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MINUTES  
TOWN OF AVOCA  
REGULAR MEETING  
MARCH 13, 2018

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Moment of silence**

**Guests** – Chief Rob Taylor

**Public forum** – Chief Rob Taylor with NEBCO updated council on NEBCO business.

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

**Council Roll Call** – by **Rec/Tres. Barnes**

Present: Mayor Thomas O’Dell

Rec/Tres. Nanette Barnes

ALD: Jay King, Harry Simons, Robert Whitehorn,  
Kathy Hansen and Dennis Pinkley

**Declaration of quorum** - Mayor O’Dell declared a quorum was present

**Staff** –Town Attorney – Edwin McClure: Present

Zoning – Larry Parrish: Present

**Consent of Agenda**

**Consent of February 13, 2018 council meeting minutes** - A motion was made by Ald. Hansen to approve the minutes of February 13, 2018. Seconded by Ald. King. Roll call; Ald. King: yes, Ald. Whitehorn: yes, Ald. Hansen: yes, and Ald. Pinkley: yes. All approved, motion carried.

**Consent of February 2018 Monthly Financial Statement** – A motion was made by Ald. Pinkley to approve the February 2018 financial report. Seconded by Ald. Simons. All approved. Motion carried.

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**Staff Report – Rec/Tres. Barnes**

1. Avoca Fire & Rescue
  - a. Monthly Report; February 2018
2. NEBCO EMS
3. Facebook & Website: Updated regularly
4. Business Permits (12 Renewals & 1 New) – as of March 8, 2018
  - Ahart's Automotive; renewal
  - Avoca RV & Boat Storage; renewal
  - C & K Produce; renewal
  - Choo-Choo's Pizza; renewal
  - GMI Glazing Specialties; renewal
  - Graceful Maids of NWA; new
  - Hoss's RV Repair; renewal
  - Jeannie's Gems & Junk; renewal
  - K & K Auto Sales; renewal
  - Kathy's Fireworks; renewal
  - Kimball Automotive; renewal
  - Kirby Construction; renewal
  - TCB Mixed Martial Arts; renewal
5. Building Permits – as of March 8, 2018
  - a. None

**Committee Reports:**

1. *Planning commission – Ald. King*
  - a. Approved lot splits: Council Family Trust – 12193 Cemetery Road
  - b. Planning Commission will start working on the Unsightly and Unsanitary codes and Animal control.
  - c. Ald. Hansen requested the planning commission start working on the master street plan.
2. *Zoning and code enforcement – Larry Parrish*
  - a. Mayor O'Dell updated council on his meeting with Sherriff Holloway concerning enforcing the towns ordinances.

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3. *Streets – Ald. Whitehorn*

- a. Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) – Avoca Heritage Trail: Mayor O’Dell will get Ald. Whitehorn up to date on the trail grant.
- b. Road damage due to flooding
  - i. FEMA Update – Rec/Tres. Barnes informed council FEMA approved \$1315.76 for Project worksheet 331.1. The town is waiting for the money to be deposited.
- c. Engineer
  - i. After studying all the submitted engineering firms, Ald. Whitehorn recommended ESI Engineering Services for the FEMA project. A motion was made by Ald. Whitehorn to accept ESI Engineering Services. Seconded by Ald. Simons. Discussion; was had concerning qualifications. Approved by acclamation. Rec/Tres. Barnes will contact ESI Engineering Services to set up meeting with Ald. Whitehorn and Mayor O’Dell.

4. *Park – Ald. Hansen*

- a. Steam Whistle Depot
  - i. Ald. Hansen and Mayor O’Dell updated council on the VFW grant.
  - ii. Council discussed the next step the town needs to take in starting the new pavilion.
- b. Electric Sign
  - i. Ald. Hansen, Mayor O’Dell and Rec/Tres. Barnes met with Best Sign Group to get a quote and what options there are. Mayor O’Dell met with the Highway Department concerning setbacks.

5. *Personnel – Ald. Pinkley*

- a. No report

6. *Future of Avoca – Ald. Hansen & Ald. Simons*

- a. Ald. Hansen is compiling information for the councils review from the survey received.

**Old Business**

1. International Building & Additional codes; At the suggestion of Attorney McClure with full Council agreement, this item will be removed from the agenda.
2. Laserfiche; Document management – Rec/Tres. Barnes informed council Jon Strickland will be here for the April Meeting to answer any questions the council may have.



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**New Business**

1. Food Trucks; Rec/Tres. Barnes informed council, Jason Evans has asked about having Food Trucks at the next Bike Race event. Ald. Hansen made a motion all Food Trucks need to abide by the same business regulations, licenses and fees as other businesses in town. Seconded by Ald. King. Discussion; was held concerning restrictions and fees. Motion failed. Ald. Hansen made a motion all Food Trucks need to abide by the same business regulations, licenses and fees as other businesses in town for organized events only. Discussion; was held concerning the definition of organized events. Motion amended to change organized events to Town of Avoca sanctioned events. Seconded by Ald. Simons. Discussion; None. Approved by acclimation.

**Mayor for the Good of the Town**

1. Agenda Clutter
  - a. Tabled with Cause; report late due to lack of or waiting on information
  - b. Tabled for Lack of Merit; due to lack of community support or cost unjustified. On the next agenda, it will be placed under old business. \*LOM will be placed next to the item on agenda. If no Aldermen picks this issue up it will be removed from the next agenda.
  - c. Only an Aldermen who is supporting/sponsoring said item can place an item on the agenda.
2. President Trump has declared National Vietnam Day on March 29<sup>th</sup>. Mayor O'Dell will decorate the memorial on that day,

**Announcements**

1. BC Inmates to clean streets week of April 16th
2. Planning Meeting scheduled for Tuesday April 17, 2018
3. Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday May 8, 2018
4. Spring Clean-up scheduled for Saturday May 12, 2018

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by Ald. Pinkley and seconded by Ald. Hansen to adjourn meeting at 7:50 pm. Approved by acclimation.

Respectfully submitted,

Nanette Barnes  
Recorder-Treasurer

Approved Thomas W. O'Dell  
Mayor Thomas O'Dell

Attest Nanette Barnes  
Recorder/Treasurer Nanette Barnes