

**Town of Felsenthal
Council meeting
October 8, 2013
City Hall**

Mayor Newbury called the meeting to order. At roll call, the following council members were present: Mr. Holland, Mr. Clawson, Ms. Neal, Mr. Newbury, and Mrs. Harris. Minutes were read. Mr. Clawson moved, seconded by Mr. Newbury, to accept minutes of the previous regular meeting on September 10, 2013, as presented. The roll call vote was unanimous. Motion passed. Then the minutes for the special session of the council held on September 19, 2013, were presented. Mrs. Harris moved, and Mr. Clawson seconded the motion, to accept these minutes as presented. The roll call vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

Old Business

Mayor Newbury asked the council to formally approve the opening of new Money Market Accounts at Simmons First National Bank for those accounts which do not already have one, so that the remaining money from the cashed in CD's can be moved to those accounts. Simmons Bank requires the approval of the council, in the form of minutes, in order to open the accounts. Mrs. Harris moved, and it was seconded by Mr. Holland, to approve the opening of Money Market Accounts in those funds where one does not already exist, and that excess money from the cashing in the CD's in those accounts be moved to those money market accounts as part of that fund's reserve. At roll call, the vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

Mayor Newbury reported that as per council instructions, she has written letters to both ANRC and Mr. Andy Franks concerning our decision to refuse the funds offered as a loan from ANRC. Mr. Franks negotiated his fee, and he has been paid in full.

No unusual animal control issues to report, except that a German Shepherd remains at large on K Avenue and that the animal control people are still trying to catch it.

Mayor Newbury reported that the inspection of the water tank was completed and that there were no major problems noted inside the tank. We should receive a DVD of this procedure soon. It was noted that the outside of the tank will need to be cleaned and painted soon. In addition, the electric panel is rusting and in need of repair/replacement soon as well. The mayor stated that these procedures would be included in the budget for 2014.

Mrs. Harris moved, seconded by Mr. Holland, to make the third and final reading of the "Ordinance for a Cross-Connection Program for Felsenthal Water System" by title only. The roll call vote was unanimous. The motion passed. After Mayor Newbury read the ordinance by title, Mr. Clawson moved, and Mrs.

Harris seconded the motion, to accept the third reading and adopt the ordinance. The roll call vote was unanimous. The motion passed, and the Ordinance #02-2013 was signed and the town seal applied.

The Mayor informed the council that work has begun on the refurbishing of the 2nd lift station as of today. The work will be completed by Thursday or Friday.

New Business

Mayor Newbury presented a resolution to modify the existing approved budget in light of the economic burden incurred during the sewer lift station repair this year. According to the auditors, whenever major changes to an approved budget occur during a year, a resolution to amend or modify that approved budget needs to be accomplished. Mr. Newbury moved, and Mr. Clawson seconded the motion to approve the resolution with the amended budget attached. A roll call vote unanimously passed the Resolution #111-13, which included the amended budget.

Mayor Newbury introduced another new resolution, #112-13, which she explained would set minimum reserve amounts for each of the town's several budgets, and it outlines the attendant actions to be taken to insure the reserves are met and maintained. Mr. Holland moved, and Mr. Clawson seconded the motion to accept Resolution #112-13 to set minimum reserve amounts for our various funds. The roll call vote was unanimous. The motion passed.

Mayor Newbury brought up the subject of the fire truck. She wanted to know if the council wanted to spend the money necessary to determine the usability of the truck--carburetor, engine, seals, tires, etc. The council decided to table this issue until some further study into the uses for the truck could be accomplished and a better idea about costs to get it running were ascertained.

September financial reports were presented. Mrs. Harris moved, seconded by Mr. Clawson, to accept the reports as presented. The roll call was unanimous. The motion passed.

Mrs. Harris moved, seconded by Mr. Newbury, to adjourn meeting. The roll call vote was unanimous. The motion passed, and the meeting was adjourned.

MAYOR

RECORDER