

**CITY OF NEWPORT
SPECIAL MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
JANUARY 20, 2026**

The City Council of the City of Newport, Arkansas met in special session January 20, 2026 in the Boardroom of City Hall.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

**ORDINANCE: AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT WITH
DRT BIOSOLIDS, INC. FOR SLUDGE REMOVAL AND WAIVING
COMPETITIVE BIDDING REQUIREMENTS**

Mayor Ratliffe read the Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with DRT Biosolids, Inc. and forego the normal competitive bidding requirements in its entirety. After discussion, a motion by Allen and second by Moss to suspend the rules in their entirety and forego the second and third readings carried (6/0) with “yes” votes by Allen, May, Green, Moss, Mansko and Lake.

A motion by May and second by Lake to approve the Ordinance carried (6/0) with “yes” votes by Green, May, Lake, Moss, Allen and Mansko.

A motion by Allen and second by May to approve the emergency clause carried (6/0) with “yes” votes by Moss, Allen, May, Mansko, Lake and Green.

MANI HARISTON WITH KENMONT APARTMENTS TO ADDRESS COUNCIL ABOUT A COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION PLAN

Mayor Ratliffe recognized Mani Hariston from Kenmont Apartments. Ms. Hariston gave an informative overview of the vision for revitalization of the Kenmont Apartments.

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

PASSED AND APPROVED THE 2ND DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2026

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK