

**MINUTES**  
**FELSENTHAL CITY COUNCIL**  
**10/ 08/19**  
**4:30 PM**  
**Town Hall**

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

**Mr. Newbury moved, and it was seconded by Ms. Seymore, to accept the minutes for the previous meeting (9-10-19). The roll call vote was unanimous. The motion passed.**

**Old business**

Property owners on U Alley have presented a dispute concerning the extension of U Alley past the Robertson property to the eight lots purchased for development by Mr. Stephen Kelly and his partner, Mr. Kerry Hill. To get to his lots Mr. Kelly wants to open U Alley through the edge of Toni Robertson's property. She stated that he could have access to his property by developing either 13<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup> Streets or by using the existing developed 15<sup>th</sup> Street. All of these streets will also grant access to the properties in question, according to both the Mayor and Ms. Robertson. Ms. Robertson is concerned that her property will be damaged by the trucks and construction crews needed to develop the land. Ms. Robertson stated that some of the trees planted by her grandfather were already cut down and several more will be cut down if the plans to develop the property continue as planned. The mayor told them that the Council did not have any input into the dispute, but that the existing gate on 15<sup>th</sup> street will have to be moved to private property instead of where it currently is. Another option would be for all property owners to have keys to the gate. Another option for the town would be to vacate the alleyway in question. She told Ms. Robertson and Mr. Hill to try and come up with a solution that would satisfy both parties. This is on going so it was tabled.

The water tower clean out was delayed due to the well being so low. It was decided by Mr. Culp, our Public Works Superintendent, to postpone the clean out until we have gotten more rain. He said it should be within the next month. The public should watch the Facebook page and the group email list to see when the plans will be put into effect.

There is possible grant money to rebuild the rotting floors in our two small offices (PDD). We are still waiting on a bid from ERC and others who might make bids. A couple of possible bidders were mentioned by the council members, and the mayor will approach these folks to ask for bids.

Councilwoman Seymore reported about the meeting she attended at the Chamber of Commerce Economic Outlook Luncheon on September 11<sup>th</sup>. She stated that the Speaker was Randy Zook, President and Chief Executive of the Arkansas State Chamber and Associated Industries of Arkansas. Mr. Zook reported on Governor Hutchinson's four T's. Teachers, Taxes, Transformation and Transportation, which were the four areas that the Legislature addressed and were the major focus. The teacher salaries would be increased. This would make Arkansas teacher salaries competitive in the region. Taxes would be lower for top earners and large corporations within the next few years to encourage more investment and business growth. Transformation within the government has already begun, but the governor's plan is to reduce the number of cabinet members from 42 to 15, and in April he signed The Transformation and Efficiencies Act of 2019 into law. In transportation he talked about the expansion and improving the state's highway system, Mr. Zook said this was a priority in this session.

**New Business**

**Resolution #119-19 was written for the purpose of adding a new item to the fixed assets inventory. The item is a CD&F Model ST2100 telephone decoder.**

Ms. Seymore moved and it was seconded by Mr. Newbury to add the CD&F Model ST2100 telephone decoder to the fixed assets Inventory of the town of Felsenthal, Arkansas, for the fiscal year of 2019 with Resolution #119-19. The roll call vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

**The Financial Reports for September, 2019 were presented and examined by the Council. Ms. Seymore moved, and it was seconded by Ms. Linder, to accept the financial reports as written. The roll call vote was unanimous. The motion passed.**

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

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**Mayor**

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**Recorder/Treasurer**