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CITY OF NEWPORT
REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
APRIL 2, 2018

The City Council of the City of Newport, Arkansas met in regular session Monday, April 2, 2018 in the chambers of the Municipal Courtroom.

Mayor Stewart called the meeting to order. City Clerk/Treasurer Hembrey called the roll. Council members present were Michael Allen, Carol Falwell, Kathy Green, Regina Lake, Andy May, Julie Moss and Neal Pankey. City Attorney Rob Ratton was present. Council Member Leroy Mansko was absent.

Following the invocation by Julie Moss, those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion by Falwell and second by May to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2018 meeting carried (5/0) with “yes” votes by Allen, Falwell, Green, May, and Pankey. Lake and Moss abstained due to being absent on March 19, 2018.

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REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

Mayor Stewart had the following reports:

- 21 • The February 2018 Financial Statements for the General Fund, Street Fund, 911 Fund, Sewer
22 Fund and Newport Airport Commission were given to each Council Member. Mayor Stewart
23 asked that each Council Member review the financial statements and direct any questions to
24 City Clerk/Treasurer Hembrey or to him.
- 25 • Tuesday, April 3 at 11 a.m. bids will be opened for the pump system in Galeria. The project
26 is for a Water Hog Pump System with a platform and a 48” pipe through the levee. A grant
27 of \$200,000 from the Delta Regional Authority and \$40,000 from the Newport Levee District
28 will be used to pay for the system.
- 29 • Governor Hutchinson’s office has invited Mayor Stewart and a few other mayors to a
30 roundtable discussion at Bad Boy’s in Batesville on April 17th. The discussion is to be
31 focused around the major frustrations of those present. Mayor Stewart stated his major
32 frustration is the widening of Stegall Road with new traffic light with turn signals. Also
33 discussed was the collapsed tile causing flooding on Teresa.
- 34 • Jackson County Maintenance Superintendent Scott McCoy informed Mayor Stewart bids will
35 be opened this week for the resurfacing of Highway 367 from the White River Bridge
36 completely through Newport. This project is approximately \$5,000,000.
- 37 • Mayor Stewart stated City Clerk Hembrey was contacted by Arkansas Department of Finance
38 and Administration and they informed her that the City Sales Tax would be significantly
39 more due to audits performed in the favor of the City. The DFA did not give any detail as to
40 who was audited. Sales Taxes received in March 2018 were City Sales Taxes - \$198,166,
41 County Sales Taxes - \$63,679 and NEDC Sales Taxes - \$99,083.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

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NEW BUSINESS:

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Bid Consideration: Garbage Bags

49 Mayor Stewart presented proof of publication in the Newport Independent and the handwritten bid
50 tabulation for the garbage bags. Two (2) bids were received:

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Sigma Supply, Inc.	\$6.72/per roll sales tax included
Dyna Pac	\$6.61/per roll sales tax included

54 Mayor Stewart stated that although Dyna Pac was the lowest bid, the bags did not meet specifications.
55 The specifications call for “gauge of the film shall have a nominal thickness gauge of two (2) mills”.
56 Dyna Pac thickest bag is 1.4 mills.

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58 A motion by Pankey and second by Allen to accept the bid of Sigma Supply, Inc. for \$6.72 per roll
59 including sales tax carried (7/0) with “yes” votes by Allen, Lake, Moss, Falwell, Pankey, May, and
60 Green.

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62 With no further business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned.

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64 PASSED AND APPROVED THE 16TH DAY OF APRIL, 2018

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MAYOR

69 ATTEST:

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