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

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

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

20 A motion by Lake and second by Green to approve the minutes of the June 27, 2019 meeting
21 carried (5/0) with “yes” votes by Allen, Falwell, Green, Lake and May. Mansko and Moss
22 abstained due to being absent on June 27, 2019.

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REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

39 Mayor Stewart had the following reports:

- 40 • A copy of the 2018 Federal Programs Independent Audit Report was given to each Council
41 Member. The report stated “In my opinion, the financial statements referred to on the
42 preceding page present fairly, in all material respects, the modified accrual basis financial
43 position of the federal programs of the City of Newport, for the year ended December 31,
44 2018, in accordance with the modified accrual basis of accounting as described in Note
45 1(C).”
- 46 • The June 2019 Financial Statements for the General Fund, Street Fund, 911 Fund and Sewer
47 Fund were given to each Council Member. Mayor Stewart asked that each Council Member
48 review the financial statements and direct any questions to City Clerk/Treasurer Hembrey or
49 to him.
- 50 • City Clerk Hembrey gave a report on the Sales Tax Rebate Audit being performed by SALT
51 Group of Arkansas. Hembrey stated the sales taxes refunded to date were \$44,261.04 with
52 payments to SALT Group of \$14,438.43 giving a net refund of \$29,822.61 to date.
- 53 • A quote has been obtained from Hawkeye Enterprises, Inc. to repair potholes and overlay on
the east and west side of Shearer Foods on Campbell Street. Newport Economic
Development Commission has agreed to pay for ½ the cost.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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

44 Mayor Stewart stated the Ordinance was read in its entirety at the June 27, 2019 Meeting. Mayor
45 Stewart asked if there were any questions or remarks from the Council Members or members of the
46 audience. A member of the audience had questions so the Ordinance was read the 2nd time in its
47 entirety by Mayor Stewart. After discussion, a motion by Allen and second by Mansko to suspend
48 the rules and forego the 3rd reading of the Ordinance carried (7/0) with “yes” votes by May, Allen,
49 Green, Moss, Falwell, Mansko and Lake.

50 A motion by Allen and second by Falwell to adopt the Ordinance addressing the nuisance of blowing
51 grass clippings and yard waste into the streets and imposing penalties carried (7/0) with “yes” votes
52 by Moss, Lake, May, Green, Mansko, Falwell and Allen.
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54 A motion by Allen and second by May to approve the emergency clause carried (7/0) with “yes”
55 votes by Mansko, Moss, Allen, Lake, Green, Falwell and May.

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

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60 Mayor Stewart stated the Ordinance was read in its entirety at the June 27, 2019 Meeting. Mayor
61 Stewart asked if there were any questions or remarks from the Council Members or members of the
62 audience. No one responded. A motion by Allen and second by Moss to suspend the rules in their
63 entirety and forego the 2nd and 3rd readings of the Ordinance carried (7/0) with “yes” votes by Falwell,
64 Mansko, Lake, May, Allen, Moss and Green.

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66 A motion by Allen and second by Mansko to adopt the Ordinance waiving competitive bidding and
67 authorizing a contract with Specialized Outdoor Services for renovation of the High School Baseball
68 Field at George Kell Park carried (7/0) with “yes” votes by May, Lake, Moss, Mansko, Green,
69 Falwell and Allen.

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71 A motion by Allen and second by Moss to approve the emergency clause carried (7/0) with “yes”
72 votes by Green, Falwell, Lake, Allen, Mansko, Moss and May.

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74 Mayor Stewart stated the Newport School District has agreed to pay ½ of the cost of the renovation.

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76 **NEW BUSINESS:**

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78 **Resolution: United States Department of Agriculture Grant for Police Vehicle**

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80 Mayor Stewart read the Resolution in its entirety. A motion by Moss and second by Falwell to
81 authorize the acceptance of a grant for the purpose of providing a portion of the cost of acquiring,
82 constructing, enlarging, improving, and/or extending its police department vehicles and equipment
83 project to serve an area lawfully within its jurisdiction to serve carried (7/0) with “yes” votes by
84 Moss, May, Lake, Mansko, Green, Allen and Falwell.

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

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88 PASSED AND APPROVED THE 5TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2019

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MAYOR

92 ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK