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CITY OF NEWPORT
REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
MAY 1, 2023

The City Council of the City of Newport, Arkansas met in regular session Monday, May 1, 2023 in the chambers of the Municipal Courtroom. Regular Council Meetings are being held once a month due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

Mayor Ratliffe called the meeting to order. City Clerk/Treasurer Hembrey called the roll. Council members present were Michael Allen, Donnie Ivie, Regina Lake, Leroy Mansko, Andy May (arrived late) and Julie Moss. Council Members Carol Falwell and Marcus Simpson were absent. City Attorney John Pettie was present.

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

A motion by Allen and second by Ivie to approve the minutes of the April 3rd Meeting carried (5/0) with “yes” votes by Allen, Ivie, Lake, Mansko and Moss.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

Mayor Ratliffe had the following reports:

- An electronic copy of the March 2023 Financial Statements for the General Fund, Street Fund, 911 Fund, Sewer Fund, Administration of Justice Fund, Grant Fund, Intoximeter Fund, District Court Cost Fund, Court Automation Fund, Drug Control Fund, Advertising & Promotion Fund, Fed Aid Grant Fund, Judge/Clerk Retirement Fund, NEDC Fund and Newport Airport was sent to each Council Member with their council package. Mayor Ratliffe asked that if any Council Member had any questions to please direct their questions to City Clerk/Treasurer Hembrey.
- City Sales Tax received in April was \$166,299 County Sales Tax was \$107,854 and NEDC Sales Tax was \$83,150.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

APPOINT LATONYA ANDERS TO NEWPORT ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION COMMISSION TO FILL VACANT POSITION WITH TERM EXPIRING MARCH 2024

Mayor Ratliffe stated due to resignation of Cherry Steele, due to a change in job, a new Advertising and Promotion Commissioner was needed to fulfill her term. After discussion, a motion by Lake and second by Moss to appoint LaTonya Anders to the Newport Advertising and Promotion Commission carried (6/0) with “yes” votes by Ivie, Moss, Allen, May, Lake and Mansko.

BID CONSIDERATION: MOSQUITO CONTROL CHEMICALS

Mayor Ratliffe presented proof of publication from the Jonesboro Sun along with a handwritten bid tabulation. Four bids were received and opened on April 6, 2023 at 10 a.m. The bids received were as follows:

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- 1. 30-30 ULV \$ 80.00 per gal
- 2. 31-66 ULV \$ 130.00 per gal
- 3. Oil Carrier \$ 11.70 per gal
- 4. Larvacide (sustain) \$ 2.17 per lb.
- 5. Non Synthetic Pyrethroid \$ No Bid

Adapco

- 1. 30-30 ULV \$ 99.98 per gal
- 2. 31-66 ULV \$ 195.00 per gal
- 3. Oil Carrier \$ 22.38 per gal
- 4. Larvacide (sustain) \$ 4.16 per lb.
- 5. Non Synthetic Pyrethroid \$ 85.30 per gal

Clarke

- 1. 30-30 ULV \$ 91.52 per gal
- 2. 31-66 ULV \$ 140.48 per gal
- 3. Oil Carrier \$ No Bid
- 4. Larvacide (sustain) \$ 10.52 per lb.
- 5. Non Synthetic Pyrethroid \$ 60.00 per gal

Mosquito Products, LLC

- 1. 30-30 ULV \$ 81.00 per gal
- 2. 31-66 ULV \$ 165.00 per gal
- 3. Oil Carrier \$ 9.75 per gal
- 4. Larvacide (sustain) \$ 8.99 per lb.
- 5. Non Synthetic Pyrethroid \$ 75.00 per gal

After discussion, a motion by Lake and second by Allen to award 31-66 ULV (\$130/gal) and Larvacide (sustain) (\$2.17 per lb.) to Veseris, Non Synthetic Pyrethroid (\$60.00 per gal) to Clarke and 30-30 ULV (\$81.00 per gal and Oil Carrier (\$9.75 per gal) to Mosquito Products, LLC carried (6/0) with “yes” votes by Ivie, Moss, Allen, Mansko, Lake and May.

ACCEPT RESIGNATION FROM COUNCIL MEMBER MARCUS SIMPSON AND CONSIDER REPLACEMENT FOR TERM EXPIRING 12/31/24

Mayor Ratliffe stated Marcus Simpson had moved to Jonesboro, Arkansas and has sent his letter of resignation from the Newport City Council. After discussion, a motion by Lake and second by Moss to accept the resignation of Marcus Simpson from the Newport City Council carried (6/0) with “yes” votes by Mansko, Lake, Moss, Allen, Ivie and May.

Mayor Ratliffe asked the Council to go into executive session. A motion by Allen and second by Moss to go into executive session carried (6/0) with “yes” votes by Mansko, Lake, Moss, Allen, Ivie and May.

