

## Town of Felsenthal

Minutes

October 11, 2011

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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, John Newbury, and Virginia Harris.

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

In old business:

The council's attention was drawn to the new "In God We Trust" sign, which has finally been mounted in the council chambers. Sandra Clark, a local citizen and artist, was given credit for the creative piece.

Several announcements were made for the benefit of the council and the citizens present:

The new laminated Felsenthal maps, originally done by Worth Camp, an attorney and historian from El Dorado, have been refurbished and reprinted. They are for sale in the town hall for \$25.00.

The grant application for the Wildlife Observation Trail is complete except for the Engineer drawings, which should be here by the end of this week. The survey of the property was completed last week. A line item for maintenance and upgrades for the trail will be included in the 2012 budget.

The council discussed the part-time police patrol possibility. The mayor told the council she had called the Sheriff's office about the issue and that they had told her about Huttig's part time use of an off-duty deputy. She contacted the mayor with the idea of sharing expenses and a deputy. Felsenthal cannot afford to pursue this option. We will look into grants and other options for getting some part time police patrol.

Other announcements: The enforcement of our real property maintenance ordinance will begin. During the dangerous heat of the summer, no warnings were issued. However, leniency in time allowed will be shown because the burn ban is in effect again. Another announcement was that citizens who need fill dirt need to come get it soon. The pile we have now will be dispersed soon. The mayor also informed the council that the dogs running at large ordinance seems to be working. Few dogs are still running loose. One puppy has been taken to UCAPS.

Tenth street is opening as planned. A culvert has been installed so that the timber can be cut from the street.

New business was conducted as well:

The mayor told the council that she would begin work on the 2012 budget soon. She wants to include the following as new items in the budget: Sewer/water line upgrades and improvements, some equipment upgrades and purchases, including a smaller bucket for the tractor to dig up water/sewer lines, a golf cart for use in town for reading meters and small projects., new floor covering for the town hall, a new computer and printer for the office, and other things as well.

The mayor informed the council about several water/sewer line problems recently. They have all been resolved.

Several citizens have expressed concern about the blind corner at 9<sup>th</sup> and M Avenue. The council discussed the proper procedures to take. The Mayor will talk to the home owner and see if they can come to an agreement on what to do.

The new newsletter in on the website and includes a caution for 4-wheeler safety, especially for children. Several citizens have expressed concern for the disregard for safety exhibited by very young children riding 4-wheelers.

The mayor also requested that all citizens of Felsenthal inspect their personal property assessments. It was revealed recently that many citizens of Felsenthal are paying personal property taxes to Huttig. Citizens are urged to contact the assessor's office to make sure that the assessors know that the citizens live in Felsenthal instead of Huttig. Felsenthal loses a lot of revenue if citizens are labeled as Huttig residents simply because of our address.

It was repeated that the Burn Ban county-wide is still in effect.

Financial reports were discussed; Mrs. Harris made a motion seconded by Mr. Holland to accept reports as given. At roll call the votes were unanimous. Motion passed.

Motion was made by Mrs. Harris seconded by Mr. Newbury to adjourn meeting. At roll call the vote was unanimous. Meeting adjourned.

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Mayor

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Recorder