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**CITY OF NEWPORT  
REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL  
AUGUST 6, 2018**

13 The City Council of the City of Newport, Arkansas met in regular session Monday, August 6,  
14 2018 in the chambers of the Municipal Courtroom.

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

19 Following the invocation by Neal Pankey, those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

20 A motion by Allen and second by Lake to approve the minutes of the July 16, 2018 meeting  
21 carried (5/0) with “yes” votes by Allen, Green, Lake, May and Mayor Stewart. Moss and  
22 Pankey abstained due to being absent on July 16, 2018.

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**REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

36 Mayor Stewart had the following reports:

- 37 • The June 2018 Financial Statements for the Newport Airport Commission were given to each  
38 Council Member. Mayor Stewart asked that each Council Member review the financial  
39 statements and direct any questions to City Clerk/Treasurer Hembrey or him.
- 40 • Mayor Stewart presented a Resolution allowing the Newport Police Department surplus  
41 property to be sold and revenues from said sales to be used to purchase shotguns and related  
42 equipment for the Newport Police Department. City Attorney Ratton read the Resolution in  
43 its entirety. After discussion, a motion by Pankey and second by Moss to approve the  
44 Resolution carried (6/0) with “yes” votes by Pankey, Moss, Green, Allen, May and Lake.
- 45 • Mayor Stewart reported the installation of the “Water Hog” Levee Pump was almost  
46 complete.
- 47 • Mayor Stewart asked the Council if the Council wanted City Attorney Ratton to prepare an  
48 Ordinance for a comprehensive smoke free policy. After discussion, the Council  
49 showed no interest in preparing an Ordinance at this time.

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS: - NONE**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Resolution: Application to Arkansas Economic Development Commission for a Grant  
for Granges America, Inc. (Jon Chadwell to Address Council)**

61 Mayor Stewart recognized Jon Chadwell, Newport Economic Development Commission  
62 Director. Chadwell gave an overview of the process needed to apply for an Arkansas  
63 Community and Economic Development Grant for the benefit of Granges America, Inc. City  
64 Attorney Ratton read the Resolution to authorize the Mayor of Newport to submit an  
65 application to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission for a community  
66 development project in its entirety. A motion by Green and second by Moss to approve the  
67 Resolution carried (6/0) with “yes” votes by Lake, Green, May, Allen, Moss and Pankey.

51 **Resolution: Administrative Agreement with White River Planning and Development**  
52 **District Inc. – Granges America, Inc. Grant**

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54 City Attorney Ratton read the Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk of Newport  
55 to enter into an administrative agreement with the White River Planning and Development  
56 District, Inc. in its entirety. A motion by Pankey and second by Allen to approve the  
57 Resolution carried (6/0) with “yes” votes by Allen, Pankey, May, Moss, Green and Lake.  
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59 **Resolution: Taylor Made Ambulance Tax Credits (Jon Chadwell to Address Council)**

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61 Mayor Stewart recognized Jon Chadwell, Newport Economic Development Commission  
62 Director. Chadwell gave an informative overview of the Tax Back Program which is  
63 authorized by Section 15-4-2706(d) of the Consolidated Incentive Act of 2003. The  
64 Resolution certifying local government endorsement of a business to participate in the Tax  
65 Back Program was read in its entirety by City Attorney Ratton. A motion by Moss and  
66 second by Lake to approve Resolution carried (6/0) with “yes” votes by Moss, Pankey,  
67 Green, May, Lake and Allen.  
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69 **Accept Resignation from Ernest Evans from Newport Airport Commission**

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71 Mayor Stewart stated Ernest Evans had contacted him and stated he was resigning from the  
72 Newport Airport Commission. A motion by Allen and second by May to accept the  
73 resignation of Ernest Evans from the Newport Airport Commission carried (6/0) with “yes”  
74 votes by Green, May, Moss, Pankey, Lake and Allen.  
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76 **Bid Consideration: Roof on the Recycling Center**

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78 Mayor Stewart read the publication in the Newport Independent requesting bids on the  
79 replacement of the roof for the Recycling Building placed in its entirety. Mayor Stewart  
80 presented the handwritten bid tally; only one bid was received. Newport Construction Co.,  
81 Inc. bid \$49,800 to replace the roof on the Recycling Center Building. A motion by Pankey  
82 and second by Green to accept the bid of \$49,800 to replace the roof of the Recycling Center  
83 Building carried (6/0) with “yes” votes by Green, Pankey, Allen, Moss, May and Lake.  
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85 With no further business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned.

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87 PASSED AND APPROVED THE 20<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 2018  
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MAYOR

91 ATTEST:

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94 CITY CLERK