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**CITY OF NEWPORT
REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 22, 2019**

13 The City Council of the City of Newport, Arkansas met in regular session Tuesday, January
14 22, 2019 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, and Neal Pankey. City Attorney Rob Ratton was present. Council Members
18 Carol Falwell and Julie Moss were absent.

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

20 Mayor Stewart welcomed New Vision Students to the Council Meeting.

21 A motion by Allen and second by Mansko to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2019
22 meeting carried (6/0) with “yes” votes by Allen, Green, Lake, Mansko, May, and Pankey.

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REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

32 Mayor Stewart had the following reports:

- 33 • The December 2018 Financial Statements for the General Fund, Street Fund, 911 Fund and
34 Sewer Fund were given to each Council Member. Mayor Stewart asked that each Council
35 Member review the financial statements and direct any questions to City Clerk/Treasurer
36 Hembrey or to him.
- 37 • On Friday, January 25, 2019, the Newport Jr. ROTC will host the State Shooting Contest at
38 the JROTC Fieldhouse from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- 39 • Mayor Stewart has been appointed to the Municipal Health Benefit Fund (health insurance)
40 Board. He will be attending monthly meetings in Little Rock.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

**Appointment of Mark Ellis to Airport Commission to Fill Unexpired Term of Joe
Taylor, Jr. for the Term Expiring 9/30/2021**

37 Mayor Stewart recognized Jim McLarty, Chairman of the Newport Airport Commission.
38 Mr. McLarty stated the Airport Commission would like to recommend Mark Ellis to fill the
39 unexpired term of Joe Taylor, Jr. Mr. McLarty expressed the appreciation of the Airport
40 Commission to the City of Newport for the increase in financial support for 2019. A motion
41 by Pankey and second by Allen to appoint Mark Ellis to the Newport Airport Commission to
42 fill the unexpired term of Joe Taylor, Jr. expiring 9/30/21 carried (6/0) with “yes” votes by
43 Green, Allen, May, Pankey, Mansko and Lake.

46 **NEW BUSINESS:**

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48 **Ordinance: Accepting Street Right of Ways from Arkansas State University and**
49 **Holden Conner Land II, LLC**

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51 Mayor Stewart recognized Edward Boyce, attorney for the Newport Bond Board. Mr. Boyce
52 stated a road was needed to give access to the property where Natural State Wellness
53 Enterprises is building a new medical marijuana plant. Arkansas State University and
54 Holden Conner Land II, LLC have given street easements to the City of Newport to extend
55 Comet Drive to this property. The Ordinance accepting the street right of ways by the City
56 of Newport was read in its entirety by Mr. Boyce. A motion by Pankey and second by Lake
57 to suspend the rules and forego the 2nd and 3rd readings in their entirety carried (6/0) with
58 “yes” votes by May, Green, Pankey, Lake, Allen and Mansko.

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60 A motion by Mansko and second by May to accept the Ordinance carried (6/0) with “yes”
61 votes by Allen, Mansko, Pankey, Lake, May and Green.

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63 A motion by May and second by Lake to approve the emergency clause carried (6/0) with
64 “yes” votes by Lake, Green, Mansko, May, Allen and Pankey.

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66 **Ordinance: Authorizing Promissory Note between City and White River Planning and**
67 **Development District, Inc. for Financing of the Renovation of Fire Station #2**

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69 City Attorney Rob Ratton read the Ordinance in its entirety. A motion by Pankey and second
70 by Allen to suspend the rules and forego the 2nd and 3rd readings in their entirety carried (6/0)
71 with “yes” votes by May, Green, Pankey, Allen, Mansko and Lake.

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73 A motion by Allen and second by Green to accept the Ordinance authorizing the financing of
74 the renovation of Fire Station #2 carried (6/0) with “yes” votes by Allen, Mansko, Pankey,
75 Lake, May and Green.

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77 **Ordinance: Residential Sanitation Rate Increase**

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79 City Attorney Rob Ratton read the Ordinance for the 1st reading in its entirety. The
80 Ordinance will be on the February 4, 2019 Agenda for consideration.

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82 **Ordinance: Commercial Sanitation Rate Increase**

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84 This Ordinance has not been completed and will be delayed until the February 4, 2019
85 Meeting.

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87 **Ordinance: Mosquito Control Rate Increase**

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89 City Attorney Rob Ratton read the 1st reading of the Ordinance in its entirety. The Ordinance
90 will be on the February 4, 2019 Agenda for consideration.

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92 **Good of the City**

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94 Mayor Stewart along with some Council Members have received phone calls from tenants of
95 the Kenmont Apartments stating they had received letters on their doors saying they would
96 have to pay their rent in full due to the Federal government shutdown. Mayor Stewart stated
97 the City is forbidden to donate or loan money to an individual and knows of no other way to
98 assist those tenants. However, if a tenant was asked to leave due to the shutdown and had no
99 place to go, the City would use all available resources to help find a place for them.

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

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103 PASSED AND APPROVED THE 4TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2019

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MAYOR

107 ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK