CITY OF NEWPORT
REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
JUNE 1, 2026

The City Council of the City of Newport, Arkansas met in regular session June 1, 2026 in the chambers of the Municipal Courtroom.

Mayor Ratliffe called the meeting to order. City Clerk/Treasurer Hembrey called the roll. Council members present were Michael Allen, Allen Edwards, Carol Falwell, Wendell Green, Andy May and Julie Moss. City Attorney Pettie was present. Council Members Lake and Mansko were absent.

Following the invocation by Carol Falwell, those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion by Falwell and second by May to approve the minutes of the May 4, 2026 Meeting carried (5/0) with "yes" votes by Edwards, Falwell, Green, May and Moss. Allen abstained.

A motion by Edwards and second by May to approve the minutes of the May 7, 2026 Special Meeting carried (6/0) with "yes" votes by Allen, Edwards, Falwell, Green, May and Moss.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

Mayor Ratliffe had the following reports:

- An electronic copy of the April 2026 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 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 May was $181,264 County Sales Tax was $118,142 and NEDC Sales Tax was $90,632.
- Fire Chief Perry Callahan stated the City has now retained an ISO rating of 3.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE: PERMITTING DISCHARGE OF FIREWORKS FOR PERIOD BEGINNING JUNE 21 AND EXPIRING JULY 5 OF EACH YEAR (THIRD READING)

City Attorney Pettie read the third reading of an Ordinance permitting discharge of fireworks from June 21st and expiring July 5th each year in its entirety. After discussion, a motion by Allen and second by Moss to approve the Ordinance carried (6/0) with "yes" votes by Moss, Green, May, Edwards, Falwell and Allen.

NEW BUSINESS:

APPOINT WENDELL GREEN TO THE NEWPORT ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION COMMISSION TO REPLACE CAROL FALWELL

A motion by May and second by Edwards to appoint Wendell Green to the Newport Advertising and Promotion Commission replacing Carol Falwell carried (5/0) with "yes" votes by Falwell, Moss, Allen, Edwards and May. Wendell Green abstained.

APPOINT JUSTIN BEST TO THE NEWPORT AIRPORT COMMISSION TO REPLACE JIM MCLARTY WITH A TERM EXPIRING 9/30/28

Mayor Ratliffe presented a letter from the Newport Airport Commission Chairman Billy Keedy requesting the appointment of Justin Best to fill the unexpired term of Jim McLarty. A motion by Allen and second by Edwards to appoint Justin Best to the Newport Airport Commission with a term expiring 9/30/2028 carried (6/0) with "yes" votes by Moss, Green, May, Edwards, Falwell and Allen.

BID CONSIDERATION: MOSQUITO CONTROL CHEMICALS

Mayor Ratliffe presented proof of publication from the Jonesboro Sun along with a bid tabulation. Two bids were received and opened on May 21, 2026 at 10 a.m. The bids received were as follows:

ADAPCO:

1. Permasease 30-30	$102.98 per gal
2. Permasease 31-67	$155.00 per gal
3. BVA 13 (oil carrier)	$25.98 per gal (55 gal drum)
4. MTLXRP-800	$2,128.00/case
5. VMXWSP-800	$1,832.00/case
6. VLXWSP-800	$1,072.00/case
7. FyFanon ULV	$105.55/case (2x2.5 gal)
8. FyFanon ULV	$98.65/gal (55 gal drum)
9. TRI (Remoa)	$315.00/gal (2x2.5 gal)
10. Remtri-30	$300/gal (30 gal drum)

Mosquito Products, LLC:

1. 30-30 ULV Adulticide	$112.50/gal
2. 31-66 ULV Adulticide	$168.00/gal
3. Oil Carrier	$11.75/gal
4. Larvacide	$4.99/lb.
5. Fyfanon ULV	$75.00/gal

After discussion, a motion by Edwards and second by Allen to accept the bid of the Mosquito Products, LLC carried (6/0) with "yes" votes by Edwards, Green, May, Falwell, Moss and Allen.

ORDINANCE: WAIVING COMPETITIVE BIDDING REQUIREMENTS AND ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH CLEANWAY RESTORATION, LLC FOR ROOF REPAIRS TO FIRE STATION #1

City Attorney Pettie read the Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Cleanway Restoration, LLC and waive competitive bidding in its entirety. After discussion, a motion by Edwards and second by Allen to suspend the rules in their entirety and forego the 2nd and 3rd readings carried (6/0) with "yes" votes by Falwell, Green, May, Edwards, Allen and Moss.

A motion by Edwards and second by Falwell to approve the Ordinance carried (6/0) with "yes" votes by Allen, May, Edwards, Green, Moss and Falwell.

A motion by Allen and second by Edwards to approve the emergency clause carried (6/0) with "yes" votes by May, Green, Moss, Allen, Edwards and Falwell.

ORDINANCE: FORMATION OF THE GEORGE KELL PARK COMMISSION

City Attorney Pettie read the Ordinance authorizing the formation of the George Kell Park Commission in its entirety. After discussion, a motion by Allen and second by Green to suspend the rules in their entirety and forego the 2nd and 3rd readings carried (6/0) with "yes" votes by Moss, May, Falwell, Edwards, Green and Allen.

A motion by Allen and second by Edwards to approve the Ordinance carried (6/0) with "yes" votes by May, Green, Moss, Allen, Edwards and Falwell.

A motion by Allen and second by Edwards to approve the emergency clause carried (6/0) with "yes" votes by Green, Edwards, Falwell, May, Allen and Moss.

GOOD OF THE CITY

Mayor Ratliffe honored our deceased Newport Resource Officer Michael Long with the presentation of Officer Long's service weapon and badge (number 128) to his wife Candice Long.

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

PASSED AND APPROVED THE 6TH DAY OF JULY, 2026

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK