

Minutes
FELSENTHAL CITY COUNCIL
11/14/17
4:00 PM
Town Hall

A quorum being established, Mayor Newbury called the meeting to order. At roll call the following members were present: Mr. Clawson, Mr. Eads, Ms. Jones and Mr. Newbury. Mr. Holland was not present.

Mr. Eads moved, seconded by Mr. Clawson, to accept the minutes for the previous meeting (10-10-17). The roll call vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

There was a discussion of a possible new ordinance #115-17 concerning ATV safety. Included in the provisions of the ordinance were the following: not allowing small children to drive powerful vehicles without adult supervision. Causing damage to drainage ditches, culverts and other person's property will be punished. A secondary reason for this ordinance is to limit the hours for use of these vehicles because of their noise. The penalties for abuse could result in fines, and/or revocation of privileges. Grave and dangerous disregard of, safety, or rights of others will be treated seriously. These penalties will be enforced by the Union County Sheriff's office. Also, the Mayor, or anyone appointed by the mayor, may issue tickets for driving recklessly, too fast, or without the proper licensing or permitting. After a discussion among the council members, it was decided to declare an emergency for the passing of this ordinance, since duck and deer season are both upon us. The ordinance will be read three times at the December meeting after the mayor clears up some ambiguities in the wording of the ordinance.

Councilman Eads suggested that the mayor write an op-ed piece and send it for publication to the *El Dorado News Times*. He wanted her to explain the overall vision for this new ordinance. The Mayor agreed to do that.

Mayor Newbury reported to the council concerning the responses received from letters and notifications sent out to property owners about cleaning their property up. One property owner called to inform the mayor that they would see to cleaning up the property. One person posted no trespassing signs but made no attempt to clean up the property, and there was no response at all from another person. The Mayor will have a deputy go with her to inform this person that this is his last warning before legal proceedings commence.

Our insurance representative, Mr. Rod Mills, will meet with the mayor on Thursday, November 16, 2017 to finalize our insurance proceedings for 2018. The town's overall liability insurance will be dropped January 1, 2018, because the town has tort immunity from any liabilities.

Our fixed assets list is being updated with deletions of old or no longer useful items and additions of new or overlooked purchases so that at the being of next year the totals will correct.

The mayor told the council that she had written to the driver of a chip wood truck that was overturned on K Avenue in the summer. This accident dumped the truck load of chips into our ditch and did some damage to our culvert. In addition, a tree was damaged in the removal of this overturned truck. She told him about the damage to the culvert and that it would have to be replaced. She has received no response yet.

NEW BUSINESS

The Mayor presented to the council a proposal to renew our AD&D life insurance. Mr. Clawson moved and it was seconded by Mr. Newbury, to renew the AD&D life insurance with Arkansas Municipal League. The roll call vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

The mayor told the council that Mr. Parker had contacted the county to mow the town’s ditches and around the sewer pond. The Town will have to pay for the driver’s wages for the time he works in our Town. This should take place in the next week or two.

The flooring in the main office is going to have to be fixed as it is rotted out. There will be proposals to have repairs done and possibly different contractors do the flooring. When the flooring is taken up, we will spray the ground underneath for termites and we will also kill the mold underneath the building. We will remove some of the skirting and replace with vents to allow air circulations.

The Financial Reports for November, were presented and examined by the Council. Mr. Newbury moved, seconded by Mr. Clawson, to accept the October Financial reports as presented. The roll call vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

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

Mayor

Recorder/Treasurer