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**CITY OF NEWPORT
REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
OCTOBER 21, 2019**

13 The City Council of the City of Newport, Arkansas met in regular session Monday, October 21, 2019 in the chambers of the Municipal Courtroom.

14 Mayor Stewart called the meeting to order. City Clerk/Treasurer Hembrey called the roll. Council members present were Michael Allen, Kathy Green, Regina Lake, Leroy Mansko, Andy May, Julie Moss and Neal Pankey. City Attorney Rob Ratton was present. Council Member Carol Falwell was absent.

15 Following the invocation by Julie Moss, those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

16 A motion by Lake and second by Moss to approve the minutes of the October 7, 2019 meeting carried (5/0) with “yes” votes by Allen, Lake, Moss, Pankey and Mayor Stewart. Green, Mansko and May abstained due to being absent on October 7, 2019.

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19 **REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

20 Mayor Stewart had the following reports:

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- 22 • The September 2019 Financial Statements for the General Fund, Street Fund, 911 Fund and
 - 23 Sewer Fund were given to each Council Member. Mayor Stewart asked that each Council
 - 24 Member review the financial statements and direct any questions to City Clerk/Treasurer
 - 25 Hembrey or to him.
 - 26 • Newport School has requested the Softball Field be resurfaced with the school sharing the
 - 27 cost. The cost of the project is estimated to be around \$12,000 with the City and Newport
 - 28 School each paying half.
 - 29 • The budget process is well underway.
 - 30 • Mayor Stewart will be attending a MHBF Directors Meeting in Little Rock on Tuesday,
 - 31 October 29, 2019.
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33 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS: - NONE**

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35 **NEW BUSINESS:**

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37 **RESOLUTION: STATE AID CITY STREET PROJECT**

38 Mayor Stewart stated the project is for resurfacing of parts of Dill, Congress, Eubanks,
39 Hines, Warner, Harwood, Ray, Fairway and South Cedar Streets. The project is scheduled to
40 begin in the spring. City Attorney Ratton read the Resolution in its entirety. A motion by
41 Moss and second by Green to accept the Resolution expressing the willingness of the City of
42 Newport to utilize state aid street monies for the project carried (7/0) with “yes” votes by
43 Pankey, May, Lake, Moss, Mansko, Green and Allen.

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45 **ORDINANCE: WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND AUTHORIZING**
46 **PURCHASE OF THE ONE EIGHT PHASE TRAFFIC LIGHT ASSEMBLY AND**
47 **ONE VIDEO PROCESSOR FOR TRAFFIC LIGHT ON HIGHWAY 367 NORTH AT**
48 **CENTRAL FIRE STATION**

49 Mayor Stewart stated the traffic light at the Central Fire Station was damaged during a storm
50 and needed to be repaired. City Attorney Ratton read the Ordinance, waiving competitive
51 bidding, in its entirety. A motion by Allen and second by Mansko to suspend the rules and

52 forego the 2nd and 3rd readings in their entirety carried (7/0) with “yes” votes by Allen,
53 Mansko, Pankey, Lake, May, Green and Moss.

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55 A motion by Pankey and second by Allen to adopt the Ordinance authorizing the waiving of
56 competitive bidding for the repair of the traffic light at Central Fire Station carried (7/0) with
57 “yes” votes by Green, Lake, Pankey, Allen, Mansko, Moss and May.

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

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

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64 PASSED AND APPROVED THE 4TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2019

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MAYOR

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ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK