

**TOWN OF FELSENTHAL
COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 14, 2013
CITY HALL**

Before the meeting was called to order, Joe Harris, Jr., the town's Public Works Superintendent, addressed the town council and orally tendered his resignation, effective May 15.

Mayor Newbury called the meeting to order. At roll call, the following council members were present: Troy Clawson, Jack Newbury, and Virginia Harris. Minutes were read. Mr. Newbury moved, seconded by Mr. Clawson, to accept the minutes as presented. The roll call vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

Old Business

Mayor Newbury reported that there was no news on the sewer system loan application sent to ANRC for approval.

Animal control report was given by the mayor, but nothing unusual was noted.

The Mayor presented an update on the Breamfest progress. Arm wrestling has been added to the horseshoe competition and the fishing tournament competitions, but the fish cooking competition has been cancelled due to health and safety issues. Maybe they will have that next year. Volunteers are needed for Kids' World. Anyone interested can contact the office or Ashley McDaniel at 870-814-9188.

New Business

Mayor Newbury presented the Council with some data about past due accounts. In the ensuing discussion, the council told the mayor to look into the possibility of using small claims courts for some of the larger overdue accounts.

The prospect of buying a large, commercial grade mower was discussed and tabled until a new public works superintendent can be hired.

The Mayor read a letter from Arkansas Rural Water Association, requesting us to write a letter to Congressman Tom Cotton in support of ARWA's request to prioritize their budgetary requests. The council agreed that we needed to hear Rep. Cotton's take on the subject before we signed on to the request.

The Mayor told the council about the Economic Outlook Luncheon she attended, which was sponsored by the El Dorado Chamber of Commerce. she got the opportunity to tout our town and invite everyone to the Breamfest. In addition, she shared that Clean Harbors has a drop off location for household hazardous waste and that they collect every third Saturday from 8:00 AM to 12:00 noon at 309 American Circle. Their contact number to schedule an appointment is 870-863-7173. A list of items that

will and will not be accepted can be found in the city hall or at the contact number. Wal Mart has scheduled an outdated prescription and over the counter medicine collection for Saturday, May 18. This collection is to keep the old drugs out of the hands of children and criminals and to protect the environment.

Jo Lancaster and Mayor Newbury will attend the Floodplain Administration training in Monticello on May 21. It is required for each municipality to have a certified administrator, and it is recommended to have two. We are in full compliance with this training annually.

The mayor commented on the recent water shut off to part of the town while new water and sewer mains were installed. Citizens have requested prior notification when we shut off water when we know ahead of time. It was suggested that we start a phone chain for this or any other type of emergency communications within the town. The Mayor stated that she had attempted an email communication, but that few citizens responded, but she would set up a phone chain for those who are interested. Only those citizens who call or email or mail in their name and phone number will be included in the chain. Citizens who want to be part of the chain can send in their name and phone number by the next council meeting, June 11, and a chain will be set up and those on the chain will be contacted about it.

The mayor presented proposal to the council, which involves the policies of the town concerning laying new water/sewer mains. There are requests for new lines, which will cost the town much more than it could ever get back in fees in the future. When 400 feet of main lines are required to provide service to one individual or family, the cost to the town is prohibitive, even under the current policy, which requires the citizen to pay labor costs of the installation. The council wanted the mayor's proposal put in the form of an ordinance and to expedite under the emergency clause to get it into effect.

Financial reports were reviewed. Mr. Clawson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Newbury to accept the reports . The roll call vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

Mrs. Harris made a motion, seconded by Mr. Newbury, to adjourn the meeting. At roll call, the vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned.

Mayor

Recorder