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**CITY OF NEWPORT
REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 19, 2019**

13 The City Council of the City of Newport, Arkansas met in regular session Tuesday, February
14 19, 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, Carol Falwell, Regina Lake, Andy May and
17 Julie Moss. City Attorney Rob Ratton was present. Council Members Kathy Green, Leroy
18 Mansko and Neal Pankey were absent.

19 Following the invocation by Carol Falwell, those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

20 A motion by Moss and second by Falwell to approve the minutes of the February 4, 2019
21 meeting carried (5/0) with “yes” votes by Allen, Falwell, Lake, Moss and Mayor Stewart.
22 May abstained due to being absent on February 4, 2019.

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REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

36 Mayor Stewart had the following reports:

- 37 • The cost to supply IPADs to the Council would be approximately \$4,900. After discussion,
38 the Council decided not to purchase the IPADs.
- 39 • The January 2019 Financial Statements for the General Fund, Street Fund, 911 Fund and
40 Sewer Fund were given to each Council Member. Mayor Stewart asked that each Council
41 Member review the financial statements and direct any questions to City Clerk/Treasurer
42 Hembrey or to him.
- 43 • A letter from the White River Regional Solid Waste Management District was given to each
44 Council Member. The letter stated beginning on March 1, 2019 a fee of \$1.00 per ton will be
45 assessed on all solid waste in the District. The landfill fee will increase to \$42/ton.
- 46 • A firm called SALT Group of Arkansas will review and evaluate the excise tax payments
47 made by the City for the last 3 years to determine if any refunds are due to the City.
- 48 • White River Planning and Development has informed the City of a grant for \$2,500 for two
49 automatic defibrillators with the City paying \$175 a piece. One would be placed at City Hall
50 and the other at the Airport. The City has applied and should know in the near future.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS: - NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Bid Consideration: Wastewater Treatment Plant Sludge Removal

Mayor Stewart presented proof of publication in the Arkansas Democrat Gazette, a hand
written bid tabulation for sludge removal and land application at the main Wastewater
Treatment Plant and a letter of recommendation from Miller-Newell. Bids were opened on
February 14th at 11:00 a.m. Two bids were received: DRT Biosolids, Inc. - \$377,100.00
and Midwest Injection - \$584,000.00. A motion by Moss and second by Lake to accept the
bid of DRT Biosolids, Inc. in the amount of \$377,100.00 carried (5/0) with “yes” votes by
May, Lake, Moss, Allen and Falwell.

Bid Consideration: Two (2) Police Vehicles

Mayor Stewart presented proof of publication in the Arkansas Democrat Gazette and a hand
written bid tabulation for the purchase of two (2) new 2020 Ford Police Interceptor SUVs.

52 Bid was opened on February 15th at 10 a.m. One bid was received: Harris Ford of Newport -
53 \$31,787.00 per vehicle. A motion by Falwell and second by Allen to accept the bid of Harris
54 Ford of Newport in the amount of \$31,787.00 per vehicle carried (5/0) with “yes” votes by
55 Falwell, May, Moss, Allen and Lake.

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58 Council Member May suggested another recycling trailer might need to be purchased.
59 Mayor Stewart will research the possibility of a grant and report back to the Council.

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

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64 PASSED AND APPROVED THE 4TH DAY OF MARCH, 2019

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MAYOR

68 ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK