

**FELSENTHAL TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING
SEPTEMBER 15, 2015
TOWN HALL**

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

Mr. Clawson moved, seconded by Mr. Newbury, to accept the minutes for the previous meeting, (August 11, 2015). The roll call vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

We are still sending monthly progress reports to ADEQ. Funding for running the electric lines should be available any day now. We talked with Representative John Baine's office yesterday. They are writing a supporting letter in this process. Renee Dycus, director of SWAPDD, is working on this money as well. Senator Bobby Pierce is to be thanked for the time and research that he put in to find this source of funding for this project.

Our Attorney, Matt Thomas, has talked with Mr. Waterston again and he assured us that Mr. Waterston understands that a meeting to dissolve the Sewer Improvement District must be held and the District dissolved before any of the money can be dispersed. This meeting has not taken place.

AGFC Biologist Supervisor Susan Nimmo has informed us that the gravel road leading into the lakes in the Beryl Anthony Lower Wildlife Management Area is now open. Beryl Anthony is located in Union and Ashley Counties in south Arkansas near the Louisiana border. She also informed us that that the AGFC will begin phasing out the current ATV trails. Any boats or other personal property on the WMA should be removed at this time. ATVs will only be allowed on the new gravel road, that was opened the week of September 4, 2015. A discussion ensued during which Mayor Newbury read correspondence between her and Ms. Nimmo concerning the closing of the ATV trails. Mayor Newbury has informed Ms. Nimmo of the residents' dissatisfaction with the closing of the trails.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution #112-15 – Annual tax levy, was introduced by Mayor Newbury. Mrs. Harris moved and seconded by Mr. Newbury to approve the resolution, which authorizes the collection of taxes at the county level. The roll call vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

We recently received the audit report from State Legislative Audit of our General and Street funds for 2013 and 2014. Though there were no "findings," we did receive nine recommendations from the auditors – all of which have either been fixed or are being worked on. Here are some of the actions taken to address these recommendations, as reported by the Mayor to the Council.

- a. Our fixed Assets Inventory has been modified as per two of the recommendations by adding certain columns and adjusting some values.

- b. **Resolution #113-15** was passed to modify the budget as to changes in major expenditures has been passed. This addresses another issue the auditors were concerned about. The council has been adjusting the budget once a year to match actual revenues and expenditures. The auditors wanted these adjustments made as major changes to the budget occur.
- c. **Resolution #114-15** was passed to set a minimum value of \$100.00 on items included on the Fixed Assets Inventory. In one recommendation, the auditors said we needed a resolution fixing the minimum amount a purchase must be to be considered a Fixed Asset.
- d. A change in procedures for transferring money has been instituted to insure that transfers from one account to another are properly receipted.
- e. Numbered receipt books from El Dorado Printing have been ordered as per the auditors' recommendation.
- e. Our CPA has been notified about the auditors' recommendation concerning the placing of receipt numbers in the receipt journals in our monthly financial reports.
- f. Two other recommendations had already been corrected.

Resolution #113-15--modification of approved 2015 budget was introduced. Mr. Clawson moved, and it was seconded by Mr. Holland, to approve the resolution. The roll call vote was unanimous. The motion passed to approve the modification of approved 2015 budget. This included the acceptance of the grant money from SWAPDD to help with the electric lines and the expenditures for culverts recently when we were getting our streets resurfaced.

Resolution #114-15 – setting minimum amount of \$100.00 for items in the Fixed Assets Inventory--was introduced by Mayor Newbury. Mrs. Harris moved, seconded by Mr. Clawson, to set the minimum amount of \$100.00 for items in the Fixed Assets Inventory. This was a recommendation from the auditor. At roll call the vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

Mr. Hayter on 11th St. approached us about cutting a large tree down on the town's property adjacent to his. He was concerned that it would fall on his house. After looking the situation over, the town agreed that there was a danger to Mr. Hayter's place. To have this tree cut down cost the town \$350.00 but did not include disposing of the debris. There is some firewood available to anyone who needs it.

Financial Reports (August 11, 2015) were presented and discussed. Mr. Holland moved, and it 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, and it was seconded by Mr. Newbury. At roll call the vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

Mayor

Recorder/Treasurer