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CITY OF NEWPORT
REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
MAY 20, 2019

19 The City Council of the City of Newport, Arkansas met in regular session Monday, May 20,
20 2019 in the chambers of the Municipal Courtroom.

21 Mayor Stewart called the meeting to order. Deputy City Clerk/Treasurer McKissac called
22 the roll. Council members present were Michael Allen, Regina Lake, Leroy Mansko, Andy
23 May, Julie Moss and Neal Pankey. City Attorney Rob Ratton was present. Council Member
24 Carol Falwell was absent. Council Member Kathy Green arrived after roll call.

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

26 A motion by Moss and second by Lake to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2019 meeting
27 carried (5/0) with “yes” votes by Allen, Lake, Mansko, Moss and Mayor Stewart. May and
28 Pankey abstained due to being absent on May 6, 2019.

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REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

48 Mayor Stewart had the following reports:

- 49 • A copy of the Minute Order from the Arkansas State Highway Commission was given to
50 each Council Member. Mayor Stewart read the Minute Order in its entirety. The Minute
51 Order states that a study of the feasibility of improvements to Highway 384 between
Highway 67 and Highway 367 and an evaluation of the existing traffic signal at Highway 367
has been authorized.
- A copy of an electronic mail letter from Suddenlink was given to each Council Member. The
letter stated that effective June 8, 2019 the Broadcast TV Fee Rate for new residential and
commercial video customers will increase by \$1.50.
- Flood gates are currently closed due to the river level being at 21.5 feet. On Saturday night
Newport received approximately 2.2 inches in about 50 minutes. All pumps were used and
most of the water was out of the City by morning.
- Health insurance premium rates will remain the same through the end of the year.
- The Sanitation Department is currently working four men on Saturdays to pick up trash, tree
branches and mow City lots across the City.
- The Recycling Center has requested a parking cover in front of the overhead doors where
customers unload their recyclables. This project will be examined for this year’s recycling
grant.
- Twenty-two pond cypress trees twenty-five feet tall have been purchased by D.R.I.V.E. and
planted at the Front Street Memorial Park. Mayor Stewart stated his appreciation to Council
Member Allen for his assistance in planting the trees.
- Mayor Stewart stated his appreciation to Ed Williams for supplying the flowers for the planters
on the sidewalks downtown.
- Council Member Mansko stated grass was growing tall in some of the sidewalks around town
including 4th Street. Mayor Stewart stated he would notify the mowing crew. Mayor
Stewart stated that with all the rain this spring the mowing crew is working continuously.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS: - NONE

52 **NEW BUSINESS:**

53 **Bid Consideration: 2019 Dump Truck for Wastewater Treatment Plant**

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55 Mayor Stewart presented proof of publication in the Newport Independent and the
56 handwritten bid tabulation for a new 2019 Dump Truck. Only one bid was received from
57 Harris Ford of Newport for \$81,729.32. A motion by Moss and second by Lake to accept the
58 bid of Harris Ford for \$81,729.32 carried (7/0) with “yes” votes by May, Lake, Green,
59 Pankey, Moss, Allen and Mansko.

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61 **Bid Consideration: Mosquito Control Chemicals**

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63 Mayor Stewart presented proof of publication from the Jonesboro Sun along with a
64 handwritten bid tabulation. Two bids were received with bids being opened at 10 a.m. on
65 May 16, 2019. Bids were received from ADAPCO and Mosquito Products, LLC as follows:

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68 **Mosquito Products, LLC**

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70	1. 30-30 ULV	\$ 68.00 per gal
71	2. 31-66 ULV	\$ 110.00 per gal
72	3. Aqualeur 20-20	\$ 156.00 per gal
73	4. Oil Carrier	\$ 6.00 per gal
74	5. Larvacide (sustrain)	\$ 6.50 per lb.
75	6. Fyfanon ULV	\$ 50.00 per gal
76	7. Imperium (airplane)	\$ 250.00 per gal

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79 **ADAPCO**

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81	1. Permanone 30-30	\$ 75.89 per gal
82	2. Permanone 31-66	\$ 96.25 per gal
83	3. AQR -30	
84	Aquarselin 20-20	\$ 124.95 per gal
85	4. Calpar ULV Oil	\$ 8.98 per gal
86	5. Fyfanon ULV	\$ 61.95 per gal
87	6. Deltagard ULV(airplane)	\$ 193.84 per gal
88	7. Larvacide	No bid

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90 A motion by Mansko and second by May to accept the low bids of Mosquito Products, LLC
91 for 30-30 ULV - \$68.00 per gal, Oil Carrier - \$6.00 per gal, Larvacide - \$6.50 per lb,
92 Fyfanon ULV - \$50.00 per gal carried (7/0) with “yes” votes by Green, Allen, May, Pankey,
93 Mansko, Moss and Lake.

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95 A motion by Green and second by Lake to accept the low bids of Adapco, LLC for 31-66
96 ULV - \$96.25 per gal, AQR-30 - \$ 124.95 and Deltagard ULV (airplane) - \$193.84 per gal
97 carried (7/0) with “yes” votes by Moss, Allen, Mansko, May, Pankey, Green and Lake.

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99 **Resolution Supporting Completion of Future I-57**

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101 City Attorney Ratton read the Resolution supporting and encouraging the completion of
102 Interstate 57 in its entirety. A motion by Pankey and second by Allen to accept the

103 Resolution carried (7/0) with “yes” votes by May, Green, Moss, Pankey, Allen, Mansko and
104 Lake.

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106 **Consider Sale of City Lots**

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108 Mayor Stewart stated the City owns five lots in the Carpenter’s Subdivision that the City has
109 to mow and maintain. These lots have no value to the City and are a liability to the City.

110 Roderick and Latasha Robinson have requested to acquire these lots to build a home in the middle of
111 these lots. After discussion, a motion by Allen and second by Moss to allow the sale of lots 5, 6, 7, 8
112 and 9 in Carpenter’s Subdivision to Roderick and Latasha Robinson for \$25.00 carried (7/0) with
113 “yes” votes by Allen, Mansko, Pankey, Lake, May, Green and Moss.

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115 **Phil McDonald, City Cleanup**

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117 Mayor Stewart recognized Phil McDonald to address the Council on City cleanup. Phil
118 McDonald gave an overview of his desire to help the community regain pride of ownership
119 in the property they own. McDonald asked that the City Beautiful Committee be re-
120 established with two people from each City Ward and to consider an Ordinance requiring
121 more specific requirements for the beautification of the City.

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123 Mayor Stewart stated that City Inspector Ratliffe has issued more red tags and tickets this
124 year than ever before.

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

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129 PASSED AND APPROVED THE 3RD DAY OF JUNE, 2019

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133 ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK