## AGENDA FELSENTHAL CITY COUNCIL 10/14/14 Town Hall

Mayor Newbury called the meeting to order. At roll call the following members were present: Mr. Clawson, Mrs. Harris, Mr. Holland, Ms. Neal and Mr. Newbury. Mr. Clawson moved, seconded by Mr. Newbury, to accept the minutes for regular meeting, September 9, 2014, as presented. The roll call vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

## **Old Business**

There is no new information when the work would start on paving K avenue.

All ADEQ requirements have been completed with two exceptions –Mickey Parker must have another year of service before he can take the test to be certified as a Class II Plant Operator. The banks of the sewer ponds need stabilizing materials. This is under way and will be completed soon.

Issues concerning the land title to our property on 1<sup>st</sup> Street—still not resolved. We have talked with the bank official several times. "The lawyers are working on It." is what we are told.

The Mayor proposed to the council to sell the fire truck for scrap. Barker Steel Warehouse will pay the going rate of 8.5 cents per pound, and they will arrange for transport. This move will net the town approximately \$1000.00, and it will save us from having to pay liability insurance of approximately \$275.00 per year for this truck. Mr. Clawson moved, and seconded by Mr. Newbury, to sell the fire truck for scrap. The roll call vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

Representatives of the Arkansas State Street Aid Fund visited us this week to look at our town's streets to assess their condition for resurfacing. We applied for a grant in January 2014. Because our application was in so early in 2014, they said that our application should be high on the list for consideration in 2015. They said we should know something in January, 2015, but that if approved, work might begin as late as 2016.

## **New Business**

Mayor Newbury wanted the council members to think about installing an annual COLA for employees (not elected officials) of a percentage based on the cost of living. She said we will discuss and decide at a future meeting.

When presenting the Financial Reports for September 2014, Mayor Newbury noted that each budget had surplus balances with revenues exceeding expenditures for fiscal 2014. She reminded the council that these surpluses in water, sewer, and general funds were built into the budget and will go to replenishing the emergency funds depleted in the repairing of our lift stations last year. The Mayor also pointed out the increase in Street Fund revenues over that which was budgeted. A new state tax went into effect, and collection of this new tax is the explanation for increased revenues. Mrs. Harris moved, seconded by Mr. Holland, to accept the reports as presented. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Mrs. Harris moved, to adjourn meeting, seconded by Mr. Holland. Roll call vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

Mayor

Recorder/Treasurer