

Town of Felsenthal council meeting

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August 10, 2011

Mayor Newbury called the meeting to order. At roll call the following members were present: James Holland, Troy Clawson, Jack Newbury and Virginia Harris. Miss Margurite Neal was not present. Recorder Joyce Norwood was also present. Minutes from the July meeting were read. Mr. Newbury made a motion seconded by Mr. Clawson to accept minutes as read. At roll call all members present voted yes. Motion passed.

In old business the council discussed the water meter deposit for renters. The increase in the deposit will assure the water association will not lose money if the renter moves off. The meter deposit is refundable if no bill is left owed. Mrs. Harris made a motion, seconded by Mr. Newbury, to raise the renter's water deposit to \$60.00 (approximately 2 months' bill). At roll call all members present voted yes. Motion passed.

Mayor Newbury reported that the approved diesel tank will to be stored under the shed. When adequate room is provided, Hill Oil will bring the tank and fill it. This should be accomplished within the next couple of weeks.

Mayor Newbury gave an update on the Trail grant process. Letters requesting municipal support have been sent. Mayor Newbury has a draft for the actual grant. Mayor Newbury also talked to the council about needing an engineer to be on standby with the understanding that the company will receive no funds unless the grant is funded. The Parks and Tourism representative and Richard Magby of the Corps of Engineers have sent pictures in and Richard Magby of the Corp. provided a satellite photo with the proposed trail superimposed on it for the grant.

The letters for the sign "In God We Trust" have been received. Mrs. Harris and Mayor Newbury will work on the sign and get it completed.

Mayor Newbury reported that we now have a weekly newsletter published on our website for the public to view. The letter can be found on our website at [www. Felsenthal-ar.com/](http://www.Felsenthal-ar.com/)

Mayor Newbury discussed the opening of 10th Street from K Avenue to L Avenue. The town will purchase the culvert. The customer will provide the gravel and the town will spread it. The Town will pay for the sewer and water pipe and the customer will pay for the labor for installation.

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Mayor Newbury expressed the need for some guidelines to be written about who pays for lines and street openings so the mayor doesn't have to question proper and fair procedures for future new residents to the area. She will gather the necessary information, write it in policy format, and present it to the council when complete.

Mayor Newbury reported on some nonworking office equipment that needs to be discarded. We will make a list and take it off of our fix assets inventory. The list will be presented in the September meeting.

Mayor Newbury read a letter she received from the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission concerning our Floodplain Management Plan. The letter included a warning that we must follow our plan or we will be sanctioned and people in the area will not have access to flood insurance. We must have people to come in and get permits before they build any new structure or move a mobile home in on any lot in our community. The forms are available and will be enforced from now on.

Rural Development will meet with Mayor Newbury and Mr. Waterston and Mr. A.G. Rainwater to discuss the Sewer Improvement District on August 18, 2011

The town will hire some part time help for Mr. Harris during the hot months to do some of the outside work, so Mr. Harris can concentrate on some of the other projects that have had to be postponed due to time constraints.

Financial reports and a semi-annual status report were presented; Mrs. Harris made a motion, seconded by Mr. Holland, to accept all reports as given. At roll call all members present voted yes. Motion passed.

Mrs. Harris made a motion, seconded by Mr. Newbury, to adjourn the meeting. At roll call all members present voted yes. Meeting was adjourned.

Mayor Newbury

Recorder Joyce Norwood