

CARAWAY CITY COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY

October 14, 2021

CITY COUNCIL MEETING ROOM

Meeting opened: 6:00 p.m.

Meeting closed at

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 Jerry Martin.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Bo James.

The roll was called with the mayor and all aldermen present except Mitchell Tipton and Chris Kelems. Recorder Rick Stevens was absent.

Minutes of the September 12th, 2021 meeting was presented.

Jerry Vaughn made a motion to approve the minutes, 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 -

Motion carries on vote of 4-0.

September 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-

Vote: Jerry Martin- Yes

Vote: Jeff Rea - Yes

Vote: Marvin Browning- Yes

Vote: Chris Kelems -

Motion carries on vote of 4-0.

Marvin Browning made a motion to pass Resolution # 2021-3 to set 1.8 millage for county taxes.

Second by Jerry Vaughn.

Vote: Jerry Vaughn- Yes

Vote: Mitchell Tipton-

Vote: Jerry Martin- Yes

Vote: Jeff Rea - Yes

Vote: Marvin Browning- Yes

Vote: Chris Kelems -

Motion carries on vote of 4-0.

Mayor James began the meeting explaining the large numbers for both the General and Street fund accounts. The general funds received the American Recovery Act money that was then transferred to it's own account. The Street funds have been sufficient to hire a part-time employee to help with work duties at this time.

Jeff Rea made a motion to add Roger Overman to the meeting agenda, second by Jerry Martin.

Vote: Jerry Vaughn- Yes

Vote: Mitchell Tipton-

Vote: Jerry Martin- Yes

Vote: Jeff Rea - Yes

Vote: Marvin Browning- Yes

Vote: Chris Kelems -

Motion carries on vote of 4-0.

Mayor James allowed Water Superintendent Roger Overman to have the floor to give the council and update on the ongoing work being done by the water department. The work has included repairing motors on some lift stations. Problems at the water plant are being addressed with help from outside sources. Two pumps in the Basler addition are being worked on. Total repair cost will be approximately \$4,000.00 for the repairs.

Jerry Martin made a motion for purchase of the pumps from J.R. Stewart to be paid out of the city one cent sales tax account. Jerry Vaughn second the motion.

Vote: Jerry Vaughn- Yes

Vote: Mitchell Tipton-

Vote: Jerry Martin- Yes

Vote: Jeff Rea - Yes

Vote: Marvin Browning- Yes

Vote: Chris Kelems -

Motion carries on vote of 4-0.

Arkansas Labs will be working with the city to address problems at the water plant also.

Steps are in place and are being used for employees to use accumulated comp. time by taking off 4 hours on Friday afternoon.

Mayor James shared his appreciation for the city's employees and that their hard work was not going unnoticed.

Halloween trick or treating will be observed on Saturday, October 30th.

Mayor James made the announcement that the city Christmas in the Park would be held this December.

Roach Conveyor has generously donated \$14,000 to resurface the city tennis courts along with new nets.

Mayor James informed the council that he had been looking into the possibility of the city collecting the city's trash. 2020 cost for pickup was \$94,000.00. The mayor is looking at hiring an employee to do the work and lease a truck. The city employee will collect trash one or two days a week then be available to help with work in other areas as needed. The mayor said he would continue to gather information and return to the council later with it. There were no objections from the council.

Jeff Rea made a motion to add a item of business concerning the Park Commission to the meeting agenda. Second by Jerry Martin.

Vote: Jerry Vaughn- Yes

Vote: Mitchell Tipton-

Vote: Jerry Martin- Yes

Vote: Jeff Rea - Yes

Vote: Marvin Browning- Yes

Vote: Chris Kelems -

Motion carries on vote of 4-0.

Jerry Martin made a motion to add \$125.00 to the already funded \$175.00 for the Park Commission to use for change at the gate and concession stand, second Marvin Browning.

Vote: Jerry Vaughn- Yes

Vote: Mitchell Tipton-

Vote: Jerry Martin- Yes

Vote: Jeff Rea - Yes

Vote: Marvin Browning- Yes

Vote: Chris Kelems -

Motion carries on vote of 4-0.

Mayor James informed the council that he would like for the city to give city employees a one-time Premium Pay bonus from the funds the city received from the American Recovery Plan. The city received \$134,000 this year and will receive that amount again next year. There are guidelines that come with the funds and they do allow Premium Pay for city employees within them. The Mayor said it would be part of a way of thanking the employees for their work during the pandemic.

This would be addition to the budgeted \$325.00 Christmas bonus for city employees,

Mayor James will have a resolution drawn up for presentation at the November meeting

Mayor James updated the council on the status of the old dress factory building. The city is still in litigation with Ricky Harrell at this time.

When asked about the progress on the new city water well, Mayor James said he has been told the company doing the work has until December 22nd to finish the work, some of it includes the well crew and the pump.

Jerry Vaughn made a motion to adjourn meeting, seconded 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 -

Motion carries on vote of 4-0.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

MAYOR



RECORDER

