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**CITY OF NEWPORT
REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
AUGUST 5, 2019**

13 The City Council of the City of Newport, Arkansas met in regular session Monday, August 5,
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, Regina Lake, Leroy Mansko,
17 Andy May, Julie Moss and Neal Pankey. City Attorney Rob Ratton was present. Council
18 Member Kathy Green was absent.

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

20 A motion by Lake and second by Moss to approve the minutes of the July 15, 2019 meeting
21 carried (6/0) with “yes” votes by Allen, Falwell, Lake, Mansko, May and Moss. Pankey
22 abstained due to being absent on July 15, 2019.

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35 **REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

36 Mayor Stewart had the following reports:

- 37 • The 2018 Sewer Audit was given to each Council Member. Mandy Walker, P.A. conducted
38 the audit. The audit report stated “In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above
39 present fairly, in all material respects, the modified cash basis financial position of the City of
40 Newport, Arkansas Sewer Department as of December 31, 2018 and 2017, and the respective
41 changes in modified cash basis financial position and modified cash basis cash flows for the
42 years then ended, in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting as described in
43 Note 1(B) to the financial statements.”
- 44 • The June 2019 Financial Statements for the Newport Airport Commission were given to each
45 Council Member. Mayor Stewart asked that each Council Member review the financial
46 statements and direct any questions to City Clerk/Treasurer Hembrey or to him.
- 47 • Sales Taxes received in July 2019 were City Sales Taxes - \$128,949, County Sales Taxes -
48 \$74,676 and NEDC Sales Taxes - \$64,475.

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52 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS: - NONE**

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72 **APPOINTMENTS TO CITY OF NEWPORT CITY BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION
FOR TERMS EXPIRING 8/30/2021**

- 73 • CHERRY JOHNSON
- 74 • EDDIE COOLEY
- 75 • RONNIE KAY ERWIN
- 76 • JOHNNY VICTORY
- 77 • JERRY CARLEW
- 78 • ROBERT NEWELL
- 79 • SHARON PANKEY
- 80 • JENNA AUSTIN
- 81 • BOBBIE MASSEY
- 82 • SUZANNE RUDD

52 Mayor Stewart gave an overview of a meeting with citizens of Newport asking to revitalize the City
53 of Newport City Beautiful Commission. After discussion, a motion by Lake and second by Falwell to
54 appoint Cherry Johnson to the Newport City Beautiful Commission with a term expiring 8/30/2021
55 carried (7/0) with “yes” votes by Mansko, Moss, Allen, Lake, Pankey, Falwell and May.

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57 A motion by Lake and second by Moss to appoint Eddie Cooley to the Newport City Beautiful
58 Commission with a term expiring 8/30/2021 carried (7/0) with “yes” votes by Falwell, Lake, Pankey,
59 Allen, Mansko, Moss and May.

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61 A motion by Falwell and second by Pankey to appoint Ronnie Kay Erwin to the Newport City
62 Beautiful Commission with a term expiring 8/30/2021 carried (7/0) with “yes” votes by Lake,
63 Falwell, Mansko, May, Allen, Moss and Pankey.

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65 A motion by Lake and second by Moss to appoint Johnny Victory to the Newport City Beautiful
66 Commission with a term expiring 8/30/2021 carried (7/0) with “yes” votes by Falwell, Pankey,
67 Mansko, Lake, May, Allen and Moss.

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69 A motion by Pankey and second by Falwell to appoint Jerry Carlew to the Newport City Beautiful
70 Commission with a term expiring 8/30/2021 carried (7/0) with “yes” votes by Allen, Mansko,
71 Pankey, Lake, May, Moss and Falwell.

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73 A motion by Moss and second by Falwell to appoint Robert Newell to the Newport City Beautiful
74 Commission with a term expiring 8/30/2021 carried (7/0) with “yes” votes by Moss, Lake, Pankey,
75 May, Mansko, Falwell and Allen.

