

CARAWAY CITY COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY

May 13, 2021

CITY COUNCIL MEETING ROOM

Meeting opened: 6:00 p.m.

CLOSED AT 7:25 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 except Chris Kelems who came in later during the meeting.

Minutes of the April 8, 2021 meeting was presented.

Jeff Rea made a motion to approve the minutes, second by Jerry Vaughn.

Vote: Jerry Vaughn- Yes

Vote: Mitchell Tipton- Yes

Vote: Jerry Martin- Yes

Vote: Jeff Rea - Yes

Vote: Marvin Browning- Yes

Vote: Chris Kelems -

Motion carries on vote of 5-0.

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

Jerry Martin made a motion to approve the financial statements, second by 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 -

Motion carries on vote of 5-0.

Mayor James reported to the city council that the new phone system had been installed was operating. New security cameras have also been installed and are operational.

The city has not received any bids to maintain the city cemetery and city workers are mowing it now.

Park Commissioner Justin Clay is working on a grant for new playground equipment for the city park.

The following bids were accepted for old city equipment placed up for sale:

Bucket truck - bid of \$857.00 from Terry Couch

Marvin Browning made a motion to accept the bid, second by Jerry Vaughn.

Vote: Jerry Vaughn- Yes

Vote: Mitchell Tipton- Yes

Vote: Jerry Martin- Yes

Vote: Jeff Rea - Yes

Vote: Marvin Browning- Yes

Vote: Chris Kelems -

Motion carries on vote of 5-0.

FMC Sewer Cleaner - bid of \$125.00 from Terry Couch

Jerry Vaughn made a motion to accept the bid, 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 -

Motion carries on vote of 5-0.

Daihatsu truck - bid of \$107.00 from Terry Couch

Marvin Browning made a motion to accept the bid, 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 -

Motion carries on vote of 5-0.

City Councilman Chris Kelems joined the meeting at this time.

Water truck - bid of \$500.00 from Terry Couch

Marvin Browning made a motion to accept the bid, 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.

Jeff Rea made a motion to have the city hall building painted for \$5,000.00 and the city shop building on the corner of Tennessee and Chicago painted for \$3,500.00, the work will be done by Nelson Painting.

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.

The council tabled a decision on electrical work needed to be done at the city water plant until bids are collected for the work.

Mayor James informed the council that Police Chief Shannon Kelems had secured a J.A.G. grant to be used by the police department in the amount of \$2,550.00. The funds will be used to purchase three (3) new computers to put in the city police cars.

Mitchell Tipton made a motion to add Caraway Fire Dept. Chief Curtis Taylor to the agenda of the meeting, 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 to accept the revised Fire Dept. guidelines, second by Jerry Vaughn.

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 add Caraway Police Dept. Chief Shannon Kelems to the agenda of the meeting, 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.

Chief Kelems recommended hiring Tray Austin as a new police dept. officer. Tray can start with the department on May 29th.

Mitchell Tipton made a motion for the council to go into executive session to discuss the hiring and salary, second by Jerry Vaughn

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.

Marvin Browning made a motion for the council to come out of executive session.

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.

Mitchell Tipton made a motion that Tray Austin be hired with a starting salary of \$11.00 per hour, with an increase to \$11.50 after completing training at the Police Academy this fall.

Second by Jerry Vaughn.

Mayor James gave a report on the sand blasting and painting of the city water tank that is approaching.

Mayor James also informed the council about a city water line that would be moved at the Riverside East Elementary school associated with the new solar panel project the school is putting in. The city will not be paying anything for the move.

The bridge out west of town past the school is to be replaced which will make the moving of a water line necessary.

It was announced that shooting of fireworks in the city limits this year will be July 3-4th with a stopping time of 10:00 p.m. each night.

July 4th activities will be held Saturday, July 3rd.

A community workday will be held Saturday, May 15th at the Reese residence on County Road 834.

The house sustained damage from a recent fire.

Mayor James also gave an update on the new well project.

Mitchell Tipton made a motion to adjourn meeting, seconded by Marvin Browning.

Motion carries on vote of 6-0.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

MAYOR

Bo James

RECORDER

Rich [Signature]