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**CITY OF NEWPORT**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL**  
**DECEMBER 17, 2018**

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

19 Following the invocation by Leroy Mansko, those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

20 A motion by Allen and second by Mansko to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2018  
21 meeting carried (7/0) with “yes” votes by Allen, Falwell, Green, Lake, Mansko, Moss and  
22 Pankey.

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**REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

34 Mayor Stewart had the following reports:

- 35 • Thursday January 3, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. the New Vision Class will be in the courtroom for an  
36 overview of the responsibilities of the City government. Mayor Stewart requested anyone  
37 that could, please attend.
- 38 • Mayor Stewart recognized Police Chief Edwards, who gave an overview of a budget  
39 proposed new phone system with Keystone. The new system would eliminate the cost of  
40 long distance calls and reduce the monthly phone costs. Chief Edwards stated he had spoken  
41 to other agencies that already use the internet based phone system and they are well pleased  
42 with the cost and reliability of the system. The 911 phone system would remain with AT&T.
- 43 • Police Chief Edwards gave an overview of the armed robbery that took place today on State  
44 Street. Police Chief Edwards recognized the assistance of City Inspector Ratliffe in the  
45 capture of the suspects. Mayor Stewart praised the good work of the Newport Police  
46 Department and City Inspector Ratliffe.

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Resolution: 2019 City Budget**

52 Mayor Stewart presented the changes made to the proposed 2019 City Budget which  
53 included an addition to the sewer system needed for the new marijuana plant on Comet  
54 Drive. Mayor Stewart asked if anyone had questions or comments concerning the Proposed  
55 2019 Budget of the City of Newport. City Attorney Rob Ratton read the Resolution in its  
56 entirety. A motion by Allen and second by Pankey to adopt the 2019 City Budget by  
57 Resolution carried (7/0) with “yes” votes by Lake, Green, Falwell, Mansko, Allen, Moss and  
58 Pankey.

**Resolution: Review and Approval of 2019 Budget of the Newport Economic  
Development Commission**

59 Mayor Stewart asked if anyone had questions or comments concerning the Proposed 2019  
60 Budget of the Newport Economic Development Commission. City Attorney Rob Ratton  
61 read the Resolution in its entirety. A motion by Mansko and second by Falwell to accept the

52 Resolution for the review and approval of the 2019 Budget of the Newport Economic  
53 Development Commission carried (7/0) with “yes” votes by Falwell, Pankey, Green, Moss,  
54 Mansko, Lake and Allen.

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56 **Resolution: Review and Approval of the 2019 Budget of the Newport Airport**  
57 **Commission**

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59 Mayor Stewart asked if anyone had questions or comments concerning the Proposed 2019  
60 Budget of the Newport Airport Commission. City Attorney Rob Ratton read the Resolution  
61 in its entirety. A motion by Pankey and second by Moss to accept the Resolution for the  
62 review and approval of the 2019 Budget of the Newport Airport Commission carried (7/0)  
63 with “yes” votes by Mansko, Allen, Falwell, Lake, Green, Pankey and Moss.

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65 **NEW BUSINESS:**

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67 **Ordinance: Setting Annual Salary for City Clerk/Treasurer and City Attorney for**  
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70 Mayor Stewart stated that the 2019 City Clerk/Treasurer’s and City Attorney’s salaries had  
71 been approved with the 2019 Budget Resolution, but Arkansas Code Ann. 14-43-313  
72 requires these two salaries be authorized by Ordinance. City Attorney Rob Ratton read the  
73 Ordinance in its entirety.

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

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79 A motion by Pankey and second by Allen to accept the Ordinance authorizing the annual  
80 salaries of the Newport City Clerk/Treasurer and the Newport City Attorney carried (7/0)  
81 with “yes” votes by Green, Falwell, Moss, Mansko, Lake, Pankey and Allen.

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

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85 PASSED AND APPROVED THE 7<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JANUARY, 2019

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MAYOR

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92 CITY CLERK