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77 A motion by Falwell and second by Moss to appoint Sharon Pankey to the Newport City Beautiful
78 Commission with a term expiring 8/30/2021 carried (6/0) with “yes” votes by May, Lake, Moss,
79 Mansko, Falwell and Allen. Pankey abstained due to Sharon Pankey being his wife.

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81 A motion by Lake and second by Moss to appoint Jenna Austin to the Newport City Beautiful
82 Commission with a term expiring 8/30/2021 carried (7/0) with “yes” votes by Falwell, Pankey,
83 Mansko, Lake, May, Allen and Moss.

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85 A motion by Falwell and second by Moss to appoint Bobbie Massey to the Newport City Beautiful
86 Commission with a term expiring 8/30/2021 carried (7/0) with “yes” votes by May, Allen, Moss,
87 Falwell, Mansko, Pankey and Lake.

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89 A motion by Lake and second by Moss to appoint Suzanne Rudd to the Newport City Beautiful
90 Commission with a term expiring 8/30/2021 carried (7/0) with “yes” votes by Allen, Mansko,
91 Pankey, Lake, May, Moss and Falwell.

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93 **ORDINANCE: WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING TO PURCHASE USED 2013**
94 **FREIGHTLINER LEACH REARLOADER RECYCLE TRUCK**

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96 Mayor Stewart stated the 1998 International Rearloader Recycle Truck has become
97 inoperative. After discussion, City Attorney Ratton read the Ordinance in its entirety. A
98 motion by Pankey and second by Allen to suspend the rules and forego the 2nd and 3rd
99 readings in their entirety carried (7/0) with “yes” votes by Falwell, Lake, Pankey, Allen,
100 Mansko, Moss and May.

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102 A motion to accept the Ordinance made by Allen and seconded by Mansko waiving
103 competitive bidding to purchase a used 2013 Freightliner Leach Rearloader Recycle Truck
104 carried (7/0) with “yes” votes by Lake, Falwell, Mansko, May, Allen, Moss and Pankey.

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

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109 **RESOLUTION: AUTHORIZING CITY TO BORROW FUNDS FOR PURCHASE**
110 **PRICE FOR USED 2013 FREIGHTLINER LEACH REARLOADER RECYCLE**
111 **TRUCK**

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113 City Clerk/Treasurer Hembrey gave an overview of the current loans for equipment and
114 refurbishing of the fire station and future loans for needed equipment. After discussion, City
115 Attorney Ratton read the Resolution in its entirety. A motion by Allen and second by Pankey
116 to authorize the City to borrow funds for the purchase of a used 2013 Freightliner and
117 authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute any and all loan documents necessary carried
118 (7/0) with “yes” votes by May, Allen, Moss, Falwell, Mansko, Pankey and Lake.

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120 **RESOLUTION: AUTHORIZING CITY TO BORROW FUNDS FOR PURCHASE**
121 **PRICE FOR NEW 2019 FORD F-455 RESIDENTIAL GARBAGE TRUCK**

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123 Mayor Stewart stated the 2019 Ford Garbage Truck had been through the bidding process
124 and was a financed budgeted item on the 2019 Budget. City Attorney Ratton read the
125 Resolution in its entirety. A motion by Pankey and second by Mansko to approve the
126 Resolution authorizing the City to borrow the funds for a 2019 Ford Garbage Truck and
127 authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute any and all loan documents necessary carried
128 (7/0) with “yes” votes by Moss, Lake, Pankey, May, Mansko, Falwell and Allen.

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130 **RESOLUTION: GRÄNGES AMERICAS TAX CREDITS, JON CHADWELL TO**
131 **ADDRESS COUNCIL**

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133 Mayor Stewart stated Jon Chadwell could not be present, therefore this item would be
134 postponed until a later date.

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136 **GOOD OF THE CITY**

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138 Items discussed included not having air conditioners in certain sanitation trucks and the reasons, lack
139 of dependable employees, and the scheduling of routes for garbage and limb trucks.

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

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143 PASSED AND APPROVED THE 19TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2019

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ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK