

**MINUTES**  
**FELSENTHAL TOWN COUNCIL**  
**12/ 10/19**  
**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. Linder, Mr. Newbury and Mary Seymore. Ms. Jones was not present.**

**Roll Call**

**Ms. Seymore moved, and it was seconded by Mr. Holland, to accept the minutes of the previous meeting (November 2019). The roll call vote was unanimous. The motion passed.**

**Old business**

Mayor Newbury reported to the Council that the water tower had been cleaned out. She also stated that there was money set aside for repairs on the pump house. The materials needed for repairs would be purchased this year to complete the job.

The repairs suggested from having the water tower cleaned out and the repairs mandated will be sent out for bids in January 2020.

The Mayor told the Council that we were waiting on approval for the possible grant money to do floors in two small offices (PDD). Mr. Johnson, Jr. was awarded the bid for the job, but Mayor Newbury said at the meeting, that she would have to make sure Mr. Johnson was bonded.

Council woman Mary Seymore told the Council, a citizen, Mr. John White, wanted her to tell them that the water tasted better than it had ever tasted since he had been in Felsenthal. To tell Mr. Culp, Our Public Works Supt.) that he was doing a great job.

**New Business**

Resolution #121-19 to support state resolution concerning 1/2 percent sales and use tax was voted on. The Resolution by the Town of Felsenthal, Arkansas, supporting the House Joint Resolution 1018 of 2019 (HJR 1019 of 2019), proposing an amendment to the Arkansas constitution to continue a levy of a one-half percent sales and use tax for state highways and bridges; county roads, bridges and other surface transportation; and city streets, bridges, and other surface transportation after the retirement of the bonds authorized in Arkansas distributed under the Arkansas highway revenue distribution law. Under Arkansas Constitution, Amendment 91, is due to expire on June 30, 2023 unless a new Constitutional amendment is passed. Ms. Seymore moved and it was seconded by Mr. Holland to approve Resolution #121-19 to support State resolution concerning ½ present sales and use tax. The one-half percent sales and use tax will ensure future investment in the state highway system, county roads, and city streets. The roll call vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

The Mayor told the Council that minimum wage was going up to \$10.00 on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020. She suggested to the Council to give the employees a 5% cola. They agreed that was the right thing to do. Mayor Newbury said that the Towns finances were in great shape.

The Superintendent of Strong/Huttig Schools, Kimberly Thomas, called Town Hall and wanted the Mayor to

write a support letter to help keep the schools in Strong not have to be consolidated. The State board of Education will meet in Little Rock on, Thursday, January 12, 2019, to determine if Strong/Huttig, having fewer than 350 students, would continue to receive a minimum school district size waiver. The Council told the Mayor to write the support letter.

**The Financial Reports for November 2019, were presented and examined by the Council. Mr. Holland moved, and it was seconded by Mr. Newbury, to accept the financial reports as written. The roll call vote was unanimous. The motion passed.**

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

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**Mayor**

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**Recorder/Treasurer**