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**CITY OF NEWPORT
REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 2, 2020**

10 The City Council of the City of Newport, Arkansas met in regular session Monday,
11 November 2, 2020 in the chambers of the Municipal Courtroom. Seating was placed
12 approximately 6 feet apart due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. Regular Council Meetings are
13 being held once a month due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

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

18 Following the invocation by Andy May, those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

19 A motion by Allen and second by Mansko to approve the minutes of the October 5, 2020
20 meeting carried (7/0) with “yes” votes by Allen, Green, Lake, Mansko, May, Moss and
21 Pankey.

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REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

24 Mayor Stewart had the following reports:

- 25 • Police Chief Edwards reported that Sergeant Eubanks was awarded the “Naloxone Life
26 Saving Award” for recognizing a suspect’s drug overdose, administering Narcan and calling
27 EMS to transport to hospital.
- 28 • Police Chief Edwards stated all the police officers will be participating in the “No Shave –
29 November”. The police officers give \$30 each and for the month of November will not
30 shave. These funds will then be used to help a family for Christmas.
- 31 • The August and September 2020 Financial Statements for the Newport Airport Commission
32 were given to each Council Member. Mayor Stewart asked that each Council Member
33 review the financial statements and direct any questions to City Clerk/Treasurer Hembrey or
34 to him.
- 35 • The September 2020 Financial Statements for the General Fund, Street Fund, 911 Fund and
36 Sewer Fund were given to each Council Member. Mayor Stewart asked that each Council
37 Member review the financial statements and direct any questions to City Clerk/Treasurer
38 Hembrey or to him. The proposed department budgets have been turned in and are in the
39 process of being reviewed.
- 40 • The Newport Airport Commission has appointed Tommy Sanders as the Airport Manager.
- 41 • Mayor Stewart received a letter from the Arkansas Department of Transportation stating that
42 the light at Third and Walnut Streets was no longer warranted according to the manual of
43 uniformed traffic control devices therefore ARDOT will install permanent stop signs on
44 Walnut Street. The flashing yellow light will remain for 90 days. Walnut Street will become
45 one way from Highway 367 to Second Street.
- 46 • Mayor Stewart stated that in the Proposed 2021 Budget a new freightliner garbage truck will
47 be requested. Mayor Stewart asked the Council to consider allowing him to order the
48 proposed 2020 garbage truck, under the State Purchase Plan, from Henard Utility Products,
49 Inc. Ordering the truck will allow the delivery to be in February or March and be locked in at
50 a lower price. After discussion, a motion by Allen and second by Lake to allow Mayor
51 Stewart to order, from Henard Utility Products, Inc., a 2020 garbage truck that will be
52 budgeted on the Proposed 2021 Budget carried (7/0) with “yes” votes by May, Green,
Pankey, Moss, Lake, Allen and Mansko.

- 53 • Sales Taxes received in October 2020 were City Sales Taxes - \$143,799, County Sales Taxes
54 - \$88,751 and NEDC Sales Taxes - \$71,899.
55 • Council Member Mansko inquired about the request by a citizen to remove the fence on
56 Calhoun Circle. After discussion, the fence will remain.

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58 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

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60 **REVISED GOLF CART ORDINANCE CONSIDERATION**

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62 Mayor Stewart stated the 3rd Proposed Golf Cart Ordinance had the changes discussed in the
63 October 5th Council Meeting. City Attorney Pettie read the 1st reading of the Ordinance in its
64 entirety.

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66 **NEW BUSINESS:**

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68 **REAPPOINTMENTS TO THE NEWPORT PLANNING COMMISSION**

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- 70 • THOMAS CROSSLIN (TERM EXP. JULY 2023)
71 • CHARLES JARVIS (TERM EXP. JULY 2023)
72 • MARY BRATCHER REID (TERM EXP. JULY 2023)

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74 Mayor Stewart stated Thomas Crosslin, Charles Jarvis and Mary Reid had expressed their
75 willingness to be reappointed to the Newport Planning Commission. A motion by Allen and
76 second by Mansko to reappoint Thomas Crosslin with a term expiring July 2023 to the
77 Newport Planning Commission carried (7/0) with “yes” votes by Pankey, Moss, Green,
78 Allen, May, Lake and Mansko.

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80 A motion by Moss and second by Lake to reappoint Charles Jarvis with a term expiring July
81 2023 to the Newport Planning Commission carried (7/0) with “yes” votes by Lake, May,
82 Moss, Mansko, Pankey, Allen and Green.

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84 A motion by Lake and second by May to reappoint Mary Bratcher Reid with a term expiring
85 July 2023 to the Newport Planning Commission carried (7/0) with “yes” votes by Mansko,
86 Green, Lake, Moss, Allen, Pankey and May.

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88 Mayor Stewart stated there are still three open positions on the Commission. Mayor Stewart
89 asked that the Council bring any possible candidate’s names to him.

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

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93 PASSED AND APPROVED THE 7TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2020

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MAYOR

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CITY CLERK