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**CITY OF NEWPORT
REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
DECEMBER 16, 2019**

13 The City Council of the City of Newport, Arkansas met in regular session Monday,
14 December 16, 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 Julie Moss, those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

20 A motion by Falwell and second by Moss to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2019
21 meeting carried (8/0) with “yes” votes by Allen, Falwell, Green, Lake, Mansko, May, Moss
22 and Pankey.

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REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

28 Mayor Stewart had the following reports:

- 29 • The Corp of Engineers notified Mayor Stewart that the White River at Newport will be held
30 to approximately 20.5 feet until late spring. Mayor Stewart stated with the White River at
31 20.5 feet, any additional rain will have to be pumped out of the City.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS: - NONE

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NEW BUSINESS:

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**Consider Appointment of Kathy Robinson to Newport Housing Authority Board of
Commissioners to Fill Unexpired Term of Charlene Heatherly (Term Expiring 5/1/21)**

47 Mayor Stewart stated the Newport Housing Authority had submitted Kathy Robinson’s name
48 for consideration to fill the unexpired term of Charlene Heatherly. A motion by Allen and
49 second by Mansko to appoint Kathy Robinson to the Newport Housing Authority Board of
50 Commissioners with a term expiring 5/1/21 carried (8/0) with “yes” votes by Mansko,
Falwell, Green, Lake, Moss, Allen, Pankey and May.

**Ordinance: Setting Annual Salary for City Clerk/Treasurer and City Attorney for
2020**

Mayor Stewart stated that the 2020 City Clerk/Treasurer’s and City Attorney’s salaries had
been approved with the 2020 Budget Resolution, but Arkansas Code Ann. 14-43-313
requires these two salaries be authorized by Ordinance. City Attorney Rob Ratton read the
Ordinance in its entirety.

A motion by Pankey and second by Allen to suspend the rules and forego the 2nd and 3rd
readings in their entirety carried (8/0) with “yes” votes by Pankey, May, Lake, Moss,
Mansko, Green, Falwell and Allen.

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

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54 **Resolution: 2019 Amended City Budget**

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56 Mayor Stewart presented the Proposed 2019 Amended City Budget. Mayor Stewart stated
57 that every 11 years bi-weekly payrolls have 27 pay periods rather than the normal 26 pay
58 periods. The amended budget has the extra pay period along with other changes. After
59 discussion, City Attorney Ratton read the Resolution in its entirety. A motion by Moss and
60 second by Falwell to accept the Amended 2019 City Budget carried (8/0) with “yes” votes by
61 Falwell, Pankey, Green, Moss, May, Mansko, Lake and Allen.

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63 **ACT Work Ready Community Presentation by Jon Chadwell, Executive Director of**
64 **Newport Economic Development Commission**

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66 Mayor Stewart recognized Jon Chadwell, Executive Director of Newport Economic
67 Development Commission. Chadwell gave a very informative overview of the ACT Work
68 Ready Program and the benefits of being a certified ACT Work Ready Community.

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

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72 PASSED AND APPROVED THE 6TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2020

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CITY CLERK