

**Minutes
Felsenthal City Council
Meeting
April 14, 2015**

A quorum being established, Mayor Newbury called the meeting to order. At roll call the following members were present: Mr. Clawson, Ms. Neal, Mr. Newbury, and Mrs. Harris. Mr. Holland was not present.

Mr. Newbury moved, seconded by Mrs. Harris, to accept the minutes for the regular meeting, March 10, 2015. The roll call vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

Old Business

The Mayor announced that there is no new information on the Grant from Arkansas Street Aid Commission. However, we will be in the process of cleaning ditches, repairing and replacing some culverts, in preparation for the resurfacing of our streets, which may not happen until 2016.

Other announcements included the following: We are continuing to send monthly progress reports to ADEQ concerning our ongoing issues with the sewage ponds. We have talked with Entergy about running electricity to our sewer ponds. The Southwest Arkansas Planning and Development District (SWAPDD) has informed Mayor Newbury that there is no GIF money left to help us with this project. Other avenues are being investigated for financial assistance in the upgrades and improvements mandated by the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) to our sewer system. There has been no further response to our calls to Verizon about getting a booster down here for better service on our cell phones.

The results of our audit for the year 2014 have been received. After discussing the initial findings with the auditor, we are assured that we have no findings on our audit reports.

New Business

Friends of Felsenthal will have their official send-off of their paddling trail on April 25th at 10:00 A.M. They will start at the County boat ramp and go through Spring Bayou. All are invited to join them for this approximately two-hour trip. Even if you don't plan to paddle, come send them off with an official "*bon voyage*."

The Council gave Mayor Newbury the go ahead to apply for FY 2016 Grant money for a walking trail – this will be an asset to our community.

The Web site for information about the Breamfest is <http://felsenthal-ar.com/2015-bream-fest-information.html> . If you have questions: Contact Holly Womack 870-315-5139.

The Mayor gave the Council Members a proposed revision of our Animal Control Ordinance to look over for the next meeting. Mr. Charles Hartsell requested some additions to our Animal Control Ordinance to match Animal Control Ordinances in other cities in which he works so he could better serve us in the future. The mayor explained that most of the adjustments to our ordinance are definitions and clauses that bring our ordinance into line with state and county statutes concerning animal control

Our CD at the First Financial Bank will mature in May, 2015. The Council Members gave Mayor Newbury the attorney to transfer the money to our current money market in our Water Fund. Mrs. Harris, moved, and Mr. Newbury, seconded the motion to move the money from the Water Fund CD to our current Money Market Account at First Financial Bank. At roll call, the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

March, 2015 financial reports were presented and discussed. Mr. Clawson moved, and was seconded by Mrs. Harris, to accept the financial reports as presented. At roll call the vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

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

Mayor

Recorder/Treasurer