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**CITY OF NEWPORT
REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 16, 2019**

13 The City Council of the City of Newport, Arkansas met in regular session Monday,
14 September 16, 2019 in the chambers of the Municipal Courtroom.

15 Mayor Stewart called the meeting to order. City Clerk/Treasurer Hembrey called the roll.
16 Council members present were Michael Allen, Carol Falwell, Kathy Green, Regina Lake,
17 Leroy Mansko, Andy May, Julie Moss and Neal Pankey. City Attorney Rob Ratton was
18 present.

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

20 A motion by Allen and second by Mansko to approve the minutes of the September 3, 2019
21 meeting carried (7/0) with “yes” votes by Allen, Green, Lake, Mansko, May, Moss and
22 Pankey. Falwell abstained due to being absent on September 3, 2019.

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28 **REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

29 Mayor Stewart had the following reports:

- 30 • An affidavit of destruction of district court records was presented to the Council for approval.
31 Mayor Stewart stated that the affidavit of destruction will also be presented to the Quorum
32 Court for their approval at their next meeting.
- 33 • Mayor Stewart stated the project at George Kell Park on the Newport High School Baseball
34 Field has been completed. Mayor Stewart recognized the hard work of Brad Kieffner, Jeff
35 Sampson, and Billy Keedy along with several others that made these improvements possible.

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39 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

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45 **ORDINANCE: REZONING LOTS 3-10, BLOCK 10, HOLDEN-BIGGADIKE
46 ADDITION TO R-2 FROM R-1**

47 Mayor Stewart asked if anyone had any comment to make to the Council concerning the
48 rezoning of Lots 3-10, Block 10, Holden-Biggadike Addition from R-1 to R-2; no one
49 responded. A motion by Pankey and second by Allen to suspend the rules and forego the 2nd
50 and 3rd readings in their entirety carried (8/0) with “yes” votes by Lake, Green, Falwell,
51 Mansko, May, Allen, Moss and Pankey.

A motion by Allen and second by Mansko to accept the Ordinance carried (8/0) with “yes”
votes by Allen, Moss, Pankey, Mansko, May, Green, Lake and Falwell.

A motion by May and second by Allen to approve the emergency clause carried (8/0) with
“yes” votes by Falwell, May, Mansko, Moss, Green, Lake, Allen and Pankey.

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47 **NEW BUSINESS:**

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52 **REAPPOINT FRANK PLEGGI TO NEWPORT AIRPORT COMMISSION FOR
53 TERM EXPIRING 9/30/2024**

Mayor Stewart stated Frank Plegge has agreed to remain on the Newport Airport
Commission. A motion by Mansko and second by Falwell to reappoint Frank Plegge to the

52 Newport Airport Commission for a term expiring 9/30/2024 carried (8/0) with “yes” votes by
53 May, Allen, Green, Moss, Falwell, Mansko, Pankey and Lake.

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55 **RESOLUTION: APPLICATION FOR ARKANSAS COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE**
56 **GRANT PROGRAM**

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58 Mayor Stewart stated the Arkansas Economic Development Commission has a grant
59 available to the Police Department for the purchase of emergency equipment under the
60 Arkansas Community Assistance Grant Program. The Police Department would like to
61 apply for this grant to purchase a 2020 fully equipped Police SUV and other equipment. City
62 Attorney Ratton read the Resolution in its entirety. A motion by Pankey and second by
63 Falwell to authorize the Mayor to apply for the Arkansas Community Assistance Grant
64 carried (8/0) with “yes” votes by Moss, Pankey, Lake, May, Green, Mansko, Falwell and
65 Allen.

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

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69 PASSED AND APPROVED THE 7TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2019

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MAYOR

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