

Town of Felsenthal May Council Meeting

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The meeting was called to order by the Mayor, and the roll was called. Aldermen present were the following: James Holland, Troy Clawson, Margurite Neal, Jack Newbury, and Virginia Harris.

Minutes of the previous meeting were presented. A motion was made by Virginia Harris and seconded by Jack Newbury to accept minutes as presented. Roll call votes were unanimous. The motion passed.

In old business:

Jim Waterston reported on the progress with getting volunteers for our Neighborhood Watch program. He listed the community members who have agreed to help with the program. A discussion ensued about when to have the training session. The consensus of the council was to schedule the session. In addition, the mayor asked the council to consider for future action the idea of putting speed bumps on K Avenue to slow the traffic through the main part of town.

Mayor Newbury reported that the repair for the sewer lift pump might cost up to \$7600.00 as per an estimate we received from Quality Electric Co., Inc. today. Other options are being pursued for getting this work done. The question of another estimate was discussed, and the mayor is pursuing it, but Alderman Holland expressed confidence in the quality of work done by Quality Electric.

Mayor Newbury reported that the sewer loan from the Arkansas Natural Resources was paid in full on May 1, 2012. She stated that we received the paid in full notice today.

The mayor reported that the owners of the two separate pieces of property to which letters were sent have cleaned their lots or are in the process of doing so.

In new business

Mr. Waterston, representing the Ouachita Valley Oil, LLC, presenting information to the council about the company's intentions in our area regarding leases for oil development. He explained to the audience the process and answered some of the public questions about what the plans were. Some of the questions included concerns about the town's water sources and surface damage. One citizen asked if the LLC was registered with the Oil and Gas Commission. He told her that the registration would come when they applied for a drilling permit.

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The Area Agency of Aging, represented by Kathleen Langston, presented to the council some of the programs they offer. Ms. Langston wanted to make sure the citizens in our area were aware of their options. She informed the council about the new "Voicecare" Medical alert system that

the AAA is sponsoring. She also left brochures and informational newsletters about the various services the AAA provides for older citizens.

The Mayor made several announcements to the council concerning the following issues: New batteries were put in the town siren. The letters on the Town Hall have been reattached and secured. New mulch has been added around the Town hall and more will be added out front. Reasons for the failure of our grant application were discussed. The Mayor announced that she had completed the 2012 Survey of Public Employees and Payroll as required.

The Mayor reminded the council that Primary Elections will be held here at town hall on May 22, 2012, and she reminded everyone to vote. The Town Hall will not be open for business on that date.

Financial reports were given for all four accounts. After a brief discussion Jack Newbury made a motion, seconded by Virginia Harris to accept all four financial reports as presented. Roll call votes were unanimous. The motion passed.

Mayor Newbury called an executive session to discuss our new employee trainee.

Mr. Clawson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Newbury, to adjourn the meeting. Roll call votes were unanimous. Meeting adjourned.

Mayor

Recorder