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CITY OF NEWPORT
REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
JUNE 27, 2019

13 The City Council of the City of Newport, Arkansas met in regular session Thursday, June 27,
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 and
17 Andy May. City Attorney Rob Ratton was present. Council Members Leroy Mansko, Julie
18 Moss and Neal Pankey were absent.

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

20 A motion by Allen and second by Green to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2019 meeting
21 carried (5/0) with “yes” votes by Allen, Falwell, Green, May and Mayor Stewart. Lake
22 abstained due to being absent on June 17, 2019.

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REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

33 Mayor Stewart had the following reports:

- 34 • The May 2019 Financial Statements for the Newport Airport Commission were given to each
35 Council Member. Mayor Stewart asked that each Council Member review the financial
36 statements and direct any questions to City Clerk/Treasurer Hembrey or to him.
- 37 • The City has had signs made to place in areas where the grass is not maintained according to
38 Ordinance 1034.
- 39 • Sales Taxes received in June 2019 were City Sales Taxes - \$135,666, County Sales Taxes -
40 \$83,024 and NEDC Sales Taxes - \$67,833.
- 41 • The chemical Clipper used on the Newport Lake for Parrot Feather is not as effective after six
42 years of use. A new chemical Propeller Aquatic Herbicide has been purchased and will be
43 used in the Lake.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS: - NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Reappointments to Planning Commission

- Richard Carraway (Term Expiring July 2022)
- Jesse Davis (Term Expiring July 2022)
- Karen Cathey (Term Expiring July 2022)

A motion by Falwell and second by Lake to reappoint Richard Carraway to the Newport Planning
Commission with a term expiring July 2022 carried (5/0) with “yes” votes by May, Lake, Green,
Allen and Falwell.

A motion by Green and second by Allen to reappoint Jesse Davis to the Newport Planning
Commission with a term expiring July 2022 carried (5/0) with “yes” votes by Falwell, May, Green
Lake and Allen.

A motion by Falwell and second by Lake to reappoint Karen Cathey to the Newport Planning
Commission with a term expiring July 2022 carried (5/0) with “yes” votes by Allen, May, Green,
Lake and Falwell.

53 **Ordinance Addressing the Nuisance of Blowing Grass Clippings and Yard Waste into**
54 **Streets**

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56 After discussion, City Attorney Ratton read the 1st reading of the Ordinance, addressing the
57 nuisance of blowing grass clippings and yard waste into the streets, in its entirety. This
58 matter will be on the July 15, 2019 Agenda.

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60 **Ordinance Waiving Competitive Bidding and Authorizing a Contract with Specialized**
61 **Outdoor Services for Renovation of High School Baseball Field at George Kell Park**

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63 After discussion, City Attorney Ratton read the 1st reading of the Ordinance, waiving
64 competitive bidding and authorizing a contract with Specialized Outdoor Services for the
65 renovation of the High School Baseball Field at George Kell Park, in its entirety. This matter
66 will be on the July 15, 2019 Agenda.

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

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70 PASSED AND APPROVED THE 15TH DAY OF JULY, 2019

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MAYOR

74 ATTEST:

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77 CITY CLERK