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**CITY OF NEWPORT  
REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL  
NOVEMBER 5, 2018**

13 The City Council of the City of Newport, Arkansas met in regular session Monday,  
14 November 5, 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, Leroy Mansko,  
17 Andy May, Julie Moss and Neal Pankey. Council Member Carol Falwell was absent. City  
18 Attorney Rob Ratton was present.

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

20 A motion by Moss and second by Lake to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2018  
21 meeting carried (6/0) with “yes” votes by Allen, Lake, Mansko, May, Moss and Pankey.  
22 Green abstained due to being absent on October 15, 2018.

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**REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

40 Mayor Stewart had the following reports:

- 41 • Delta Regional Authority announced 12 new grants for Arkansas. Newport received one of  
42 those grants for an existing business expansion in the amount of \$267,676 for a \$2,900,000  
43 project. The Unity Health and Arkansas State University-Newport project is for an  
44 educational facility for training nurses, emts, paramedics and surgical techs. Mayor Stewart  
45 stated Senator John Boozman was instrumental in helping obtain this grant. Mayor Stewart  
46 expressed his appreciation.
- 47 • The recycling center bailer needs to be replaced. Sarah Sexton with White River Planning and  
48 Development found a 2007 bailer in Bella Vista for \$24,000. Sarah Sexton has also found a  
49 recycling grant that will pay \$18,000 with the City’s part being \$6,000.
- 50 • Sales Taxes received in October 2018 were City Sales Taxes - \$115,284, County Sales Taxes  
51 - \$86,502 and NEDC Sales Taxes - \$57,642.
- Budget is near completion.
- The September 2018 Financial Statements for the Newport Airport Commission were given  
to each Council Member. Mayor Stewart asked that each Council Member review the  
financial statements and direct any questions to him or Clerk/Treasurer Hembrey.
- Mayor Stewart read a letter written to Bruce Street with ARDOT requesting a study to widen  
State Highway 384 from Highway 367 to US Highway 67 and requested a left turn signal be  
installed at the intersection of Highways 367 and 384.

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Smokefree Air Ordinance of 2018**

City Attorney Ratton stated that the revised Smokefree Air Ordinance being presented  
tracked the state law on smoking plus adding vaping to the definition of smoking and  
penalties for offenses. City Attorney Ratton read the Smokefree Air Ordinance in its  
entirety.

A motion by Pankey and second by Mansko to suspend the rules and forego the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>  
readings in their entirety carried (7/0) with “yes” votes by Moss, Pankey, Green, May, Lake,  
Mansko and Allen.

52 A motion by Lake and second by Green to accept the Smokefree Air Ordinance carried (6/1)  
53 with “yes” votes by Pankey, Green, Moss, May, Mansko and Lake and a “no” vote by Allen.

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55 **NEW BUSINESS:**

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57 **Consider Claim for Injured Child**

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59 Mayor Stewart presented a request to pay the balance of \$769.95 in medical bills for a child  
60 injured at one of the city’s parks. City Attorney Ratton stated that a general liability release  
61 of claims would be required. A motion by Mansko and second by Allen to pay the parents of  
62 the child injured \$769.95 with a release of liability carried (7/0) with “yes” votes by May,  
63 Green, Moss, Mansko, Lake, Pankey and Allen.

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

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67 PASSED AND APPROVED THE 19<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2018

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