

Felsenthal City Council Meeting

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Mayor Newbury called the meeting to order. At roll call the following members were present: James Holland, Troy Clawson, Margurite Neal, John Newbury, and Virginia Harris. Recorder Joyce Norwood was also present.

Minutes were read. Mr. Clawson made a motion seconded by Mrs. Harris to accept the minutes as read. At roll call all members voted yes. Motion passed.

In Old Business, the items to be discarded were discussed. The items are three old printers one obsolete computer, one old lawn trimmer. A copy of the inventory cards for these items is attached to the minutes. Mrs. Harris made a motion seconded by Mrs. Neal to dispose of the old non-working inventory. At roll call all members voted yes. Motion passed.

Mayor Newbury reported on the meeting with Rural Development Rep. with Mr. Waterston and Mr. Rainwater. Mrs. Gibbs presented information about how this agency could be of help to the town on various future projects concerning upgrading and improving water and sewer systems, as well as assistance with other needs as well. She also examined our sewer system records and discussed the outstanding loan her agency still holds for the Felsenthal Sewer Improvement District, represented by Mr. Waterston and Mr. Rainwater.

Mayor Newbury reported on the Trail update. The resolution needs to be amended because of the changes in the name of the grant application from a walking trail to a wildlife observation trail. After a brief discussion Mr. Holland made a motion, seconded by Mr. Clawson, to amend the resolution as presented. At roll call all members voted yes. Motion passed. Mayor Newbury also told the council the Craig Beckham, an engineer from Texarkana, is looking at the grant for the Town.

Mayor Newbury presented the progress on written policies concerning the opening of Streets and Avenues and providing water and sewer lines to new customers. Mrs. Harris made a motion, seconded by Mr. Clawson, to accept the policies as given. At roll call all members voted yes. Motion passed. A copy of the policies is attached to minutes.

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In New Business, Mayor Newbury read the annual Levy Tax Resolution to the council. Mr. Holland made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Harris, to accept the resolution as read. At roll call all members voted yes. Resolution passed as No. 111-11.

Mayor Newbury discussed Worth Camp's newly reprinted and laminated maps of Felsenthal. She suggested the town purchase the maps and have them for sale at the Town Hall. El Dorado Printing will provide the maps for \$20.00, and the town will sell them for \$25.00. Mr. Clawson made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Harris, to purchase some of the maps to sell at the Town Hall to the public. At roll call all members voted yes. Motion passed.

Mr. James White, a resident of Felsenthal, was present at the meeting to express his concern about some dangerous activities that were going on in the Town. Mr. White expressed his thoughts about the need for some law enforcement in Felsenthal. Mr. White lives on K Avenue and has witnessed quite a few things in our Town that need to be stopped, such as reckless driving and vandalism of private and public property.

Mr. White even suggests the citizen could help pay for the much needed law enforcement in Felsenthal. Mayor Newbury reported she has had numerous complaints on a couple of kids being a problem in town. The council was in agreement with Mr. White. Mayor Newbury has already contacted our Union County Sheriff's Department about the problem because the vandalism is costing the town a good bit of money. She stated that she has not yet heard back from them. Other avenues of addressing the issue are also under consideration and a plan will be presented no later than at the next meeting to remedy the situation.

The Financial reports were given. Mrs. Harris made a motion, seconded by Mr. Clawson, to accept reports as given. At roll call all members voted yes. Motion passed.

Mrs. Harris made a motion, seconded by Mr. Newbury, to adjourn meeting. At roll call all members present voted yes. Meeting adjourned.

MAYOR

RECORDER