

**MINUTES  
FELSENTHAL TOWN HALL  
7-11-17  
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, Mr. Eads, Mr. Holland, Ms. Jones, and Mr. Newbury.

Mr. Clawson moved, seconded by Mr. Newbury, to accept the minutes for the previous meeting (6-13-2017). The roll call vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

**Old Business**

The Mayor asked Councilman Eads about new information concerning new signage for the town. He stated that he had been on vacation the month of June and that he would have the information by the next meeting in August. The action was tabled.

Mayor Newbury asked Sheriff Roberts to come to the meeting on Tuesday night and answer questions about her going forward with approving the New Ordinances ("Town beautification ordinance" and "Condemning and abating nuisance properties") and what she could expect from the Sheriff's office. He stated that his office has been short-handed and that they should have a full staff starting on Monday, July 17<sup>th</sup>. There was a lengthy discussion about things that could be done. The Sheriff stated that as a Code Enforcer Mayor Newbury is able to write tickets. The Mayor talked about citizens coming and talking to her about the nuisance properties. They both agreed that there shouldn't be a problem with getting most citizens on board with the approval of the ordinances. Sheriff Roberts said that his office would help the town in any way he could.

Ms. Jones moved, and it was seconded by Mr. Eads, for the 3rd reading of Ordinance #01-2017 and Ordinance #02-2007 by title only. The roll call vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

After the proposed ordinances were read by title, Mr. Clawson moved, and it was seconded by Mr. Eads, to adopt Ordinance #01-2017 "Condemning and abating nuisance Properties". The roll call vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

Mr. Eads moved, and it was seconded by Ms. Jones, to adopt Ordinance 02-2017 "Town beautification ordinance". The roll call vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

Mayor Newbury updated the council on the progress of the removal of the damaged building and tree. She has one estimate from Laredo Tree Service for \$800.00 to remove the tree. She told them that she plan to get another estimate. Councilman Eads told her to go ahead and get a company to remove the tree. He explained that waiting would not be leading the community by example--that is getting rid of downed trees and limbs, causing unsafe and unsightly conditions.

The Mayor told the council that we have gotten a Claim closed letter from EMC Insurance concerning the damage done by the tree.

Sheriff Roberts and Chief Deputy Charlie Phillips answered questions about what to do about

speeding and illegal 4-wheeler riders. They talked about small children riding 4-wheelers and how dangerous it was, and that someone was going to get killed. Councilman Eads suggested getting yearly permits for legal 4-wheelers, which could only be driven by permitted drivers--that is persons 14 years and older who have driver's permits. This would be the same rules as legal licensed drivers.

It was also discussed about renting (The Bull Dog) flashing blue light sign, which could show the speed a driver is going.

There was a lengthy discussion about going forward with getting speed bumps for other streets in town. Mayor Newbury told the council about calls and e-mails from citizens about the placement of speed bumps. It was decided that there would be 5 speed bumps placed on other streets, and at the next meeting we would have the total cost for the speed bumps and their installation. These new speed bumps would be placed as follows: 4 on Short Circle and one on 3rd St.

The Mayor told the council that we had gotten a quite positive Report on our Agreed Upon Procedures for water and sewer funds and that they all should be very proud of our Bookkeeper Shirley Gilmore and Assistant Bookkeeper Martha Jo Lancaster for the great job that they do, and that the Auditor was very impressed about the way our books were kept.

### **New Business**

Councilman Eads told the Council about The Union County Bass Club Tournament this weekend (for kids only) at Felsenthal, Saturday, July 15 from 6:00-12:00. The entry is free for kids (two divisions-- up to 13 and up to 19). Also, Councilman Eads told the council that there would have some great prizes.

He also informed the council about the art contest that they had at the Breamfest in May. Next year they hoped do things different, like different age divisions (the younger entries wouldn't have to complete with the older entries) and that the prize would be a life-time fishing license which would cost \$1,000.00. The web page for this endeavor is Felsenthal Fish Company. Mayor Newbury will link this page to our web page and our Facebook page.

Councilman Eads said that he has been approached by several people concerning the closing of the road to Clear Lake in Felsenthal. He wanted the Mayor to get a Representative from Arkansas Game and Fish to come to the next meeting in August and answer questions about this problem from the citizens.

Councilwoman Jones wanted the Mayor to check-out with Entergy about updating our street addresses. Anytime properties change hands here in Felsenthal, it seems that Entergy has very old, outdated addresses for these places.

Councilman Clawson spoke about putting up a small water reservoir to compensate for when we had to do maintenance on the main water tower.

No final decisions were made on any of these items of discussion, but further research and contacts will be made to provide better information needed to make wise decisions on these issues.

The May, 2017 financials were presented and examined by the Council. Mr. Holland moved,

and seconded by Mr. Newbury, to accept the May 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. Clawson. The roll call vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

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**Mayor**

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**Recorder/Treasurer**