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**CITY OF NEWPORT  
REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL  
NOVEMBER 6, 2023**

5 The City Council of the City of Newport, Arkansas met in regular session Monday,  
6 November 6, 2023 in the chambers of the Municipal Courtroom.

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

13 Following the invocation by Andy May, those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

15 A motion by Lake and second by Green to approve the minutes of the October 2, 2023  
16 Meeting carried (7/0) with “yes” votes by Allen, Falwell, Green, Lake, Mansko, May and  
17 Moss. Ivie abstained due to being absent on October 2, 2023.

19 A motion by Green and second by Falwell to approve the minutes of the October 24, 2023  
20 Special Meeting carried (8/0) with “yes” votes by Allen, Falwell, Green, Ivie, Lake, Mansko,  
21 May and Moss.

23 **REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

25 Mayor Ratliffe had the following reports:

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- An electronic copy of the September 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 October was \$185,205 City Sales Tax, County Sales Tax was \$127,564 and NEDC Sales Tax was \$92,602.
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37 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

39 **PHILLIP MCDONALD TO ADDRESS COUNCIL ABOUT TWO PROPOSED**  
40 **ORDINANCES**

42 Mayor Ratliffe recognized Phillip McDonald. Mr. McDonald gave an overview of his  
43 concerns with the two Ordinances being presented.

45 **ORDINANCE: REQUIREMENTS FOR PREMISES IN CITY TO BE KEPT FREE**  
46 **FROM UNSIGHTLY AND UNSANITARY CONDITIONS**

48 Mayor Ratliffe stated the second reading of the Ordinance requiring premises in the City to  
49 be kept free from unsightly and unsanitary conditions would be read. A motion by Allen and  
50 second by Ivie to suspend the rules in their entirety and read the Ordinance by caption only

51 carried (8/0) with “yes” votes by Moss, May, Allen, Green, Ivie, Mansko, Falwell and Lake.  
52 City Attorney Pettie read the Ordinance by caption.

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54 **ORDINANCE: PROVIDING FOR CONDEMNATION AND REMOVAL OF**  
55 **HOUSES, BUILDINGS, AND/OR STRUCTURES THAT CONSTITUTE A**  
56 **NUISANCE**

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58 Mayor Ratliffe stated the second reading of the Ordinance providing for condemnation and  
59 removal of houses, buildings and/or structures that constitute a nuisance would be read by  
60 City Attorney Pettie. A motion by Allen and second by Mansko to suspend the rules in their  
61 entirety and read the Ordinance by caption only carried (8/0) with “yes” votes by May,  
62 Mansko, Moss, Green, Allen, Lake, Falwell and Ivie. City Attorney Pettie read the  
63 Ordinance by caption.

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65 After discussion, the third reading of the above Ordinances will be presented at the  
66 December Council Meeting.

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68 **GOOD OF THE CITY**

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70 Mayor Ratliffe stated the Mary Alice Holden Conner Memorial Park will be closed for  
71 repairs beginning November 9<sup>th</sup>.

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73 Executive Director of the Newport Economic Development Commission Jon Chadwell stated  
74 that the Tech Depot will have its Grand Opening at 10 a.m. on November 28<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Chadwell  
75 stated that all the furnishings in the Tech Depot have been financed with donations and  
76 grants.

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

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80 PASSED AND APPROVED THE 4<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF DECEMBER, 2023

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MAYOR

84 ATTEST:  
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87 CITY CLERK