

**MINUTES  
FELSENTHAL CITY COUNCIL  
12-13-16  
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. Holland, Mr. Clawson, Ms. Neal, Mr. Newbury, and Mrs. Harris.

Mr. Clawson moved, seconded by Mrs. Harris, to accept the minutes for the previous meeting, (November 15, 2016). The roll call vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

**Old Business**

The Mayor updated the council concerning the town's ordinances concerning the Condemnation of properties. A property owner in Felsenthal notified the office that he knew of some other towns here in South Arkansas that were condemning property and gave the mayor some contact information. She intends to follow up on that information soon.

The mayor also related the results from a discussion with Mr. Zimmerman from AML, and subsequent communications from the League concerning our requests for information. Mayor Newbury received a follow up email the next day from a League attorney who had tried to contact us previously without success at an incorrect email address. This attorney forwarded some sample codes which could be incorporated into our existing ones. In addition, new legislation is pending in Little Rock to assist small towns in this type of endeavor. The Mayor expressed optimism that we can now move forward in getting some properties cleaned up and safer for our community.

The Mayor informed the Council that she had sent the paperwork to the SEAEDC for \$5000.00 in grant money to add to existing funds to get the water tower cleaned, as discussed in previous meetings. This will most likely happen in early 2017.

The Mayor also updated the Council on the speed bump issue on 1st Street. She related a series of emails with Mr. Towns concerning the bumps and the signs to be installed. She stated she had received what she thought was an invoice and explained to Mr. Towns that we did not need the four signs that we on the invoice. In addition, the invoice did not include the speed bumps themselves. She informed Mr. Towns in her last communication with him that the town would not cut a check until the correct type and number of bumps and signs was listed on a proper invoice and installed.

In a discussion with the State Street Aid Commission, Mayor Newbury discovered that it is probable that the Town of Felsenthal will receive funding for the rest of our streets in 2018. We won't know for sure until after the Commission meeting in January, 2017, however.

Council members were asked to check over the AML AD&D insurance policy enrollment cards for accuracy. Then they were to sign and date the card and return it.

**New Business**

Mayor Newbury and Mickey Parker attended a regional meeting of the Arkansas Municipal League hosted in Stephens on Friday, December 2. The primary function of the meeting was to introduce to small towns in south Arkansas the services that AML provides for the nominal membership fee. One of the most interesting issues discussed was monitoring and lobbying for cities and towns in the state legislature. Several of the pending bills were shared with the group and explanations of the their ramifications for towns and cities were discussed.

The Council presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Margurite Neal, who has served as an alderman for our town since December of 2007 and is stepping down as of December 31, 2016. Mr. Ryan Eads has been elected to replace Ms. Neal.

The November financials were presented and examined by the Council. Mr. Newbury moved, and Mrs. Harris seconded the motion. The roll call vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

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

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Mayor

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Recorder/Treasurer