

**Town of Felsenthal
August Council Meeting**

Minutes September 11, 2012

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

Minutes of the previous meeting were presented. A motion was made by James Holland and seconded by Troy Clawson to accept minutes as presented. Roll call vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Old Business

Mayor Newbury reported on the sewer lift station. She stated that we are still waiting for word from Rural Water about financing assistance.

The mayor asked for suggestions or input from the council and the public as she prepares the budget for fiscal 2013.

Mayor Newbury updated the council on the animal control initiative. Hartsell Pest Control has visited our town at odd times and hours. They have warned several citizens about their animals. Door hangers have been placed reminding people of the laws regarding dogs running at large. Several dogs have been picked up. All owners, if known, have been notified when dogs have been picked up. Most of these relinquished their ownership.

The mayor asked the council to approve paying for a single person's health insurance premiums for each of the two employees--Joe Harris and Shirley Gilmore. The town will piggyback on the El Dorado health insurance as recommended by Arkansas Municipal League. She informed the council that the report in the paper about the piggyback on Huttig was incorrect.

The council discussed the request of the mayor. Troy Clawson moved and James Holland seconded the motion that the Town of Felsenthal pay insurance premiums, piggybacking on El Dorado city insurance, from the Arkansas Municipal League. Roll call vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

New Business

The mayor told the council that in changing signatories on the water accounts, it was discovered that these accounts are still named "Felsenthal Water Association" and that the Tax Payer ID number is still the old one belonging to that organization. The banks requested a statement in the form of approval by the council in our minutes that we change the name to "Town of Felsenthal, Water Fund" and that we change the TIN to our town's number instead of the association's number.

Virginia Harris moved that all formerly named "Felsenthal Water Association" accounts all be renamed to "Town of Felsenthal, Water Fund" and that the correct TIN be attached to these accounts. In addition, signatories approved for these accounts are Linda J. Newbury, James Q. Holland, and Clara S. Gilmore, as with all other town accounts. The motion of seconded by Troy Clawson. A roll call vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

The mayor announced that all the paperwork for Mrs. Gilmore to be a notary has been completed, and she is now officially able to notarize documents.

The mayor brought up the subject of deserted and/or abandoned properties, which have produced complaints from property owners and citizens about dead or dying trees that threaten property. Letters have been, and continue to be, sent with regard to this danger to property and lives. Several trees have been cut from town properties, mostly in undeveloped alleys and streets. The mayor wants to add a line item in the Street budget for next year to accommodate the need we have to cut these dead and dying trees.

Citizens on T Avenue and that end of town need a fire hydrant. Our Public Works Superintendent did some research and has found that a minimum of about \$1500 will be required to add one. The mayor informed the council that she would put a line item in the budget next year for this expense.

Financial reports from July and August were presented to the council. The motion was made by Virginia Harris to accept financial reports for July and August. Jack Newbury seconded the motion. Roll call was unanimous. The motion passed.

A motion was made by Virginia Harris and seconded by Jack Newbury to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote was unanimous. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned.

Mayor

Recorder