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CITY OF NEWPORT
REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
JUNE 7, 2021

9 The City Council of the City of Newport, Arkansas met in regular session Monday,
10 June 7, 2021 in the chambers of the Municipal Courtroom. Regular Council
11 Meetings are being held once a month due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

12 Mayor Stewart called the meeting to order. City Clerk/Treasurer Hembrey called the
13 roll. Council members present were Michael Allen, Carol Falwell, Kathy Green,
14 Donny Ivie, Regina Lake, Andy May and Julie Moss. Council Member Leroy
15 Manko and City Attorney John Pettie were absent.

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

18 A motion by Allen and second by Moss to approve the minutes of the May 3, 2021
19 Meeting carried (5/0) with “yes” votes by Allen, Green, Ivie, May, and Moss.
20 Falwell and Lake abstained due to being absent on May 3, 2021.

21 **REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

22 Mayor Stewart had the following reports:

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- 24 • The April 2021 Financial Statements for the General Fund, Street Fund, 911
25 Fund, Sewer Fund and Newport Airport Commission were given to each
26 Council Member. Mayor Stewart asked that each Council Member review the
27 financial statements and direct any questions to City Clerk/Treasurer Hembrey
28 or to him.
 - 29 • Sales Taxes received in May 2021 were City Sales Taxes - \$172,291 County
30 Sales Taxes - \$101,470 and NEDC Sales Taxes - \$86,145.
 - 31 • The appointed Branch Park Committee suggested the City replace the swing
32 set seats, paint the existing basketball goal backboards, continue to keep the
33 Park mowed weather permitting, repaint the lines on the existing basketball
34 courts, remove a large tile placed in the Park by a citizen and put 2 port-a-
35 potties in the Park with the understanding that if they are destroyed the City
36 will pay for them but will not replace in the future. The Council agreed with
37 the suggestions.
 - 38 • Council Member Falwell stated Grant Black has been called up to the
39 Memphis Red Birds. The Council and Officials of Newport voiced
40 congratulations to Grant Black.
 - 41 • Council Member Allen inquired about the wreck that occurred at the 4 way
42 stop at Highway 17 and Walker Drive. Mayor Stewart reported that he had
43 requested a rumble strip on Highway 17 West about 6 weeks ago. Mayor
44 Stewart stated he had contacted Mr. Scott, with the Highway Department, and
45 Mr. Scott will check on the former request and report back to him.

- 46 • Council Member Allen asked how the signs for directions on Highway 14 was
47 coming along. Mayor Stewart stated he had asked the Highway Department
48 to place direction signs and has not heard back from them but he would check
49 with them.
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51 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS: - NONE**

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53 **NEW BUSINESS:**

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55 **FRANCHISE AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY AND WHITE RIVER EMS,**
56 **INC. FROM 7/1/21 – 7/1/26**

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58 Mayor Stewart stated the franchise agreement with White River EMS, Inc. will expire
59 on July 1, 2021. A franchise agreement between the City of Newport and White
60 River EMS, Inc. for a period of 5 years was presented to each Council Member.
61 Mayor Stewart stated the agreement presented is the same as previous with only the
62 time period changed. After discussion, a motion by Falwell and a second by Green to
63 authorize the franchise agreement with a term of 7/1/2021 through 7/1/2026 carried
64 (7/0) with “yes” votes by Green, Ivie, Lake, May, Falwell, Allen and Moss.
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66 **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO SUBMIT GRANT**
67 **APPLICATION TO ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, HERITAGE**
68 **AND TOURISM**

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70 Mayor Stewart presented a site plan and floor plan from Miller Newell Engineers,
71 Inc. for a new concession stand and restrooms at George Kell Park with an estimated
72 cost of approximately \$340,000. The Department of Parks, Heritage and Tourism’s
73 Outdoor Recreation 50/50 Matching Grant is needed to assist in the funding of this
74 project with funds from the Advertising and Promotion Tax for the matching funds.
75 After discussion, the Resolution was read in its entirety by Mayor Stewart. A motion
76 by Allen and second by May to authorize the Mayor to submit an application to the
77 Department of Parks, Heritage and Tourism carried (7/0) with “yes” votes by Falwell,
78 Ivie, Lake, May, Allen, Moss and Green.
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80 **CONSIDER REPAVING CONTRACT WITH HAWKEYE ENTERPRISES,**
81 **INC.**

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83 Mayor Stewart stated due to the harsh winter our streets are in need of repairs. Mayor
84 Stewart presented a cost proposal for overlay on portions of McClarty, Live Oak,
85 Hout, Cherokee, Williams, Golf Course entry Road, Third, Vine, Cedar, Congress
86 and Kimberly Streets. Mayor Stewart stated the proposed areas are considered the
87 worst areas needing repairs at this time with funds available. A motion by Allen and
88 second by Falwell to approve the proposed contract 181101 with Hawkeye
89 Enterprises, Inc for the stated locations carried (7/0) with “yes” votes by Ivie, Lake,
90 Falwell, May, Allen, Green and Moss.

91 **GOOD OF THE CITY**

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93 City Clerk Hembrey gave an overview of the information requested by the
94 Department of Finance and Administration and the Treasury Department for the
95 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Hembrey stated the Municipal League will hold
96 meetings online on Wednesdays to relay any guidance obtained by the League from
97 the Treasury Department on the ARPA requirements for documentation, reporting
98 and funds usage.

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100 After discussion, the Council Meetings will return to the first and third Monday night
101 of the month beginning in July.

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

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105 PASSED AND APPROVED THE 6th DAY OF JULY, 2021

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ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK