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**CITY OF NEWPORT
REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
JULY 6, 2021**

5 The City Council of the City of Newport, Arkansas met in regular session Tuesday, July 6,
6 2021 in the chambers of the Municipal Courtroom. Regular Council Meetings are being held
7 once a month due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

9 Mayor Stewart called the meeting to order. City Clerk/Treasurer Hembrey called the roll.
10 Council members present were Michael Allen, Carol Falwell, Regina Lake, Leroy Mansko,
11 Andy May and Julie Moss. City Attorney John Pettie was also present. Council Members
12 Kathy Green and Donny Ivie were absent.

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

16 A motion by Moss and second by Lake to approve the minutes of the June 7, 2021 Meeting
17 carried (5/0) with “yes” votes by Allen, Falwell, Lake, May, and Moss. Mansko abstained
18 due to being absent on June 7, 2021.

20 After discussion, the general consensus of the Council is to continue once a month Council
21 Meetings due to a rise in Covid-19 cases.

23 **REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

24 Mayor Stewart had the following reports:

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- 26 • The May 2021 Financial Statements for the General Fund, Street Fund, 911 Fund, Sewer
27 Fund and Newport Airport Commission were given to each Council Member. Mayor
28 Stewart asked that each Council Member review the financial statements and direct
29 any questions to City Clerk/Treasurer Hembrey or to him.
 - 30 • USDA has confirmed a \$49,000 police vehicle and equipment grant for the one of the
31 two Chevrolet Tahoes in the 2021 Budget.
 - 32 • Sales Taxes received in June 2021 were City Sales Taxes - \$162,220, County Sales
33 Taxes - \$93,687 and NEDC Sales Taxes - \$81,110.
 - 34 • The Advertising and Promotion Commission has approved projects such as new
35 bleachers and scoreboard at George Kell Park, downtown events, Joe and Helen
36 Harris Foundation projects with the funds from the A&P Tax.
 - 37 • Early voting for the continuation of the ½ cent sales tax for Newport Economic and
38 Development started today July 6th and goes through July 12th. The election poll is
39 located at the Mall. Mayor Stewart stated “Please exercise your right to vote – Go
40 vote.”

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42 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

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44 **DISCUSSION ON TRAFFIC LIGHT SYSTEM AT THIRD AND WALNUT STREET**

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46 The Arkansas Highway Department conducted a study on the traffic light at Third and
47 Walnut in February 2021, which stated the light was not needed. Barriers and signs were
48 placed making Walnut Street from Second Street to Third Street One-Way. Mayor Stewart
49 and several Council Members stated they had received a number of calls requesting the
50 traffic light system at Third and Walnut Street be repaired. Mayor Stewart stated he had

51 spoken to the Arkansas Highway Department again and they will allow the City to repair the
52 traffic light; however, they will not help pay the repair costs. After discussion, a motion by
53 Moss and a second by Falwell to spend \$34,347 to repair the traffic light at Third and Walnut
54 Street carried (6/0) with “yes” votes by Lake, May, Moss, Mansko, Falwell and Allen.

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56 **NEW BUSINESS:**

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58 **DISCUSSION ON JUNETEENTH FEDERAL HOLIDAY**

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60 Mayor Stewart stated President Biden signed into law on June 17th a new Federal Holiday
61 named Juneteenth. After discussion, a motion made by Lake and seconded by Falwell to
62 make June 19th an additional City of Newport Holiday observed as stated in the Personnel
63 Policies and Procedures Section 3050.01 carried (6/0) with “yes” votes by Falwell, Mansko,
64 Lake, May, Allen, and Moss. An updated Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual will be
65 presented to the Council at a future date.

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67 **ORDINANCE WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING REQUIREMENTS FOR**
68 **PURCHASE OF 5,012 FEET OF SEWER PVC PIPE FROM CORE AND MAIN**

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70 Mayor Stewart stated Wastewater Treatment Superintendent Martin Stewart was informed in
71 May that the 8” SDR35 PVC Pipe would increase in price by 25% in the very near future.
72 Stewart procured 5,012 feet of 8” SDR35 PVC Pipe needed for the rehabilitation of pipe
73 installed in 1908 in the oldest part of town from Core and Main for a total price of
74 \$35,646.60. After discussion, City Attorney Pettie read the Ordinance authorizing the
75 purchase of said 5,012 feet of 8” SDR35 PVC Pipe and waiving competitive bidding in its
76 entirety. A motion by Allen and second by Lake to suspend the rules in their entirety and
77 forego the 2nd and 3rd readings of the Ordinance carried (6/0) with “yes” votes by Allen,
78 Moss, Lake, Falwell, May and Mansko.

