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CITY OF NEWPORT
REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 18, 2019

13 The City Council of the City of Newport, Arkansas met in regular session Monday, March 18, 2019 in the chambers of the Municipal Courtroom.

14 Mayor Stewart called the meeting to order. City Clerk/Treasurer Hembrey called the roll. Council members present were Michael Allen, Carol Falwell, Regina Lake, Leroy Mansko, Andy May, Julie Moss and Neal Pankey. City Attorney Rob Ratton was present. Council Member Kathy Green was absent.

15 Following the invocation by Andy May, those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

16 Mayor Stewart presented each Council Member and the City Attorney with a copy of the picture of the City of Newport Officials taken on March 4, 2019. The picture had the following officials: from left to right – first row – Kathy Green, Regina Lake, Julie Moss, Carol Falwell, Neal Pankey, Deborah Hembrey, and Rob Ratton – second row – Allen Edwards, Derrick Ratliffe, Alan Gansz, Jon Chadwell, Michael Allen, Andy May, Leroy Mansko – sitting – Mayor David Stewart. The original picture was placed in the time capsule at the Jacksonport State Park Visitor Center on March 8, 2019. The time capsule is scheduled to be opened in 100 years.

17 A motion by May and second by Lake to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2019 meeting carried (7/0) with “yes” votes by Allen, Falwell, Lake, Mansko, May, Moss and Pankey.

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27 **REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

28 Mayor Stewart had the following reports:

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- 30 • The Airport Commission Financial Statements for January 2019 were given to each Council Member.
 - 31 • A reception for Brett Bunch will be held March 26th at 5 p.m. in the Newport High School Cafeteria. Brett Bunch has been selected as the Superintendent of Newport Schools, all are encouraged to attend.
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35 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS: - NONE**

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37 **NEW BUSINESS:**

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39 **State of the City Address**

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41 Mayor Stewart reviewed the state of the City, as required by Arkansas Statute 14-58-302. Mayor Stewart gave an informative overview of each department. Revenues and expenditures are being closely monitored. A few items reported were:

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- 44 • A new garbage truck has been ordered and should be delivered in 6 to 8 weeks.
 - 45 • Fire Station #2 remodel is near completion.
 - 46 • Two medical marijuana plant facilities and several apartments on Commerce Road are under construction. The apartments on McLain Street have been completed and fully rented. Several studio apartments are also under construction at the McLain location.
 - 47 • Several street projects are planned.
 - 48 • Recycling baler bought mainly with grant money has doubled the amount of bales produced per day.
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52 Mayor Stewart requested an executive session for the purpose of considering an employment
53 issue. A motion by Moss and second by Mansko to go into executive session at 6:29 p.m.
54 carried with all present voting “yes”.

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56 A motion by Mansko and second by Falwell to return to regular session at 6:40 p.m.carried
57 with all present voting “yes”.

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59 No action was taken in executive session.

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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 1ST DAY OF APRIL, 2019

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MAYOR

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CITY CLERK