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**CITY OF NEWPORT
SPECIAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
APRIL 26, 2022**

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The City Council of the City of Newport, Arkansas met in special session Tuesday April 26, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. in the chambers of the Municipal Courtroom.

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

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NEW BUSINESS:

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CONSIDER RESOLUTION AND EXPENDITURES

After discussion, a Resolution amending the City and Rescue Grant Budgets for the purpose of claiming Police, Fire and Ambulance salaries and employer payroll contributions was read in its entirety by City Attorney Pettie. A motion by Green and second by Lake carried (6/0) with “yes” votes by Allen, Green, Moss, Lake, Falwell and May.

Mayor Stewart stated he currently was recommending four (4) projects that would be financed through the release of the funds approved in the above Resolution.

Mayor Stewart stated that John Conner, Jr has offered to supply his excavator and operator, at no charge, to tear down those houses Inspector Ratliffe has processed. Mayor Stewart stated that the City would need to hire Bradley Contracting, Inc. (Diamond B Transport, Inc.) to haul the debris. The excavator works so quickly that two (2) trucks are needed. A motion by Allen and second by Lake to appropriate up to \$20,000 for hauling expenses carried (6/0) with “yes” votes by Falwell, Lake, May, Allen, Moss and Green.

Mayor Stewart stated that the project to pave Greenway Boulevard cost \$374,400 with NEDC funds of \$324,400 approved by the NEDC Commission, leaving a \$50,000 balance. Mayor Stewart requested the City pay \$50,000 for the completion of the Boulevard. A motion by Green and second by Moss to appropriate \$50,000 for the completion of paving Greenway Boulevard carried (6/0) with “yes” votes by Green, Allen, Falwell, Moss, May and Lake.

Mayor Stewart stated he would like to appropriate \$16,000 for a part-time park employee. This person is needed to assist in the care of Front Street Park, the new park being built on Stegall (Mary Alice Conner Memorial Park) and other parks. A motion by Allen and second by Falwell to appropriate \$16,000 for a part-time employee for the parks department carried (6/0) with “yes” votes by Allen, Green, Moss, Falwell, Lake and May.

Mayor Stewart stated the cover over the City fuel pumps is falling down. Mayor Stewart requested an appropriation of \$48,800 for Newport Construction, Inc. to build a shed over the fuel pumps. A motion by Moss and second by Green to appropriate \$48,800 to build a shed over the fuel pumps carried (6/0) with “yes” votes by Lake, Falwell, Green, May, Allen and Moss.

51 Mayor stated with the Sewer project approved at the April 4th Meeting there would still be
52 \$997,231.64 of the ARPA funds to be appropriated.

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

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56 PASSED AND APPROVED THE 2ND DAY OF MAY, 2022

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MAYOR

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CITY CLERK