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**CITY OF NEWPORT
REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
AUGUST 3, 2020**

10 The City Council of the City of Newport, Arkansas met in regular session Monday, August 3, 2020 in
11 the lobby of the Municipal Building. Seating was placed approximately 6 feet apart due to the Covid-
12 19 Pandemic. Regular Council Meetings are being held on the first Monday of the month due to the
13 Covid-19 Pandemic.

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

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

19 A motion by Lake and second by Green to approve the minutes of the July 6, 2020 meeting carried
20 (6/0) with “yes” votes by Allen, Falwell, Green, Lake, May and Pankey. Leroy Mansko abstained
21 due to being absent on July 6, 2020.

22 **REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

23 Mayor Stewart had the following reports:

- 24 • The June 2020 Financial Statements for the General Fund, Street Fund, 911 Fund, Sewer
25 Fund and the Newport Airport Commission were given to each Council Member. Mayor
26 Stewart asked that each Council Member review the financial statements and direct any
27 questions to City Clerk/Treasurer Hembrey or to him.
- 28 • Sales Taxes received in July 2020 were City Sales Taxes - \$154,154, County Sales Taxes -
29 \$90,346 and NEDC Sales Taxes - \$77,077.
- 30 • Police Chief Allen Edwards gave an overview of the current Ordinance concerning the use of
31 golf carts on City streets. Chief Edwards gave an informative overview of his research on the
32 usage of golf carts by other communities. After discussion, an Ordinance will be presented to
33 the Council for consideration for allowing golf carts on the residential City streets by
34 individuals 16 years of age and older with current driver’s license and liability insurance on
35 the golf cart. A proposed Ordinance will be presented at the September 8, 2020 Council
36 Meeting.

37 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

38 **ORDINANCE CHANGING NAME OF JONES STREET TO W.F. BRANCH WAY**

39 Mayor Stewart stated the second reading of the Ordinance changing the name of Jones Street to W.F.
40 Branch Way would be read tonight and the third and final reading would be done at the September 8,
41 2020 Council Meeting. City Attorney Pettie read the second reading of the Ordinance in its entirety.
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44 **NEW BUSINESS:**

45 **REAPPOINT SHANE GRADY TO NEWPORT HOUSING AUTHORITY BOARD**
46 **OF COMMISSIONERS FOR TERM EXPIRING 5/1/25**

47 Mayor Stewart presented a letter from the Newport Housing Authority requesting the Council
48 reappoint Shane Grady to the Newport Housing Authority Board of Commissioners.
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51 A motion by Pankey and second by Lake to reappoint Shane Grady to the Newport Housing
52 Authority Board of Commissioners with a term expiring 5/1/2025 carried (7/0) with “yes” votes by
53 Lake, May, Mansko, Falwell, Pankey Allen and Green.
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55 **ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 1186 TO AUTHORIZE ADDITIONAL**
56 **AMOUNT TO BE PAID TO CAPITAL INFRASTRUCTURE OF ARKANSAS FOR**
57 **SEWER LINE REPAIR**

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59 Mayor Stewart stated during the repairs for the Cross Drive and Village Drive project it was
60 discovered an additional manhole had collapsed and approximately 300 feet of pipe was non-existent.
61 Due to the urgency of the needed repairs Capital Infrastructure of Arkansas was authorized to make
62 those repairs. Mayor Stewart stated that Ordinance 1186 needed amending to include the cost of
63 those repairs. City Attorney Pettie read the Ordinance amending Ordinance 1186 in its entirety.
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65 A motion by Allen and second by Falwell to suspend the rules in their entirety and forego the 2nd and
66 3rd readings of the Ordinance carried (7/0) with “yes” votes by Mansko, Falwell, Green, Lake, Allen,
67 Pankey and May.
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69 A motion by Allen and second by Mansko to accept the Ordinance carried (7/0) with “yes” votes by
70 May, Green, Pankey, Lake, Falwell, Allen and Mansko.
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72 A motion by May and second by Allen to approve the emergency clause carried (7/0) with “yes”
73 votes by Pankey, Green, May, Lake, Mansko, Allen and Falwell.
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75 **ORDINANCE WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND AUTHORIZING**
76 **PURCHASE OF USED 2017 FORD F-150 TRUCK FOR PUBLIC WORKS**
77 **DIRECTOR**

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79 Mayor Stewart stated that bidding out a used vehicle is very difficult. City Attorney Pettie read the
80 Ordinance waiving competitive bidding for a used 2017 Ford F-150 in its entirety.
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82 A motion by Allen and second by Falwell to suspend the rules in their entirety and forego the 2nd and
83 3rd readings of the Ordinance carried (7/0) with “yes” votes by Pankey, Green, Allen, May, Falwell,
84 Lake and Mansko.
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87 Allen, Green, Lake, Mansko, Pankey, Falwell and May.
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90 votes by Falwell, Pankey, Green, May, Mansko, Lake and Allen.
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92 **GOOD OF THE CITY**

93 Council Member Pankey inquired about the cleanup on the house that burnt on Brandenburg. Mayor
94 Stewart stated the new owner is planning on cleaning up the debris in the very near future.
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96 With no further business before the Council, the meeting was adjourned.
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98 PASSED AND APPROVED THE 8TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2020
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101 MAYOR

102 ATTEST:
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105 CITY CLERK