants for the police department opening meet the needs of the city's needs at this time. Mayor James and Police Chief Shannon Kelems will prepare another ad for the paper and part-time help will be sought to help out in the mean time.

Others items of business included:

The fishing derby will be held Saturday, May 1st.

Mayor James gave an update on the city's water well project. There has been a \$40,000.00 increase for materials needed for the project. Work will begin as soon as the contract is signed.

The police department will be receiving the new truck that was ordered recently next week.

The Caraway Girl Scouts have received a donation and would like to plant a tree in memory of someone. The mayor and city council had no objections to this.

Mayor James stated he has spoken to six people about serving on the city special events committee.

The moving of playground equipment from the behind the ball park to the city park area was discussed.

May 1st is the planned date for the city hall lobby to be reopened.

Mayor James made mention of the increase in both city sales tax and state turn back funds.

Mitchell Tipton made a motion to adjourn meeting, seconded by Chris Kelems.

Motion carries on vote of 6-0.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

MAYOR 

RECORDER 