

MINUTES
FELSENTHAL TOWN HALL MEETING
3-21-2017
4:00 P.M.

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

The first order of business was replacing Position 5 Alderwoman, Virginia Harris, who passed away recently. Mayor Newbury nominated for the new council member Ms. Joyce Jones.

Mr. Holland moved, seconded by Mr. Newbury, to accept Ms. Jones, as the new council member for the duration of the term of office, which will be December 31, 2018. The roll call vote was unanimous. The Motion passed. Ms. Jones, new council member, was then sworn in by JP Johnny Burson, and welcomed by the rest of the council.

Mr. Clawson moved, seconded by Mr. Eads, to accept the minutes for the previous meeting, (2-14-2017). The roll call vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

The Mayor told the council that she had been in contact with an attorney from the Municipal League about the proper procedure for going about paying off a loan with Berkadia, that originated to build the existing sewer system years ago. The council had already voted by motion to pay off this loan, but he advised her to present the allocation of funds in a resolution as well. The council discussed resolution 112-17, to allocate the appropriate monies. Mr. Holland moved, seconded by Mr. Clawson, to approve resolution 112-17 for the payoff of the loan with Berkadia in the amount of \$22,977.14 and to adjust the 2017 budget to reflect the transfers and the payment of this bill. The roll call vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

Councilman Eads stated that he had contacted two businesses in El Dorado and one in Monroe about designing welcoming signs for Felsenthal. He said he hoped to have some samples for the council to view in the near future.

The Mayor asked Mickey Parker, Public Works Supt., if the County had inspected the RPZ valves in the County Park. He stated he had not heard anything from the County Judge. Mayor Newbury said she would contact Judge Lofton about the inspection.

Councilman Eads updated the council on the direction the Breamfest committee would be taking for this year's festival. As of right now, the committee does not plan to expand advertising for the 2017 festival. They were pleased with the results from last year. The information would be posted on the festival's website and Mayor Newbury said she would post it on the town's website. Also, the festival committee will be putting out signs. This year they plan to collect \$50.00 for deposit fees from each vender, but when they show up it would be returned to them. This would help to insure that they showed up and not cancel.

NEW BUSINESS

The Mayor talked about Memorial contributions for Mrs. Harris to the Life Touch Hospice in El Dorado. This would include the council members and the staff at town hall. She requested that anyone who wanted to participate should bring their donations to the town hall before March 31.

The Mayor asked the council about their ideas on getting a dumpster at town hall. After a lengthy discussion, they decided to try the dumpster for thirty days and have it pulled when it filled-up and brought back. Each pull would cost the town \$200.00 and a tonnage fee of \$28.50 plus tax. This would be repeated in three months, if this worked out they would talk about the need for a dumpster on a more or less frequent basis.

Mr. Holland moved, and it was seconded by Mr. Eads, to try the dumpster for thirty days and pull it when it filled-up. This would be repeated in three months to see if there was a need for it. The roll call vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

Mayor Newbury said she had been approached by some veterans who requested that the flags that fly in front of town hall to be reversed. She said that the American flag should fly on the right side of the way it was facing and the town would be correcting this.

The February, 2017 financials were presented and examined by the Council. Mr. Holland moved, and Mr. Clawson seconded the motion, to accept the February 2017 financial reports as presented. The roll call vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

Ms. Jones moved to adjourn, and it was seconded by Mr. Newbury. The roll call vote was unanimous. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

Mayor

Recorder/Treasurer