

**Town of Felsenthal
Council Meeting
January 14, 2014
City Hall**

Mayor Newbury called the meeting to order. At roll call the following members were present: Mr. Holland, Mr. Clawson, Ms. Neal, Mr. Newbury, and Mrs. Harris.

The Mayor proposed to the council to replace our Recorder/Treasurer, Joyce Norwood, who has moved out of our town, with Clara S. Gilmore, for the duration of the term, which is the rest of 2014. Mr. Clawson moved, and Mrs. Harris seconded the motion, to appoint Clara S. Gilmore to fill the vacated elected post of Recorder/Treasurer for the duration of the term. Roll Call was taken. The vote was unanimous. The motion carried. At that time, Mr. Johnny Burson, our J.P., swore Mrs. Gilmore in.

Minutes of the December 10, 2013 meeting were read. Mrs. Harris moved--seconded by Mr. Newbury, to accept the minutes as read. The roll call vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

Old Business

Mayor Newbury is still working on actions to take with regard to condemning properties in Felsenthal. The Arkansas Municipal League legal department sent Mayor Newbury a brochure entitled, "Legal Tools to Help Keep a City Clean." Mayor Newbury discussed with the council some of the municipal authorities and options.

Mrs. Newbury informed the council that she had written a letter as per their request to Mr. Hartsell about retaining him on an as needed basis for animal control. This should save the town some money.

New Business

The Mayor asked for comment regarding the article on p. 13 in the December issue of *City and Town* Magazine (the Municipal League monthly). The article described the duties of city councils at their first meeting in 2014. The Mayor explained that all the provisions described were already in effect and that the budgetary requirements would be addressed before the meeting ended.

The other article that the Mayor had requested the council to read and consider from that issue of *City and Town* was found on p. 36. It described the State Aid Street Committee's criteria for applying for Street Aid. Mayor Newbury told the council that she had communicated with Mr. Steve Napper, attorney for the State Aid Street Committee, and received guidelines for applying for the money. She informed the council that she had written the appropriate letter and was told that more funds will be available by 2015, but that our town was eligible and most likely would receive some help. The Mayor stated that Mr. Napper told her that the money was 100% with no matching funds required.

Financial reports were discussed. Mr. Clawson moved, seconded by Mr. Newbury, to accept reports as presented. Roll call was unanimous. The motion passed.

Resolution #110-14 was presented by the Mayor. This resolution outlined the modifications necessary to have the 2013 budget match actual revenues and expenditures. Mrs. Harris moved, and Mr. Clawson seconded the motion, to ratify Resolution #110-14. The Roll Call vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

The budget proposal for 2014 was presented to the Council. Mr. Newbury moved, and Mr. Clawson seconded the motion, to accept the proposed budget in all four funds for the fiscal year of 2014. The roll call vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

Mrs. Harris moved, seconded by Mr. Clawson, to adjourn meeting. At roll call, votes were unanimous. The motion passed.

Mayor

Recorder/Treasurer