

**CITY OF NEWPORT
REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 3, 2025**

The City Council of the City of Newport, Arkansas met in regular session November 3, 2025 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, Regina Lake, Leroy Mansko and Andy May. City Attorney Pettie was absent. Council Member Moss was absent.

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

A motion by Edwards and second by Allen to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2025 Meeting carried (7/0) with “yes” votes by Allen, Edwards, Falwell, Green, Lake, Mansko and May.

REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

Mayor Ratliffe had the following reports:

- An electronic copy of the September 2025 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 and NEDC Fund 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 \$181,797 County Sales Tax was \$126,241 and NEDC Sales Tax was \$90,899.
- Mayor Ratliffe recognized Lieutenant Mark Harmon from the Police Department. Harmon stated that \$88,000 had been seized about 1 year ago. The funds were processed through the court system and these funds are to be deposited into the City’s General Fund. Harmon requested that the funds be considered to purchase a vehicle and other items for the Police Department.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: NONE

GOOD OF THE CITY:

Jon Chadwell wanted to recognize Michael Allen for the work done at Remmel Park.

Michael Allen request City Attorney Pettie contact ARDOT about tearing down the old White River Bridge. Mayor Ratliffe stated he would get with City Attorney Pettie and request a rough draft of a letter to ARDOT to be presented at the next meeting.

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

PASSED AND APPROVED THE 1ST DAY OF DECEMBER, 2025

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK