

Town of Felsenthal
January Council Meeting

Minutes January 10, 2012

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The meeting was called to order by the Mayor, and the roll was called. Present were the following: James Holland, Troy Clawson, Margurite Neal, and John Newbury.

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

In old business:

The 2011 budgets were presented and the Mayor called for a motion to amend the 2011 General, Water, Sewer, and Street budgets to reflect actual revenue and expenditures. Mr. Holland so moved; Mr. Newbury seconded the motion. Roll call produced a unanimous acceptance of all four of the amended 2011 budgets.

Mayor Newbury then presented the proposed budgets for 2012 for the General, Street, Sewer and Water. After a discussion Mr. Clawson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Newbury, to accept all four budgets as presented. Roll call vote was unanimous. The motion passed

Mayor Newbury reported that she is re-evaluating our insurance and waiting on the response from our insurance company before presenting the changes for council approval.

Mayor Newbury will travel to Little Rock to speak to the Wildlife Trail Advisory Board on February 10, 2012 to hopefully get final approval of our grant.

In new business

Due to the Mayor's trip in February/March, the March meeting will be on Thursday, March 15, 2012 instead of the regularly scheduled March 13.

Mayor Newbury reported on visit with Union County Sheriff's office regarding the recent thefts in Felsenthal. It was discussed by the council that we the people of Felsenthal need to try to get a community neighborhood watch started. Mayor Newbury will check in on what we need to do to get one started. She will also contact the sheriff's office concerning response time when citizens need help.

Mayor Newbury discussed with the council about the letters that were sent to the residents of Felsenthal regarding the existing "running at large" dog ordinance. The dogs and cats have really become a real problem. The ordinance that was passed for

animals running loose will be strictly enforced. The Mayor welcomes citizens who have a problem complying with the ordinance to come in and discuss

The mayor reported the new office computer and the golf cart for Joe Harris to use around town have been purchased and are currently in service.

The Mayor discussed the town paying itself a water and sewer bill--resulting in moving money around. Research in surrounding towns revealed that they do not do this; in fact, this practice is unnecessary and creates extra paperwork for office personnel. Mr. Newbury made a motion, seconded by Mr. Clawson, that the Felsenthal Town Hall not pay itself water and sewer fees. Roll call vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

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

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

Mayor

Recorder