

MINUTES
FELSENTHAL CITY COUNCIL
9/12/17
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, Mr. Holland, Ms. Jones and Mrs. Newbury.

Mr. Newbury moved, seconded by Mr. Eads, to accept the minutes for the previous meeting (8-10-2017). The roll call vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

Old business

Mayor Newbury presented a rough draft of a potential ordinance #03-2017 concerning ATV safety. Councilman Newbury suggested not to do anything, because it was the normal thing the citizens were used too. Councilman Eads said he almost ran over a child a couple of weeks ago on K Avenue. The Mayor said it was time to do something before someone was hurt or killed, with small children riding more powerful 4-wheelers without any adult supervision. The council talked about a rent-a-cop program two or three times a month. The Mayor said she would investigate more options the town could use in this matter.

The speed bumps have been received and installed. The signs are on order.

The Mayor gave an update on the 911 addresses. She talked with Robin Osgood about the issue. Ms. Osgood told her that the County was in the process of revamping the whole system in the County. The issue was tabled.

Mayor told the Council that she had a meeting with Rod Mills, our insurance representative, about updating the towns insurance.

The State Audit results have been received, and the town had no findings. We only had five minor recommendations, which have all been addressed.

New Business

The Council voted to approve Tax Levy--Resolution #113-17. Mr. Clawson moved and it was seconded by Mr. Newbury to approve the Tax Levy resolution. The roll call vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

The Resolution--#114-17--approving reimbursement by town to employees or elected officials when they must travel in their own vehicles to do town's business was presented. This issue came up during the bi-annual Legislative audit from the State. Rationale for this resolution included the fact that the Town only has one vehicle--not reliably available for general use and Mrs. Gilmore regularly makes trips to Huttig Post Office and Simmons Bank in Strong for the Town, using her own vehicle. The resolution calls for the use of the standard State of Arkansas reimbursement for travel. The existing rate for State reimbursements is currently \$.42 per mile.

Mr. Holland moved, and it was seconded by Mr. Clawson, to approve Resolution -- #114-17--for reimbursing employees or elected official for mileage when they use their own vehicles to do town's business. The roll call vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

The Mayor signed a proclamation for Go Pink Day in Felsenthal. October is breast cancer month and she proclaimed that the Town of Felsenthal will recognize and remember it.

The Mayor introduced information about internet speed upgrade for the Town. We are currently at 2 megs, and this speed is often too slow to accommodate our needs. There is only one option for increasing and that is to 15 megs. Mr. Clawson moved, and was seconded by Mr. Eads, to upgrade our internet system to 15 megs for our internet speed. The roll call vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

The July, 2017 financials were presented and examined by the Council. Mr. Eads moved, seconded by Mr. Newbury, to accept the July 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.