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

13 The City Council of the City of Newport, Arkansas met in regular session Tuesday,  
14 September 3, 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, Kathy Green, Regina Lake, Leroy Mansko,  
17 Andy May, Julie Moss and Neal Pankey. City Attorney Rob Ratton was present. Council  
18 Member Carol Falwell was absent.

19 Following the invocation by Regina Lake, those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

20 A motion by Allen and second by Moss to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2019  
21 meeting carried (5/0) with “yes” votes by Allen, Green, Lake, May and Moss. Mansko and  
22 Pankey abstained due to being absent on August 19, 2019.

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35 **REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

36 Mayor Stewart had the following reports:

- 37 • The July 2019 Financial Statements for the Newport Airport Commission were given to each  
38 Council Member. Mayor Stewart asked that each Council Member review the financial  
39 statements and direct any questions to Jim Martin, City Clerk/Treasurer Hembrey or to him.
- 40 • Renovation of the Newport High School Baseball Field in George Kell Park is almost  
41 complete. A new piece of equipment will be discussed at the next meeting to properly  
42 maintain the field.
- 43 • Mayor Stewart welcomed Kerry Tharpe, the new Public Works Director.
- 44 • The 1989 International tractor truck used to haul waste to the landfill with 1,220,000 miles  
45 became totally inoperable and too expensive to repair. Due to the immediate need a 2000  
46 International tractor truck was purchased for \$16,250. A motion by Lake and second by  
47 Allen to approve the purchase carried (7/0) with “yes” votes by Allen, Green, Lake, Mansko,  
48 May, Moss and Pankey.

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52 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS: - NONE**

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101 **NEW BUSINESS:**

102 **AWARD PRESENTATION FOR DR. GUILFORD AND RETHA DUDLEY**

103 Jennifer Reaves and Sonia Nix with the Arkansas Tobacco Control Coalition presented an  
104 appreciation plaque to Dr. and Mrs. Guilford Dudley for their hard work for tobacco  
105 prevention.

106 **ORDINANCE: REZONING LOTS 3-10, BLOCK 10, HOLDEN-BIGGADIKE**  
107 **ADDITION TO R-2 FROM R-1**

108 After discussion, City Attorney Ratton read the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of the Ordinance in its entirety.  
109 This item will be on the agenda for the next Council Meeting.

52 **RESOLUTION: AD VALOREM TAX**

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54 Mayor Stewart stated that the annual notification to the Jackson County Clerk’s Office for  
55 the taxes of 2019 to be paid in 2020 in accordance with statute 26-73-202 was due. The  
56 taxes will remain the same five (5) Mills for General Fund and one (1) Mill for Firemen’s  
57 Pension Fund. City Attorney Rattton read the Ad Valorem Tax Resolution in its entirety. A  
58 motion by Moss and second by Lake to adopt the Resolution carried (7/0) with “yes” votes  
59 by Green, Allen, May, Pankey, Mansko, Moss and Lake.

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62 **RESOLUTION: CONSIDER THE SALE OF PROPERTY AND BUILDING AT 321**  
63 **THIRD STREET (OLD DHS BUILDING)**

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65 Mayor Stewart stated the property was given to the City by Jackson County for a museum for  
66 the Rock ‘n Roll Highway memorabilia and other items. Plans have changed for the museum  
67 and the property is no longer needed. The property is in need of a lot of renovation. Mayor  
68 Stewart spoke to County Judge Phillips and the County does not have any need for the  
69 property. Mayor Stewart stated GoGo Real Estate, LLC has offered to buy the property for  
70 \$8,000 to convert the property into studio apartments after proper zoning. A Resolution  
71 authorizing the sale of the property to GoGo Real Estate, LLC for \$8,000 was read in its  
72 entirety by City Attorney Rattton. A motion by Lake and second by Moss to adopt the  
73 Resolution authorizing the sale of 321 Third Street to GoGo Real Estate, LLC carried (7/0)  
74 with “yes” votes by Moss, Allen, Mansko, May, Pankey, Green and Lake.

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

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78 PASSED AND APPROVED THE 16<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2019

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MAYOR

82 ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK