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**CITY OF NEWPORT
REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 4, 2018**

13 The City Council of the City of Newport, Arkansas met in regular session Tuesday,
14 September 4, 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, Carol Falwell, Regina Lake, Leroy Mansko,
17 Andy May, Julie Moss and Neal Pankey. Council Member Kathy Green was absent. City
18 Attorney Rob Ratton was present.

19 Following the invocation by Andy May, those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

20 A motion by Lake and second by Moss to approve the minutes of the August 20, 2018
21 meeting carried (6/0) with “yes” votes by Allen, Lake, Mansko, May, Moss and Pankey.
22 Falwell abstained due to being absent on August 20, 2018.

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REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

34 Mayor Stewart had the following reports:

- 35 • The July 2018 Financial Statements for the Newport Airport Commission were given to each
36 Council Member. Mayor Stewart asked that each Council Member review the financial
37 statements and direct any questions to City Clerk/Treasurer Hembrey or him.
- 38 • The July 2018 Financial Statements for the General Fund, Street Fund, 911 Fund and Sewer
39 Fund were given to each Council Member. Mayor Stewart asked that each Council Member
40 review the financial statements and direct any questions to City Clerk/Treasurer Hembrey or
41 to him.
- 42 • City Attorney Ratton is continuing to research the smoking ordinance.
- 43 • A new Resource Officer has been proposed for the Newport School System. A proposal for
44 the funding of the Officer was given to each Council Member. The proposal includes the
45 Newport School System reimbursing the City for the cost of the officer for the days worked
46 at the school.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS: - NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

2017 Legislative Audit Review

40 In accordance with Arkansas Code Ann. 10-4-418, Mayor Stewart stated the 2017
41 Legislative Audit Report had been received. The report will be presented to the Standing
42 Committee on Counties and Municipalities of the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee for
43 its review on Thursday, September 13, 2018 at the State Capitol Building, Little Rock,
44 Arkansas. Mayor Stewart reviewed the finding which stated “Our procedures indicated that
45 the above offices were in substantial compliance with Arkansas fiscal and financial laws”.
46 No action was needed by the Council.

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Resolution: Ad Valorem Tax

50 Mayor Stewart stated that the annual notification to the Jackson County Clerk’s Office for
51 the taxes of 2018 to be paid in 2019 in accordance with statute 26-73-202 was due. The taxes

52 will remain the same five (5) Mills for General Fund and one (1) Mill for Firemen’s Pension
53 Fund. City Attorney Ratton read the Ad Valorem Tax Resolution in its entirety. A motion
54 by Pankey and second by Falwell to adopt the Resolution carried (7/0) with “yes” votes by
55 Moss, Pankey, May, Lake, Mansko, Allen and Falwell.

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57 **Reappointment of James McLarty to the Airport Commission with Term Expiring**
58 **9/30/2023**

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60 A motion by Pankey and second by Allen to reappoint James McLarty to the Airport
61 Commission with a term expiring 9/30/2023 carried (7/0) with “yes” votes by Mansko,
62 Falwell, May, Moss, Pankey, Lake and Allen.

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64 **New Appointment to the Airport Commission with Term Expiring 9/30/2020 (filling**
65 **unexpired term of Ernest Evans)**

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67 Mayor Stewart gave each Council Member a biography of Andrew A. Jones. A motion by
68 Falwell and second by Pankey to appoint Andrew A. Jones to the Newport Airport
69 Commission with a term expiring 9/30/2020 carried (7/0) with “yes” votes by Pankey, Moss,
70 Allen, May, Falwell, Lake and Mansko.

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72 **Good of the City**

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74 Mayor Stewart stated the City had two crews mowing right of ways and lots around the City.

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

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79 PASSED AND APPROVED THE 17TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2018

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ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK