

MINUTES
FELSENTHAL CITY COUNCIL
10/9/18
4:30 PM
Town Hall

A quorum being established, Mayor Newbury called the meeting to order. At roll call the following members were present: Mr. Eads, Mr. Clawson, Mr. Holland, and Mr. Newbury. Ms. Jones was not present.

Mr. Holland, moved and seconded by Mr. Newbury, to accept the minutes for the previous meeting (9-11-2018). The roll call vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

Old business

Mayor Newbury undated the Council on what information she had found after she researched other options for our water/sewer late fee charges that were brought up in last month's meeting. Mr. Al Johnson had submitted information to do with municipalities and public utilities. The Mayor called and talked with a person in the oversight organization for utilities and was told that they didn't have any jurisdiction over what municipalities incentives were put in place to get their patrons to pay their bills. The AMC legal department's response was we could do what our council voted to do. She told the council they could either do nothing, have a dollar amount rather than a percentage for a late fee, change the percentage, or suggest other options. She asked what they wanted to do? Councilman Eads said that he had done some additional research using our past records and that he thought the best thing to do was keep it like it was, and continue to work with our citizens when there was a problem with their water bills. Mayor Newbury assured the council that we do work with people who have been ill or had not received bills because of mail problems, and other issues. She assured the council that the town wasn't making money out of late fees and that they had succeeded in accomplishing their original intent: to deter people from ignoring or paying late on a regular basis. Mr. Newbury moved, and was seconded by Mr. Eads, to keep the late fees as we had in place. The roll call vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

We received our Audit report for our Water and Sewer Funds for 2017 fiscal year. We had no findings. Mayor Newbury told the Council that the Auditor had very nice comments on the way our staff kept our books.

We had a couple of Felsenthal family members from Brazil visit us in September. Father and daughter Claudio and Barbara Felsenthal presented the Mayor with a very nice book containing pictures of plants and wildlife of Amazonia. They also presented her with a very beautiful plaque made of wood from the Amazon, inscribed, and thanking her for preserving the legacy and caring for the Town of Felsenthal. Both of these items will be housed in the future historical nook in the Town Hall, which is planned for the future.

New Business

One of our citizens (Mr. Arthur Clark) volunteered to help our Public Works Supt., David Culp, with repairs on the tram road. She was very disappointed in Judge Loftin for not coming through with his promise to do this work.

The Mayor informed the Council that some of our checks were misprinted. She informed them about the errors and what has been done to correct the problem. The printer has replaced the checks that were printed incorrectly.

The Mayor wanted to remind everyone to get out and vote on November 6, 2018 and that she would put reminders on the town's Facebook page and through our group email in the coming weeks.

The Financial Reports for September, 2018 were presented and examined by the Council. Mr. Eads moved, and it was seconded by Mr. Clawson, to accept the financial reports as written. The roll call vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

Mr. Holland moved to adjourn the meeting, and the motion was seconded by Mr. Newbury. The roll call vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

Mayor

Recorder/Treasurer