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**CITY OF NEWPORT
REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
MAY 6, 2024**

19 The City Council of the City of Newport, Arkansas met in regular session May 6, 2024 in the
20 chambers of the Municipal Courtroom.

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

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

26 A motion by Moss and second by Green to approve the minutes of the April 1, 2024
27 Meeting carried (5/0) with “yes” votes by Allen, Green, May, Moss and Mayor Ratliffe.
28 Lake and Mansko abstained due to being absent on April 1, 2024.

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REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

39 Mayor Ratliffe had the following reports:

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- 41 • An electronic copy of the March 2024 Financial Statements for the General Fund,
42 Street Fund, 911 Fund, Sewer Fund, Administration of Justice Fund, Grant Fund,
43 Intoximeter Fund, District Court Cost Fund, Court Automation Fund, Drug Control
44 Fund, Advertising & Promotion Fund, Fed Aid Grant Fund, Judge/Clerk Retirement
45 Fund, NEDC Fund and Newport Airport was sent to each Council Member with their
46 council package. Mayor Ratliffe asked that if any Council Member had any questions
47 to please direct their questions to City Clerk/Treasurer Hembrey.
 - 48 • City Sales Tax received in April was \$166,402 County Sales Tax was \$109,193 and
49 NEDC Sales Tax was \$83,201.
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UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

**AUTHORIZATION TO DESTROY OLD PERSONNEL FILES FOR YEARS 1991
THROUGH 2015**

40 Mayor Ratliffe presented an affidavit for the destruction of Newport personnel files for
41 terminated, resigned, and/or deceased former employees from 1991 through and including
42 2015. After discussion, a motion by Green and second by Allen to approve the destruction of
43 said records carried (6/0) with “yes” votes by Moss, May, Lake, Green, Allen and Mansko.

BID CONSIDERATION: MOSQUITO CONTROL CHEMICALS

44 Mayor Ratliffe presented proof of publication from the Jonesboro Sun along with a
45 handwritten bid tabulation. Two bids were received and opened on April 24, 2024 at 10 a.m.
46 The bids received were as follows:

51 ADAPCO:

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53	1. Permasease 30-30	\$99.98 per gal
54	2. Permasease 30-67	\$155.00 per gal
55	3. BVA 13 (oil carrier)	\$21.38 per gal
56	4. Vectomas FG OMRI 40 lb. bag	\$9.90/lb.
57	4b. Vectomax WSP 800 WSP Case	\$1,632.00/lb.
58	4c. Vectoprime FG 40 lb. bag	\$4.35/lb.
59	5. Fyfanon ULV 2x2.5 gal Pail	\$92.12/gal
60	5b. Fyfanon ULV 55 gal drum	\$87.70/gal
61	5c. Fyfanon EW 2.5 gal jug	\$74.32/gal
62	5d. Fyfanon EW 30 gal drum	\$70.32/gal

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64 Mosquito Products, LLC

65	1. 30-30 ULV Adulticide	\$96.00/gal
66	2. 31-66 ULV Adulticide	\$165.00/gal
67	3. Oil Carrier	\$9.75/gal
68	4. Larvacide	\$4.99/lb.
69	5. Non Synthetic Pyrethroid Fyfanon	\$75.00/gal

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71 After discussion, a motion by Lake and second by Allen to accept the Mosquito Products,
72 LLC bids for all chemicals carried (6/0) with “yes” votes by May, Allen, Green, Mansko,
73 Lake and Moss. The oil carrier is the most used chemical.

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75 **RESOLUTION: FEDERAL AID FUNDS PROGRAMS FOR WALNUT STREET**
76 **AND ELM STREET SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT**

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78 Mayor Ratliffe gave an overview of the sidewalk damage on Walnut and Elm Streets. Mayor
79 Ratliffe stated this Resolution is for an application for an 80/20 grant. City Attorney Pettie
80 read the Resolution in its entirety. After discussion, a motion by Allen and second by
81 Mansko to accept the Resolution carried (6/0) with “yes” votes by Lake, Mansko, Green,
82 Moss, Allen and May.

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84 **ORDINANCE PERMITTING CITY TO CONDUCT BUSINESS WITH D.T. ALLEN**
85 **& CO., INC. AND MICHAEL ALLEN, INDIVIDUALLY**

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87 Mayor Ratliffe stated that the next 7 Ordinances were to (A.C.A. § 14 – 42 – 107(b))
88 permit an alderman, council member, official, or municipal employee to conduct business
89 with the City. A motion by Allen and second by Mansko to suspend the rules in their
90 entirety, read the Ordinances by caption only and forego the 2nd and 3rd readings carried (6/0)
91 with “yes” votes by May, Green, Moss, Allen, Mansko and Lake.

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93 Mayor Ratliffe asked City Attorney Pettie to read the Ordinance by caption only. City
94 Attorney Pettie read the Ordinance permitting D.T. Allen & Co., Inc. and Alderman Michael
95 Allen individually to conduct business with the City by caption only. A motion by Lake and
96 second by Moss to approve the Ordinance allowing D.T. Allen & Co., Inc. and Alderman
97 Michael Allen individually to conduct business with the City carried (5/0) with “yes” votes
98 by Lake, Moss, Mansko, Green and May. Allen abstained.

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100 **ORDINANCE PERMITTING CITY TO CONDUCT BUSINESS WITH MICHAEL N.**
101 **TURNER, CPA**

102 City Attorney Pettie read the Ordinance permitting Michael N. Turner, CPA to conduct
103 business with the City by caption only. A motion by Green and second by Moss to approve
104 the Ordinance allowing Michael N. Turner, CPA to conduct business with the City carried
105 (6/0) with “yes” votes by Allen, May, Green, Moss, Mansko and Lake.

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107 **ORDINANCE PERMITTING CITY TO CONDUCT BUSINESS WITH DARLING &**
108 **GRADY RENTALS**

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110 City Attorney Pettie read the Ordinance permitting Darling and Grady Rentals to conduct
111 business with the City by caption only. A motion by Green and second by Allen to approve
112 the Ordinance allowing Darling and Grady Rentals to conduct business with the City carried
113 (6/0) with “yes” votes by Moss, Allen, May, Mansko, Lake and Green.

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115 **ORDINANCE PERMITTING CITY TO CONDUCT BUSINESS WITH MOSQUITO**
116 **PRODUCTS, LLC AND SHANE GRADY**

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118 City Attorney Pettie read the Ordinance permitting Mosquito Products, LLC and Shane
119 Grady to conduct business with the City by caption only. A motion by Lake and second by
120 Moss to approve the Ordinance allowing Mosquito Products, LLC & Shane Grady to conduct
121 business with the City carried (6/0) with “yes” votes by Moss, May, Green, Allen, Lake and
122 Mansko.

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124 **ORDINANCE PERMITTING CITY TO CONDUCT BUSINESS WITH GEORGE**
125 **KELL MOTORS, INC. AND DEAN SIDES**

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127 City Attorney Pettie read the Ordinance permitting George Kell Motors, Inc. and Dean Sides
128 to conduct business with the City by caption only. A motion by Mansko and second by Allen
129 to approve the Ordinance allowing George Kell Motors, Inc. and Dean Sides to conduct
130 business with the City carried (6/0) with “yes” votes by Mansko, Green, May, Lake, Allen
131 and Moss.

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133 **ORDINANCE PERMITTING CITY TO CONDUCT BUSINESS WITH CURT W.**
134 **COLES**

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136 City Attorney Pettie read the Ordinance permitting Curt Coles to conduct business with the
137 City by caption only. A motion by Allen and second by Lake to approve the Ordinance
138 allowing Curt W. Coles to conduct business with the City carried (6/0) with “yes” votes by
139 Green, May Lake, Allen, Mansko and Moss.

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141 **ORDINANCE PERMITTING CITY TO CONDUCT BUSINESS WITH GRADY’S**
142 **AUCTIONS & REALTY, INC.**

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144 City Attorney Pettie read the Ordinance permitting Grady’s Auctions & Realty, Inc. to
145 conduct business with the City by caption only. A motion by Lake and second by Green to
146 approve the Ordinance allowing Grady’s Auctions & Realty, Inc. to conduct business with
147 the City carried (6/0) with “yes” votes by Green, May, Lake, Moss, Allen and Mansko.

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149 **GOOD OF THE CITY**

150 Mayor Ratliffe gave an informative overview of the conflicts the Newport Police Department
151 has been having with Sheriff Brinsfield and the Jackson County Jail.

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

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155 PASSED AND APPROVED THE 3RD DAY OF JUNE, 2024

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MAYOR

160 ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK