

**Town of Felsenthal  
November 15, 2012  
Council Meeting**

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The Mayor called the meeting to order, and the roll was called. Aldermen present were the following: Troy Clawson, Jack Newbury, and Virginia Harris.

Minutes of the previous meeting were presented. Mrs. Harris moved and Mr. Clawson seconded the motion to accept the minutes as presented. Roll call votes were unanimous. Motion passed. The mayor then announced that the council members would receive their minutes and agendas via email next month as well as their financial statements. This will save money for paper, ink, and postage.

**In old Business**

Mayor Newbury presented news concerning the sewer lift station. She announced that Sen. Boozman was the major responder from the legislative contacts she had tried. His representative called and referred us to USDA and stated they would help us any way they could. Sen. Boozman then wrote a follow up letter re-stating what his aide had conveyed and providing contact numbers for persons at USDA.

In addition, Mayor Newbury attended two workshops about funding options. The first in El Dorado netted some references and some good information about how to get some funding. The PDD sent a person to evaluate our rate system. That information will be available in a few days. In addition, several other suggestions from that meeting included getting an engineer to come and evaluate our needs and draw up some plans. With that recommendation came a couple of referrals to engineers--one in Texarkana and one in Little Rock.

Letters about the potential sewer rate increase were mailed to all local residents and responses were requested. Only one written request was sent, and that one was quite positive about the increase, stating the need for the repair and upgrading as his reasons for supporting it.

Mayor Newbury is still working on our 2013 budget and is still requestingsome input from the council and from the citizens of Felsenthal before she finalizes the budgets for next year.

Mr. Hartsell gave the council an update on the animal control.

**New Business**

The Arkansas Municipal League policy for AD&D for municipal officials is up for renewal. The mayor asked if the council wanted to renew the policy.

\_\_\_\_\_moved and \_\_\_\_\_ seconded the

motion that the town renew this policy, with Shirley Gilmore as a required addition. Roll call vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

Several announcements concerning town business were made. A local student, Dylan Remore, asked for sponsorship for his application to People-to-People. Anyone wanting to contribute can contact the town hall office. Felsenthal Baptist Church also requested some help in putting together some mission packets. Donations can be made through Kenny King, at 870-310-5250.

The first reading for the Bayou Cable Franchise ordinance was read. It was moved by \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ to have the first reading. Roll call vote was unanimous. The motion passed. After the first reading, Mrs. Harris moved, and it was seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, to have the subsequent readings by title only. Roll call vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

Financial reports were presented. A motion was made by \_\_\_\_\_ and seconded by \_\_\_\_\_ to accept reports as presented. Roll call vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Virginia Harris and seconded by Jack Newbury to adjourn meeting. At roll call votes were unanimous. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned.

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**Mayor**

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**Recorder**