
MINUTES

FELSENTHAL TOWN COUNCIL

05/14/19

4:30 PM

Town Hall

A quorum being established, Mayor Newbury called the meeting to order. At roll call the following members were present: Mr. Holland, Ms. Jones, Ms. Linder and Mr. Newbury was not present and Mr. Clawson's seat was empty, of course.

The council then moved immediately to fill Mr. Clawson's vacant term. The Mayor presented Ms. Mary Seymore to the council as a replacement for Mr. Clawson, to fill his place as Alderman, position 2 until the end of his term. Ms. Linder moved, and it was seconded by Mr. Holland, to place Mary Seymore in Mr. Clawson's position to finish his term of office. The vote was unanimous, and the motion passed. Mr. Burson was then called in to administer the oath of office and Ms. Seymore took her place in position 2 for the regular meeting.

Ms. Jones moved, and it was seconded by Mr. Holland, to accept the minutes for the previous meeting (4-9-19). The roll call vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

Old business

Mary Seymore is on the committee for the Breamfest. She was asked to give an update on the plans for having the Breamfest this year. Mary stated that the Felsenthal Bream Festival Association members are watching the water very closely. They would meet on Friday, May 17th and make a final decision on whether to postpone the Festival. The committee is determined that the Festival would be rescheduled, not cancelled in the case of high water. She said their plans were moving along as planned. Fund raising and vendor recruitment have been exception, Ms. Seymore informed the Council. They would let everyone know after the meeting on the 17th, about plans going forward.

Arnet's Computer repair business in Crossett will continue to be our go to business for our computer and printer needs. They lost their computer repair person but they hired another one.

The decision to vacate the road by 1st Baptist Church, in Felsenthal, is on-going until the Mayor could talk with Mr. James Manning about access to his property behind the Church.

New Business

The tax holiday for Arkansas will be August the 3rd and 4th this year. We have a list of items in the office, that you could take advantage of during the tax holiday.

We were notified by ADEQ of a violation that we had from 2017. After Mr. Culp corrected the deficient report from that time period, ADEQ still wanted a letter from the Mayor acknowledging the violation and its correction. The letter was sent to ADEQ.

The Mayor joined many other Arkansas cities in a Proclamation Recognizing and Observing Arkansas Heritage month 2019. Historic preservation is an effective tool for managing growth, revitalizing neighborhoods, fostering local pride, and maintaining community character while enhancing livability. It is important to celebrate the role of history in our lives. May 2019 is designated a Preservation Month, cosponsored by the Town of Felsenthal, and the proclamation calls upon the people of Felsenthal to join their fellow citizens across the United States in recognizing and participating in this special observance.

Resolution #116-19 was written to modify our fixed assets inventory to reflect a new purchase. Using a chainsaw on a regular basis is part of the work done by our public works superintendent. A smaller chainsaw than the Husqvarna we currently have is needed for many of the jobs requiring a chainsaw. A MS251 (Wood Boss) chainsaw was purchased for the smaller jobs. Mr. Holland moved, and it was seconded by Ms. Jones, to authorize the revision of our Fixed Assets Inventory to include a MS251 (Wood Boss) chainsaw. The roll call vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

Our 2018 Consumer Confidence Reports have been published by the Arkansas Department of Health, and we are required to post them in several different places. It will be placed on our Water bills in June, July and August. Also, our Web Site will publish a direct link that you can go into to read the results. A copy will be sent in a group e-mail and placed on the Town's Face Book page by June 3, 2019.

A discussion was brought up by one of our council members, Amy Linder, about damage to personal property on Short Circle. The river is high and the water is up to the residential area. Adults and children are riding to the water and turning around in peoples' yards and rutting them up. They are also riding through ditches and damaging culverts. This has been reported to the sheriff's office on several different occasions. When the people are confronted, by some of our citizens, they are not very nice and continue to cause damage. The Mayor said that she would see about putting barriers up and would be sending a letter, signed by all the Council members, to the Sheriff's office about getting more patrols to our area and giving out tickets. She also stated that she would be looking into other areas to help with this problem.

The Council Members discussed the tram road, our only exit, if the water gets across K Avenue. It was talked about upgrades that were going to have to be made. The Mayor said that there was going to have to a lot of improvements to the road. The possibly of getting an engineer to write up a plan of action was also talked about. She talked about trying to find some grant money to help with the improvements. After the flood in March 2018, we tried to get help from the County but the promises that were made to us were not carried through.

The financial reports for April 2019 were presented and examined by the Council. Mr. Holland moved, and it was seconded by Ms. Linder, to accept the financial reports was written. The roll vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

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

Mayor

Recorder/Treasurer