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MINUTES
TOWN OF AVOCA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 11, 2018

Call to order – Meeting was called to order by Mayor O'Dell at 6:30 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of silence

Oath of Office: A motion was made by Ald. Hansen and seconded by Ald. King to appoint Jordan Sullivan as Aldermen – Position 4. Discussion; none. Roll call: Ald. King; yes, Ald. Whitehorn, Ald. Hansen; yes and Ald. Pinkley; yes. All approved. Motion carried. Jordan Sullivan was sworn in by Mayor O'Dell.

Guests – Jeannie Rollins
Jeannie Varnell

Council Roll Call – by Rec/Tres. Barnes

Present: Mayor Thomas O'Dell
Rec/Tres. Nanette Barnes
ALD: Jay King, Robert Whitehorn,
Kathy Hansen & Dennis Pinkley

Declaration of quorum - Mayor O'Dell declared a quorum was present

Staff –Town Attorney: Ed McClure: Present
Zoning: Larry Parrish: Present

Public forum

Consent of Agenda

Consent of November 13, 2018 council meeting minutes – Minutes will stand as presented.

November 2018 Monthly Financial Statement – Presented by Rec/Tres. Barnes

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Staff Report – Rec/Tres. Barnes

1. Avoca Fire & Rescue
 - a. Monthly Report; November 2018 – 33 calls
2. NEBCO EMS
 - a. None
3. Facebook & Website: Updated regularly
4. Business Permits (0 Renewal & 0 New) as of December 6, 2018
 - a. 2019 Renewal letters were sent out to local businesses
5. Building Permits – as of December 6, 2018
 - a. None

Committee Reports:

1. *Planning commission – Ald. King*
 1. Updating the Zoning Code Book – No update per Ald. King.
 2. Lot Split; Jackie Buttrum/Rachell Etoll – This issue will be discussed at the December planning meeting
 3. A motion was made by Ald. King and seconded by Ald. Whitehorn to confirm Amy Elliott to the Planning Commission and Board of Zoning.
2. *Board of Zoning Adjustments – Ald. King*
 - a. Next meeting – December 18th after the Planning Meeting
3. *Zoning and code enforcement – Larry Parrish*
 - a. 62 Truck Stop; Zoning Official Parrish updated council on the cleanup progress being done at the this property.
Warpspeed; Zoning Official Parrish states Warpspeed has been making more progress cleaning up their property, it still needs work. Attorney McClure informed council, Warpspeed refused to accept the certified letter sent to them. Council asked Attorney McClure to have a process server deliver papers to Warpspeed.
Ruiz property; Zoning Official Parrish states the property is looking cleaned up. Attorney McClure informed council there is no update at this time.
Avoca Tire Shop; Jose Orellana – Attorney McClure informed council, Mr. Orellano has made a partial payment toward his fines, and has until December 23rd to pay the balance.
4. *Streets – Ald. Whitehorn*
 - a. Road damage due to flooding
 - i. Attorney McClure is working on writing up a contract between the Town of Avoca and NEC Inc.
 - ii. FEMA Update –FEMA has given the town an extension to have work completed.

