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**CITY OF NEWPORT
REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
OCTOBER 1, 2018**

13 The City Council of the City of Newport, Arkansas met in regular session Monday, October
14 1, 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, Kathy Green, Regina Lake,
17 Leroy Mansko, Andy May, Julie Moss and Neal Pankey. City Attorney Rob Ratton was
18 present.

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

20 A motion by Moss and second by Falwell to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2018
21 meeting carried (7/0) with “yes” votes by Allen, Falwell, Green, Lake, Mansko, May and
22 Moss. Pankey abstained due to being absent on September 17, 2018.

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REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

31 Mayor Stewart had the following reports:

- 32 • The August 2018 Financial Statements for the Newport Airport Commission were given to
33 each Council Member. Mayor Stewart asked that each Council Member review the financial
34 statements and direct any questions to City Clerk/Treasurer Hembrey or him.
- 35 • The August 2018 Financial Statements for the General Fund, Street Fund, 911 Fund and
36 Sewer Fund were given to each Council Member. Mayor Stewart asked that each Council
37 Member review the financial statements and direct any questions to City Clerk/Treasurer
38 Hembrey or to him.
- 39 • Phillip Brown of IMAD reported on the activities at the City Pool. Phillip Brown gave an
40 informative overview of the success of the activities at the City Pool.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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Second Reading of the Smokefree Air Ordinance of 2018

50 A motion by Pankey and second by Lake to suspend the rules and read the 2nd reading of the
51 Ordinance by caption only carried (8/0) with “yes” votes by Green, Allen, Mansko, Pankey,
Moss, May, Falwell and Lake. City Attorney Ratton read the 2nd reading of the Smokefree
Air Ordinance of 2018 by caption only. Mayor Stewart asked for public comments. After
lengthy comments from several people from the public supporting more restrictions on
smoking venues and concerns by Council Members that the Ordinance was too restrictive,
City Attorney Ratton will write an Ordinance using the state smoking law plus adding vaping
to the definition of smoking with violations being the same as defined in the City Park’s
Smoking Ordinance .

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NEW BUSINESS:

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**Commerce Drive Sewer Project: Wastewater Superintendent Martin Steward, Wayne
Menley, Jeff Sampson, and Nate Watson to Address Council**

61 Mayor Stewart stated a project for an apartment complex on Commerce Drive has been
developed. The Newport Municipal Water Company and Farmers Electric will furnish the

52 utilities of water and electricity. Martin Steward, Wayne Menley, and Mayor Stewart have
53 developed a proposed sewer project to service the apartment complex plus future projects in
54 the area. Wayne Menley gave an overview of the proposed sewer project which includes a
55 pump station. Martin Steward gave an overview of the cost of the project to the City and
56 McCartney Trust. The estimate for the sewer pump station project is \$113,000 with
57 McCartney Trust paying \$36,000 and the City paying \$77,000. A motion by Pankey and
58 second by Moss to approve the sewer pump station project for Commerce Drive carried (8/0)
59 with “yes” votes by Green, Allen, Mansko, Pankey, Moss, May, Falwell and Lake.

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61 **Roderick Robinson to Address Council about his Internet Service**

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63 Mayor Stewart recognized Roderick Robinson. Robinson gave an informative overview of
64 the service his company provides to rural areas. Mayor Stewart stated that Robinson had
65 already placed an antenna on the tower at Fire Station #2 and could place an antenna on the
66 City’s Repeater Tower behind El Puente Restaurant. Mayor Stewart stated to get permission
67 for use of the Water Towers he would need to speak to Wendale Comer and get on their
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70 With no further business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned.

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72 PASSED AND APPROVED THE 15TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2018

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