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**CITY OF NEWPORT**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL**  
**NOVEMBER 1, 2021**

5 The City Council of the City of Newport, Arkansas met in regular session Monday  
6 November 1, 2021 in the chambers of the Municipal Courtroom. Regular Council Meetings  
7 are being held 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, Kathy Green, Donny Ivie, Regina Lake and  
11 Andy May. City Attorney John Pettie was absent. Council Members Carol Falwell, Leroy  
12 Manko and Julie Moss were absent.

14 Following the invocation by Regina Lake, those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

16 A motion by Lake and second by Green to approve the minutes of the October 4, 2021  
17 Meeting carried (5/0) with “yes” votes by Allen, Green, Ivie, Lake, and May.

19 **REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

21 Mayor Stewart had the following reports:

- 22 • In accordance with Arkansas Code Ann. §10-4-418, Mayor Stewart stated the 2020  
23 Legislative Audit Report had been received. Mayor Stewart reviewed the finding  
24 which stated “No issues came to our attention that we considered necessary to report  
25 to management.” No action was needed by the Council.
- 26 • The September 2021 Financial Statements for the General Fund, Street Fund, 911 Fund,  
27 Sewer Fund and Newport Airport Commission were given to each Council Member.  
28 Mayor Stewart asked that each Council Member review the financial statements and  
29 direct any questions to City Clerk/Treasurer Hembrey or to him.
- 30 • Mayor Stewart presented the sign placed at the cross-walk on R Emmel Avenue.  
31 Mayor Stewart stated the first night the sign was ran over and bent up. Director  
32 Tharpe had his department straighten the sign up as much as possible. The second  
33 night the sign was ran over again, pulled up and disposed of on Calhoun Street. After  
34 discussion, the sign will be straightened as well as possible and placed back on  
35 R Emmel Avenue.
- 36 • The Budget process is continuing and will be ready by December 1<sup>st</sup>. Mayor Stewart  
37 will hand deliver the 2022 Proposed Budget to each Council Member on or before  
38 December 1<sup>st</sup>.
- 39 • The cleanup of the curbs and gutters by City employees and New Life people has  
40 been completed. The cost of the cleanup for the New Life people was \$6,905.
- 41 • Mayor Stewart asked everyone to spread the word that the collection of leaves will  
42 need to be placed in trash bags and placed on the curb for pickup.
- 43 • Skyfinet is a company that offers high speed internet and cable service. They have  
44 contacted Mayor Stewart about bringing their service to Newport and have requested  
45 to meet with the Council after the first of the year to present an overview of their  
46 services.
- 47 • City Clerk Hembrey reported that the US Senate passed an amendment to the Rescue  
48 Act, which may permit the Rescue Funds to be used for the broad use of government  
49 services. This amendment will also have to be passed by the US House of  
50 Representatives. Management will monitor the results.

