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**CITY OF NEWPORT**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL**  
**JUNE 3, 2019**

13 The City Council of the City of Newport, Arkansas met in regular session Monday, June 3,  
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, Julie Moss and Neal Pankey. City Attorney Rob Ratton was present.  
18 Council Member Andy May was absent.

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

20 A motion by Allen and second by Mansko to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2019  
21 meeting carried (6/0) with “yes” votes by Allen, Green, Lake, Mansko, Moss and Pankey.  
22 Falwell abstained due to being absent on May 20, 2019.

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**REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

33 Mayor Stewart had the following reports:

- 34 • The April 2019 Financial Statements for the General Fund, Street Fund, 911 Fund, Sewer  
35 Fund and Newport Airport Commission were given to each Council Member. Mayor Stewart  
36 asked that each Council Member review the financial statements and direct any questions to  
37 City Clerk/Treasurer Hembrey or to him.
- 38 • The street sweeper was used on several streets to try to remove grass growing in the curbs.  
39 This process did not remove the grass satisfactorily. Mayor Stewart has spoken to Mr.  
40 Bumpous and his people will work on this project as soon as possible.
- 41 • The annual Art Show will be held on June 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>.
- 42 • At this time, the City of Newport has received \$10,846.20 of refunds on sales taxes through  
43 the efforts of the SALT Group.
- 44 • The complaints concerning the benches at Lockwood Park have been addressed.

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Resolution to Convey City Lots 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 of Carpenter’s Subdivision to Roderick and  
Latasha Robinson**

City Attorney read the Resolution in its entirety. After discussion, a motion by Pankey and  
second by Allen to accept the Resolution authorizing Mayor Stewart and City Clerk  
Hembrey to sell to Roderick Robinson and Latasha Robinson Lots 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9,  
Carpenter’s Subdivision carried (7/0) with “yes” votes by Lake, Green, Pankey, Moss, Allen,  
Falwell and Mansko.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Reappointment of Commissioner Barbara Sweatt-Menley to Newport Housing  
Authority Board of Commissioners for a Term Expiring 5/1/24**

A motion by Allen and second by Falwell to reappoint Barbara Sweatt-Menley to the  
Newport Housing Authority Commission with a term ending 5/1/24 carried (6/0) with “yes”  
votes by Moss, Allen, Mansko, Falwell, Pankey and Lake. Green abstained.

52 **Good of the City**

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54 Eddie Cooley requested to be heard. Cooley stated he was concerned over the limbs and  
55 trash that have not been picked up in his neighborhood. Mayor Stewart stated there is  
56 residential garbage pickup, trash pickup and limbs pickup. Trash pickup is things like old  
57 tables, household items and mattresses. Most cities have trash pickup twice a year where  
58 Newport's trash truck makes it around town approximately every three weeks. Mayor  
59 Stewart stated that the Sanitation Department takes requests for trash pickup and when the  
60 employees are ahead of schedule for the day they work on the requests. Mayor Stewart  
61 stated that the Sanitation Department works continuously picking up garbage, trash and  
62 limbs.

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

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66 PASSED AND APPROVED THE 17<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JUNE, 2019

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ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK