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3 **CITY OF NEWPORT**
4 **REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL**
5 **JANUARY 4, 2021**

6 The City Council of the City of Newport, Arkansas met in regular session Monday, January
7 4, 2021 in the chambers of the Municipal Courtroom. Seating was placed approximately 6
8 feet apart due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. Regular Council Meetings are being held once a
9 month due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

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11 Mayor Stewart called the meeting to order. City Clerk/Treasurer Hembrey called the roll.
12 Council members present were Michael Allen, Kathy Green, Donny Ivie, Regina Lake,
13 Leroy Mansko, Andy May and Julie Moss. City Attorney John Pettie was present. Council
14 Member Carol Falwell was absent due to being in Covid-19 quarantine.

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

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18 Mayor Stewart welcomed the newest member of the City Council – Donny Ivie.

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

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23 **REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

24 Mayor Stewart had the following reports:

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26 • Mayor Stewart presented proof of publication in the Jonesboro Sun and the
27 handwritten bid tabulation for a new 2020 GMC Pickup Truck for the Fire Chief. Bid
28 opening was conducted at 10 a.m. January 4th. Only one bid was received:
29 ○ George Kell Motors, Inc. of Newport bid \$31,877 for a white new 2020 GMC
30 Pickup Truck
31 A motion by Moss and second by Green to accept the bid of \$31,877 from George
32 Kell Motors, Inc. for a new 2020 GMC Pickup Truck for the Fire Chief carried (7/0)
33 with “yes” votes by Ivie, Moss, Green, Allen, May, Lake and Mansko.
34 • Mayor Stewart stated the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) expired
35 on 12/31/2020. After discussion, the Council asked that a Resolution be presented,
36 continuing the FFCRA through March 31, 2021, at the next Council Meeting.
37 • Mayor Stewart recognized Chairman Jim McLarty of the Newport Airport
38 Commission. Mr. McLarty gave an overview of the 2021 Airport Commission
39 Proposed Budget. This budget will be presented to the Commission for approval at
40 the January Newport Airport Commission Meeting.
41 • The November 2020 Financial Statements for the Newport Airport Commission were
42 given to each Council Member. Mayor Stewart asked that each Council Member
43 review the financial statements and direct any questions to City Clerk/Treasurer
44 Hembrey or to him.
45 • Sales Taxes received in December 2020 were City Sales Taxes - \$144,173 County
46 Sales Taxes - \$87,560 and NEDC Sales Taxes - \$72,086.

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48 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS: - NONE**
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51 **NEW BUSINESS:**

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53 **ORGANIZATION OF CITY COUNCIL ACA §14-43-501**

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55 Mayor Stewart stated that ACA 14-43-501 requires that the Council assemble and organize
56 the governing body annually in January. Mayor Stewart asked if the Council had any
57 changes to the current organization of the Council. After discussion, a motion by Moss and
58 second by Mansko to keep the current organization and elect Council Member Michael Allen
59 to be the President Pro Tempore carried (6/0) with “yes” votes by May, Green, Ivie, Moss,
60 Lake and Mansko. Council Member Allen abstained.

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62 **ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ANNUAL 2021 SALARIES FOR CITY**
63 **CLERK/TREASURER AND CITY ATTORNEY**

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65 Mayor Stewart stated that the 2021 City Clerk/Treasurer’s and City Attorney’s salaries had
66 been approved with the 2021 Budget Resolution, however, Arkansas Code Ann. 14-43-313
67 requires these two salaries be authorized by Ordinance. City Attorney John Pettie read the
68 Ordinance in its entirety.

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70 A motion by Lake and second by Green to suspend the rules and forego the 2nd and 3rd
71 readings in their entirety carried (7/0) with “yes” votes by Moss, Ivie, Green, May, Lake,
72 Mansko and Allen.

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74 A motion by Mansko and second by Moss to accept the Ordinance carried (7/0) with “yes”
75 votes by Mansko, Green, Lake, Moss, Allen, Ivie and May.

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

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79 PASSED AND APPROVED THE 1ST DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2021

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MAYOR

83 ATTEST:

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86 CITY CLERK