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**CITY OF NEWPORT**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL**  
**OCTOBER 4, 2021**

9 The City Council of the City of Newport, Arkansas met in regular session Monday October  
10 4, 2021 in the chambers of the Municipal Courtroom. Regular Council Meetings are being  
11 held once a month due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.  
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13 Mayor Stewart called the meeting to order. City Clerk/Treasurer Hembrey called the roll.  
14 Council members present were Michael Allen, Kathy Green, Donny Ivie, Regina Lake,  
15 Leroy Mansko, Andy May and Julie Moss. City Attorney John Pettie was present. Council  
16 Member Carol Falwell was absent.

17 Following the invocation by Regina Lake, those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.  
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19 A motion by Allen and second by Ivie to approve the minutes of the September 7, 2021  
20 Meeting carried (6/0) with “yes” votes by Allen, Ivie, Lake, Mansko, May, and Moss.  
21 Green abstained due to being absent on September 7, 2021.  
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23 A motion by Lake and second by Moss to approve the minutes of the September 23, 2021  
24 Special Meeting carried (7/0) with “yes” votes by Allen, Green, Ivie, Lake, Mansko, May  
25 and Moss.  
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**REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

Mayor Stewart had the following reports:

- The August 2021 Financial Statements for the General Fund, Street Fund, 911 Fund, Sewer Fund and Newport Airport Commission were given to each Council Member. Mayor Stewart asked that each Council Member review the financial statements and direct any questions to City Clerk/Treasurer Hembrey or to him.
- Mayor Stewart has requested the Department Heads get their 2022 proposed budget requests to him by October 15, 2021.
- New cross-walk signs have been ordered for the cross-walk on Rimmel Avenue. The manufacturer has delayed delivery – expected to receive in approximately 3 weeks.
- The cleanup of the curbs and gutters is approximately half-way through town. New Life people and two City employees are working daily on this project. Mayor Stewart stated the areas cleaned are looking much better.
- The pump at Newport Lake has been running all summer to keep the Lake level up. The Lake has also been treated with larvacide. Due to the beginning of rain season and sludge build-up, the pump will be turned off and the Lake level will drop.
- The streets of Galeria Drive and Lindley Street had a major cave in of about 4 foot in front of the Waters Nursing Home. This area is closed and being repaired.
- Sales Taxes received in September 2021 were City Sales Taxes - \$156,411, County Sales Taxes - \$96,062 and NEDC Sales Taxes - \$78,206.
- The construction of the Park on Stegall Road is underway.

46 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE**

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48 **NEW BUSINESS:**

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50 **RESOLUTION: ENGINEERING AGREEMENT WITH MILLER NEWELL**  
51 **ENGINEERS FOR VARIOUS PROJECTS**

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53 Mayor Stewart stated the City has followed the State procurement procedures in the selection  
54 of an engineer for several City projects. A Resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk  
55 to enter into an engineering agreement with Miller Newell Engineers of Newport was  
56 presented to the Council. City Attorney Pettie read the Resolution in its entirety. A motion  
57 by Lake and second by Green to accept the Resolution carried (7/0) with “yes” votes by  
58 Green, Ivie, Lake, May, Allen, Moss and Manko.

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60 **ORDINANCE: WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND AUTHORIZING A**  
61 **CONTRACT WITH NEWPORT CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. FOR**  
62 **REPLACING THE ROOF OF THE NEWPORT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**  
63 **COMMISSION BUILDING**

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65 Mayor Stewart stated the Newport Economic Development Building has a major roof leak  
66 requiring replacement of the roof. Two quotes were obtained and both companies stated that  
67 the material needed to replace the roof is available now but because of the Covid situation  
68 may not be available in one month and it may be as long as one year before material is  
69 manufactured again. After discussion, City Attorney Pettie read the Ordinance in its entirety.

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

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

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78 A motion by May and second by Green to approve the emergency clause carried (7/0) with  
79 “yes” votes by Allen, Green, Ivie, Moss, Lake, May and Manko.

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81 **GOOD OF THE CITY**

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83 Mayor Stewart stated if any Council Member had suggestions for the 2022 Budget to contact  
84 him at his office.

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86 After discussion, Mayor Stewart and City Inspector Ratliffe will gather information on  
87 removal of buildings with asbestos.

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89 Lieutenant Harris, Regional Maintenance Manager of Arkansas Department of Corrections,  
90 stated his van crew of 36 was available to the City for more clean-up work. Mayor Stewart

91 stated his appreciation to Lieutenant Harris for the clean-up work his van crew has already  
92 done in the City. Mayor Stewart, City Inspector Ratliffe and Lieutenant Harris will meet to  
93 discuss further clean-up projects.

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

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97 PASSED AND APPROVED THE 1<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2021

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MAYOR

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ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK