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CITY OF NEWPORT
REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 4, 2019

13 The City Council of the City of Newport, Arkansas met in regular session Monday, March 4,
14 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, 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 Carol Falwell, those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

20 A motion by Allen and second by Falwell to approve the minutes of the February 19, 2019
21 meeting carried (5/0) with “yes” votes by Allen, Falwell, Lake, May and Moss. Green,
22 Mansko and Pankey abstained due to being absent on February 19, 2019.
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REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

32 Mayor Stewart had the following reports:

- 33 • ACA §14-59-116 requires each municipality publish annually a financial statement of the
34 prior year’s revenues and expenses by April 1st. A copy of the 2018 Financial Statement was
35 published in The Newport Independent on February 28, 2019. A copy of the financial
36 statement was given to each Council Member.
- 37 • Newport High School is hosting the Arkansas American Legion Junior Air Rifle
38 Championship on Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Newport is ranked number one in the
39 state and will compete first.
- 40 • The River has receded enough that about half the flood gates are open. The remaining gates
41 should be opened this week. The nine flood gates have been manned by our employees and
42 they have done an excellent job.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS: - NONE

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NEW BUSINESS:

Bid Consideration: New Sanitation Truck

38 Mayor Stewart presented proof of publication in the Newport Independent and a handwritten
39 bid tabulation. Bids were opened on February 27th at 10:00 a.m. One bid was received:
40 Harris Ford of Newport - 2019 Ford F450 with a 10-yard Pakrat side load garbage packer for
41 \$72,032.00. A motion by Moss and second by May to accept the bid of Harris Ford for
42 \$72,032.00 carried (8/0) with “yes” votes by Pankey, Moss, Green, Allen, May, Falwell,
43 Lake and Mansko.

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Ordinance: Newport Cases in Jackson County District Court – Newport Division

48 Mayor Stewart recognized City Attorney Ratton. Ratton gave an informative overview of the
49 Ordinance increasing fines by \$15.00 to be allocated for the use of city prisoner care at the
50 Jackson County Detention Center. City Attorney Ratton read the Ordinance in its entirety.
A motion by Pankey and second by Allen to suspend the rules and forego the 2nd and 3rd

51 readings of the Ordinance carried (8/0) with “yes” votes by Allen, Mansko, Pankey, Lake,
52 May, Green, Moss and Falwell.

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54 A motion by Allen and second by Pankey to adopt the Ordinance carried (8/0) with “yes”
55 votes by May, Lake, Green, Pankey, Moss, Allen, Falwell and Mansko.

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57 A motion by May and second by Allen to approve the emergency clause carried (8/0) with
58 “yes” votes by Moss, Pankey, Green, May, Lake, Mansko, Allen and Falwell.

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60 **Good of the City**

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62 Mayor Stewart stated everyone was invited to the Grand Opening of the Jacksonport State
63 Park Visitor Center on Friday at 11:30 a.m. A time capsule is being done to celebrate the
64 opening. Park Ranger Mark Ballard asked that Newport bring something to place in the time
65 capsule. A picture by Frank Plegge of City Officials – Mayor Stewart, City Clerk Hembrey,
66 City Attorney Ratton, Council Members – Allen, Falwell, Green, Lake, Mansko, May, Moss
67 and Pankey, Police Chief Edwards, Fire Chief Gansz, City Inspector Ratliffe, and Newport
68 Economic Development Commission Executive Director Jon Chadwell will be placed in the
69 capsule.

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

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74 PASSED AND APPROVED THE 18TH DAY OF MARCH, 2019

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MAYOR

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81 CITY CLERK