

**MINUTES  
FELSENTHAL CITY COUNCIL  
10-11-2016  
4:00 P.M.  
TOWN HALL**

A quorum being established, Mayor Newbury called the meeting to order. At roll call the following members were present: Mr. Clawson, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Holland, Ms. Neal and Mr. Newbury.

Mrs. Harris moved, seconded by Mr. Newbury, to accept the minutes for the previous meeting, (September 13, 2016). The roll call vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

**Old Business**

Mayor Newbury updated the council on the progress of the condemnation of properties. She said that it is moving forward. We are still waiting on the lawyers from the Municipal League about the legal aspect of the process.

The Mayor told the council that our Grant application the Trail for Life Walking Trail is still in the waiting process. She said that she has sent e-mails to the Engineer, Tyler Richards, about the plans for the walking trail, but there has been no reply yet. We have done everything that is required of us. She said that with the deadline being October 28<sup>th</sup> for the application, that we may have to re-apply next year.

A new policy for water/sewer hook-ups was adopted by the council. The following policies will be enforced: A) All full time residents must have separate water/sewer hook-ups, meters, and separate bills for each residence. B) All rental units must have separate water/sewer hook-ups, meter, and separate bills for each unit. This rule does not apply to a campground or a motel because they are on a separate billing rate. C) Any full time resident may have an extra hook-up to their meter for the use of family or friends who might visit the full time resident and bring a recreational vehicle (RV), which is then hooked up to the resident's home water/sewer services. This should not be long term nor permanent usage, but rather for visitors of short term duration. D) Since there are some long term units that would be affected by this new policy, the council has decided that those longer term RV hook-ups that exist on either full time residents' properties or on part time residents' properties will be grandfathered. If there is a change in ownership of the property after this policy goes into effect, the new owners and all the people hooked-up to the new owner's property will have to abide by the new policies. E) When a new hook-up is required, the person responsible for the hook-up will fill out an application for water/sewer services and make all appropriate deposits before new service will be granted. F) Water service will be terminated for anyone in Felsenthal who does not comply with this new policy, except as indicated in section D above. Mrs. Harris moved, seconded by Mr. Clawson, to accept the new policy for the water/sewer hook-ups. The roll call vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

**New Business**

Floyd Thomas, who is a long-time lawyer and resident of El Dorado, is running for the position of Arkansas State House of Representatives, District 7, was invited to speak to the council. One of the things he spoke about was making sure that the youth would have the job opportunities in South

Arkansas to make them want to return and live in Arkansas. He also, talked about his years of practicing as a lawyer would give him the experience in so many different areas. Another thing he would make sure of was that all counties would get their fair share of tax distributions. He told the council that he would not forget that Felsenthal was here, and that when he got in office that if we needed anything to call on him.

Mayor Newbury stated that she had tried to contact the third candidate for this position, but was unable to reach him to invite him to speak.

Mayor Newbury reminded the council that due to voting November 8th that our regular council meeting would be a week later on November 15, 2016.

Financial Reports for September 13, 2016, were presented and discussed. Mr. Clawson moved, and it was seconded by Mr. Newbury, to accept the financial reports as presented. The roll call vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

Mrs. Harris moved to adjourn, and it was seconded by Mr. Newbury. The roll call vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

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Mayor

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Recorder/Treasurer