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5. *Park – Ald. Hansen*
 - a. Steam Whistle Depot
 - i. Grant – No update
 - ii. Pavilion – Mayor O'Dell informed council the construction of the Steam Whistle pavilion is complete and came in under budget. Ald. Hansen wanted the council to know she has received many compliments concerning the new pavilion & sign.
 6. *Impact Fees – Ald. Hansen*
 - a. Capitalization Policy; Ald. Hansen and Rec/Tres. Barnes meet on Thursday, November 15th. They will meet with Attorney McClure after the first of year.
 7. *Future of Avoca – Ald. Hansen*
 - a. New Businesses – No update
 - b. Annexation – No update
 8. *Food Trucks – Ald. Hansen*
 - a. Leases; Ald. Hansen and Rec/Tres. Barnes meet on Thursday, November 15th. They will meet with Attorney McClure after the first of year.
 9. *Farmers Market – Ald. Hansen*
 - a. Leases & Getting set up; Ald. Hansen and Rec/Tres. Barnes meet on Thursday, November 15th.
 10. *Personnel – Ald. Pinkley*
 - a. Resignation of Ald. Pinkley. Ald. Pinkley handed in his resignation letter, to take effect December 31st to Rec/Tres. Barnes. Council has moved to accept Ald. Pinkley's resignation.
 - b. Open Positions; Council (2); Rec/Tres. Barnes informed council, after the first of the year, the council will have two empty seats. Jeannie Varnell has submitted a letter of interest in filling one of the council positions.
 - c. Nanette off; December 24th thru January 2nd
 11. *Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) – Avoca Heritage Trail – Ald. Pinkley*
 - a. Ald. Pinkley, Ald. Whitehorn, Ald. Hansen & Rec/Tres Barnes to meet with the Surveyor on December 12th.
 - b. Ald. Pinkley asked to be on the Avoca Heritage Trail committee after his Aldermen resignation comes into effect. Ald. Hansen asked that the Avoca Heritage Trail be put under Parks.
- Old Business**
1. Agreement with Avoca Extension Homemakers Club; Mayor O'Dell informed council he was working with a Surveyor and will keep Mayor elect Whitehorn updated.
 2. Town Attorney McClure updated council on FOIA rules concerning emails and meetings.

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New Business

1. New Contract with Waste Management; No update
2. 2019 Budget; A motion was made by Ald. Whitehorn and seconded by Ald. Hansen to accept the amended 2019 budget. Discussion; None. Roll call: Ald. King; yes, Ald. Hansen; yes, Ald. Whitehorn; yes, Ald. Sullivan; yes, and Ald. Pinkley; yes. All approved. Motion carried. The 2019 budget, will be presented at the January 2019 council meeting for approval, via resolution.
3. Warehouse Rental; Rec/Tres. Barnes informed council the rental warehouse will be empty in January for rent. She will place an advertisement in the newspaper.
4. Resolution 7-18; Zoning Official Position – Attorney McClure read Resolution No. 7-18 in its entirety. A motion was made by Ald. Hansen to accept Resolution No. 7-18 on its first and final reading. Seconded by Ald. Whitehorn. Discussion: none. Roll call; Ald. Whitehorn: yes, Ald. Sullivan; yes, Ald. Pinkley: yes, Ald. King: yes, and Ald. Hansen: yes. All approved. Motion carried.
5. Resolution 8-18; Health Insurance - Attorney McClure read Resolution No. 8-18 in its entirety. A motion was made by Ald. Whitehorn to accept Resolution No. 8-18 on its first and final reading. Seconded by Ald. King. Discussion: none. Roll call; Ald. Sullivan; yes, Ald. Pinkley: yes, Ald. King: yes, Ald. Hansen: yes, and Ald. Whitehorn: yes. All approved. Motion carried.

Mayor for the Good of the Town

Mayor O'Dell informed council about the complaints concerning the Bike event that was held in the park December 1st and 2nd. Town residents were unable to use the park and trails. Council has agreed to deny future requests concerning this event.

Ald. Hansen presented a plaque to Mayor O'Dell in recognition of the good he has done for the Town of Avoca. Mayor O'Dell said a few words of gratitude.

Announcements

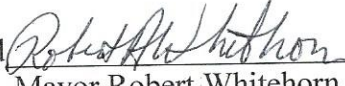
1. Planning Meeting scheduled for Tuesday December 18, 2018
2. Board of Zoning meeting is scheduled for December 18, 2018
3. Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday January 8, 2019
4. Office closed December 24th thru January 2nd

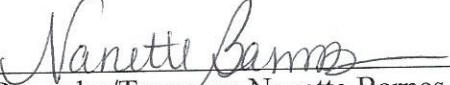
Adjournment

Adjournment: A motion was made by Ald. Pinkley and seconded by Ald. Sullivan to adjourn meeting at 7:40 pm. Discussion: none. All approved. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Nanette Barnes
Recorder-Treasurer

Approved 
Mayor Robert Whitehorn

Attest 
Recorder/Treasurer Nanette Barnes