

CARAWAY CITY COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY

February 10, 2022

CITY COUNCIL MEETING ROOM

Meeting opened: 6:00 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 Marvin Browning.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Bo James.

The roll was called with the mayor and all alderman present. Recorder Rick Stevens was absent.

Minutes of the January 13th meeting were presented.

Jerry Vaughn 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.

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

Jeff Rea made a motion to approve the financial statements, 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.

Mayor James yielded the floor to Mary Marshall who announced she would be running for Craighead County Clerk. Mary spoke about her desire to serve in this position if elected.

Mayor James yielded the floor to Merritt Emery and Leanne Short to discuss the leasing of the Caraway Rodeo Arena. Merritt wants to see Leanne Short take over the operation of the arena. Mayor James said since the lease has expired and with the council's approval, a new lease could be drawn up.

Chris Kelems made a motion for the city to enter into a lease agreement with Leanne Short for a three year period for the arena starting March 1, 2022 with city attorney Johnny Dunigan to write the lease. 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.

Mayor James gave the council an update on the factory building situation including some needed repairs that the city took care of.

Mayor James presented the 2021 Arkansas Legislative audit with the results being no findings.

Jerry Martin made a motion to accept the report, 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.

Jerry Vaughn made a motion to transfer \$15,000.00 from the city one cent sales tax account to the Caraway Water department, 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.

Mayor James informed the council that the recent passing of the city comp. time was not clear in it's details resulting in the mayor vetoing the vote. The mayor and city council members along with city employee Roger Overman discussed the situation. The issue was tabled to look into other options.

Chris Kelems made a motion for the city to move the General Fund, Street Fund and Water Department accounts from Arvest bank to Unico Bank. The move will be slow as to allow time for all the paper work and changes that will have to be made to accomplish the move. Signers for the accounts will be Mayor James, Rick Stevens and Christy Tipton. 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.

Mitchell Tipton made a motion to add Emerging Ag to the meeting agenda, 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.

Motion made by Chris Kelems to lease to Emerging Ag the smaller city building on 505 East Kentucky St. 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.

Other business discussed:

The Industrial Dev. Account and the Factory Building Maint. accounts will be looked into as to finding a way to not lose money on them.

Discussion concerning the preparation of the city's tax W2 forms.

Update on the city's sewer machine that the city is seeking to purchase.

Water well is working and they are still working on a few things that still need to be fixed.

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

Vote: Jerry Vaughn- Yes

Vote: Mitchell Tipton - Yes

Vote: Jerry Martin- Yes

Vote: Jeff Rea - Yes

Vote: Marvin Browning- Yes

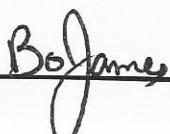
Vote: Chris Kelems - Yes

Motion carries on vote of 6-0.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

MAYOR



RECORDER

