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**CITY OF NEWPORT
REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
DECEMBER 2, 2019**

13 The City Council of the City of Newport, Arkansas met in regular session Monday,
14 December 2, 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, Julie Moss and Neal Pankey. City Attorney Rob Ratton was
18 present.

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

20 A motion by Falwell and second by Allen to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2019
21 meeting carried (7/0) with “yes” votes by Allen, Falwell, Green, Mansko, May, Moss and
22 Pankey. Lake arrived after the vote.

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REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

39 Mayor Stewart had the following reports:

- 40 • The October 2019 Financial Statements for the Newport Airport Commission were given to
41 each Council Member. Mayor Stewart asked that each Council Member review the financial
42 statements and direct any questions to City Clerk/Treasurer Hembrey or to him.
- 43 • A letter from Governor Hutchinson announcing the award of a matching grant in the amount
44 of \$10,001 for the installation of impact surface and ramps at existing playgrounds,
45 installation of a wheelchair swing, and improvements to the ballfield at Normandy,
46 Lockwood, and George Kell Parks was given to each member.
- 47 • Bi-weekly payrolls normally have 26 pay periods; however, every 11th year an extra pay
48 period occurs. The extra pay period for the City occurs in 2019. An amended 2019 budget
49 will be presented at the next Council Meeting to reflect this extra pay period and other
50 changes.
- Sales Taxes received in November 2019 were City Sales Taxes - \$128,726, County Sales
Taxes - \$79,735 and NEDC Sales Taxes - \$64,363.
- A letter from Martin Steward, WWTP Superintendent, to Wayne Menley stating the Newport
Wastewater Treatment Plant will accept wastewater from the John 3:17 facilities with billing
being done the same as for Robinson-Erwin Addition was given to each member.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: - NONE

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**Ordinance Waiving Competitive Bidding and Authorizing Contract with Carl Baldwin
Construction Co., Inc. (Sewer Department)**

Mayor Stewart recognized Martin Steward, Superintendent of the Wastewater Treatment
Plant. Superintendent Steward gave an informative overview of the project. City Attorney
Ratton read the Ordinance in its entirety authorizing a contract with Carl Baldwin
Construction, Inc. and waiving competitive bidding for this project. A motion by Allen and
second by Mansko to suspend the rules and forego the 2nd and 3rd readings of the Ordinance

51 carried (8/0) with “yes” votes by Mansko, Falwell, Green, Lake, Moss, Allen, Pankey and
52 May.

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54 A motion by Pankey and second by Allen to accept the Ordinance carried (8/0) with “yes”
55 votes by Moss, Allen, Mansko, May, Falwell, Pankey, Green and Lake.

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57 A motion by May and second by Pankey to approve the emergency clause carried (8/0) with
58 “yes” votes by Green, Allen, May, Falwell, Pankey, Mansko, Moss and Lake.

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60 **Resolution: Review and Approval of 2020 Newport Economic Development**

61 **Commission Budget**

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63 The Council reviewed the proposed 2020 Newport Economic Development Commission
64 Budget. City Attorney Ratton read the Resolution in its entirety. A motion by Allen and
65 second by Pankey to accept the Resolution acknowledging the review and approval of the
66 2020 Budget of the Newport Economic Development Commission carried (8/0) with “yes”
67 votes by May, Green, Pankey, Moss, Lake, Falwell, Allen and Mansko.

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69 **Resolution: Review and Approval of 2020 Newport Airport Commission Budget**

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71 The Council reviewed the proposed 2020 Newport Airport Commission Budget. City
72 Attorney Ratton read the Resolution in its entirety. A motion by Moss and second by May to
73 accept the Resolution acknowledging the review and approval of the 2020 Budget of the
74 Newport Airport Commission carried (8/0) with “yes” votes by Pankey, Moss, Green, Allen,
75 May, Falwell, Lake and Mansko.

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77 **Proposed 2020 City Budget**

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79 Mayor Stewart gave a detailed review of the proposed 2020 revenues and 2020 expenses by
80 each department and answered questions from the Council. After discussion, City Attorney
81 Ratton read the Resolution in its entirety. A motion by Pankey and second by Falwell to
82 approve the proposed 2020 Newport City Budget carried (8/0) with “yes” votes by Falwell,
83 May, Green, Moss, Pankey, Allen, Mansko and Lake.

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

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87 PASSED AND APPROVED THE 16TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2019

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MAYOR

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CITY CLERK