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CITY OF NEWPORT
REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
APRIL 15, 2019

13 The City Council of the City of Newport, Arkansas met in regular session Monday, April 15,
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 Andy May and Neal Pankey. City Attorney Rob Ratton was present. Council Members
18 Leroy Mansko and Julie Moss were absent.

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

20 A motion by Allen and second by Lake to approve the minutes of the April 1, 2019 meeting
21 carried (5/0) with “yes” votes by Allen, Falwell, Green, Lake, and May. Pankey abstained
22 due to being absent on April 1, 2019.

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REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

41 Mayor Stewart had the following reports:

- 42 • The March 2019 Financial Statements for the General Fund, Street Fund, 911 Fund, Sewer
43 Fund were given to each Council Member. Mayor Stewart asked that each Council Member
44 review the financial statements and direct any questions to City Clerk/Treasurer Hembrey or
45 to him.
- 46 • A commercial garbage truck was involved in an accident when another vehicle ran a stop sign
47 and hit the truck. The radiator and the front of the truck were damaged. The Shop replaced
48 the radiator and torn away the front end damage and placed the truck back into service that
49 afternoon. Parts have been ordered and the truck will be fixed as soon as they arrive.
50 Insurance funds have been received.
- 51 • The estimate to stripe the streets of Pecan, Rimmel and Walker Drive was negotiated down
52 to \$6,455.00.
- 53 • Sigma Supply, Inc. bid for garbage bags did not include sales tax. The garbage bags
54 including sales tax will cost \$6.725 per roll.
- 55 • A notice will be placed in the Newport Independent reminding citizens of the Newport
56 Municipal Code Chapter 5.04 which requires the removal of unsightly and unsanitary items
57 from your property and all weed, grass and vines shall be cut when attaining a height of 8
58 inches or less and vines and low-hanging limbs shall be cut when the same are shown to
59 foster the harboring and breeding of mosquitos.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS: - NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution: Enter into an Engineering Agreement with Miller Newell Engineers

73 Mayor Stewart presented a Resolution to allow the City to enter into an engineering
74 agreement with Miller Newell Engineers for various projects partially funded through the
75 Economic Development Administration. City Attorney Ratton read the Resolution in its
76 entirety. A motion by Falwell and second by Lake to accept the Resolution carried (6/0) with
77 “yes” votes by Pankey, Green, Allen, May, Falwell and Lake.

53 **Ordinance: Amend Section XV (II)(A)(2) of Zoning Code Regarding Procedures to**
54 **Change Zoning Classifications**

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56 Mayor Stewart recognized City Attorney Ratton. Ratton gave an overview of the requested
57 amendment to the Zoning Code. City Attorney Ratton read the Ordinance in its entirety.
58 After discussion, a motion by Allen and second by Lake to suspend the rules and forego the
59 2nd and 3rd readings of the Ordinance carried (6/0) with “yes” votes by Falwell, Green, Lake,
60 Allen, Pankey and May.

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

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

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

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72 PASSED AND APPROVED THE 6TH DAY OF MAY, 2019

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MAYOR

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CITY CLERK