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80 A motion by May and second by Mansko to accept the Ordinance carried (6/0) with “yes”
81 votes by Lake, May, Falwell, Allen, Moss and Mansko.

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83 A motion by May and second by Moss to approve the emergency clause carried (6/0) with
84 “yes” votes by Moss, May, Lake, Mansko, Allen and Falwell.

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86 **BID CONSIDERATION: MOSQUITO CONTROL CHEMICALS**

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88 Mayor Stewart presented proof of publication from the Jonesboro Sun along with a
89 handwritten bid tabulation. Two bids was received and opened on June 8, 2021 at 10 a.m.
90 The bids were received as follows:

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Mosquito Products, LLC

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93	1. 30-30 ULV	\$ 72.00 per gal
94	2. 31-66 ULV	\$ 115.00 per gal
95	3. Aqualeur 20-20	\$ 185.00 per gal
96	4. Oil Carrier	\$ 8.85 per gal
97	5. Larvacide (sustain)	\$ 8.99 per lb.
98	6. Non Synthetic Pyrethroid	\$ 64.50 per gal
99	7. Aerial Adulticide option	\$ 250.00 per gal

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ADAPCO, LLC

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| 1. Permasease 30-30 | \$ 74.24 per gal |
| 2. Permasease 31-67 | \$ 95.98 per gal |
| 3. Permasease UC 20-20 | \$ 135.00 per gal |
| 4. BVA 13-55 (Oil) | \$ 9.98 per gal |
| 5. BTI 400 ITU Sustain | \$ 3.95 per lb. |
| 6. FYF-5 FyFanon | \$ 70.14 per gal |
| 7. DELG -Aerial | no bid |

A motion by Allen and second by Mansko to accept the lowest bids as follows:

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carried (6/0) with “yes” votes by Lake, May, Moss, Mansko, Falwell and Allen.

ORDINANCE PERMITTING CITY TO CONDUCT BUSINESS WITH MARK ELLIS, NEWPORT AIRPORT COMMISSION MEMBER

Mayor Stewart stated the next three Ordinances were housekeeping items to comply with A.C.A. §14-42-107 which requires an Ordinance allowing any alderman, council member, official or municipal employee to furnish supplies, equipment or services to the City. A motion by Allen and second by Falwell to suspend the rules in their entirety, read the Ordinances by caption only and forego the 2nd and 3rd readings carried (6/0) with “yes” votes by Mansko, Falwell, Lake, Moss, Allen and May.

City Attorney Pettie read the Ordinance by caption only.

A motion by Allen and second by Falwell to accept the Ordinance permitting Mark Ellis to conduct business with the City of Newport retroactive to the beginning of 2020 carried (6/0) with “yes” votes by May, Mansko, Moss, Allen, Lake and Falwell.

ORDINANCE PERMITTING CITY TO CONDUCT BUSINESS WITH ANDREW JONES, NEWPORT AIRPORT COMMISSION MEMBER

City Attorney Pettie read the Ordinance by caption only.

A motion by Moss and second by Falwell to accept the Ordinance permitting Andrew Jones to conduct business with the City of Newport carried (6/0) with “yes” votes by Moss, May, Lake, Mansko, Allen and Falwell.

152 **ORDINANCE PERMITTING CITY TO CONDUCT BUSINESS WITH RICKEY**
153 **HEMBREY, HUSBAND OF CITY CLERK DEBORAH HEMBREY**

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155 City Attorney Pettie read the Ordinance by caption only.

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157 A motion by Moss and second by Falwell to accept the Ordinance permitting Rickey
158 Hembrey, husband of City Clerk Deborah Hembrey to conduct business with the City carried
159 (6/0) with “yes” votes by Lake, Falwell, May, Mansko, Allen and Moss.

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

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163 PASSED AND APPROVED THE 2nd DAY OF AUGUST, 2021

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MAYOR

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