

Town of Felsenthal
February Council Meeting

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The meeting was called to order by the Mayor, and the roll was called. Present were the following: James Holland, Troy Clawson, Jack Newbury, and Virginia Harris.

Minutes of the previous meeting were presented. A motion was made by Jack Newbury and seconded by James Holland to accept minutes as presented. Roll call votes were unanimous. The motion passed.

In old business:

Mayor Newbury presented a summary of the insurance re-evaluation and commented on the changes and upgrades. She stated that the town's coverage with EMC insurance companies in El Dorado was the primary carrier now and that the coverage on the town's property had not been upgraded in several years. The value of the town hall and other properties needed to be increased for insurance purposes. That has now been accomplished. Farm Bureau is no longer a carrier of our insurance, and some of the Arkansas Municipal League coverage has been dropped and others have been clarified.

Mayor Newbury reported that she did not make the trip to Little Rock as planned to make the presentation for the Wildlife Observation Trail Grant because she was ill. She faxed a speech to be presented during her time slot and they agreed to read it. We are still awaiting results from the final selection.

Mayor Newbury reminded the Council that the meeting for March will be the 15th instead of the 13th.

The mayor reported about the Neighborhood Watch program, about which the council requested information last month. She reported that she had been discussing it with citizens around town and that she already had volunteers to help organize it. More will be done soon.

In other old business, Mr. Holland asked about the street lights in town that need replacement bulbs. It was discussed and Entergy will be notified about the burned out bulbs.

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In new business

Joe Harris and Mayor Newbury will be attending re-accreditation classes as floodplain managers this spring, but the dates have not been announced yet.

Mayor Newbury presented the council with information about the sewer budget. She stated that 40% of the budget went to two loan payments. She informed the council we still owe \$23,000 to

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one account and \$47,000 to another account. She requested that the council consider some options about paying down or eliminated these debts so that the budget will not be so tight. Possible solutions will be discussed in future meetings.

Mayor Newbury reminded the council and the town recorder that the deadline for filing for re-election is February 23-March 1, 2012 .

Financial reports were given for all four accounts. After a brief discussion Virginia Harris made a motion, seconded by Troy Clawson to accept all four financial reports as presented. Roll call votes were unanimous. The motion passed.

Virginia Harris made a motion, seconded by Jack Newbury, to adjourn meeting. Roll call votes were unanimous. Meeting adjourned.

Mayor

Recorder