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MINUTES
TOWN OF AVOCA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 14, 2018

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of silence

Guests – Ozy Murphy – Avoca Oaks
Brig Caldwell – Avoca Oaks
Jason Evans - Bike Races/Cycle Cross
Jeanne Rollins – Choo Choo's Pizza
Luke Cox

Public forum

Ozy Murphy addressed the council concerning building The Avoca Oaks and Ozy Community Stores off of Hwy 62. Mr. Murphy will keep the council posted as more information becomes available.

Jason Evans informed council he would like to have a Cycle Cross event like he held last year. He would like to close the street in front of town hall and use both sides of the park for the two-day event starting Saturday, December 1st and ending Sunday, December 2nd. Council members asked questions and voiced some concerns that Jason Evans answered.

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 & 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 – Bike Races were added to Park Committee per Ald. Hansen

Consent of July 10, 2018 council meeting minutes – Minutes will stand as presented.

July 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; July 2018 – 47 calls
2. NEBCO EMS
 - a. None
3. Facebook & Website: Updated regularly
4. Business Permits (0 Renewal & 1 New) as of August 9, 2018
 - a. Cajun Queen Cuisine (New)
5. Building Permits – as of August 9, 2018
 - a. None
6. Audit for 2016 & 2017 – still in progress per Rec/Tres Barnes.
7. Computer Back up – Benjamin Dodge with Need Geek updated the town computer with a new back-up system for the price of \$512.99 (software & labor). He will come check the computers every quarter to make sure everything is running smooth.
8. Election Filing – Rec/Tres. Barnes reminded council members that Friday, August 17th at noon is the deadline for filing.

Committee Reports:

1. *Planning commission – Ald. King*
 - a. The Zoning Book is being cleaned up and will be presented to council for approval when finished per Ald. King.
 - b. Ald. King informed council, Zoning official Larry Parrish, Rec/Tres. Barnes and himself met with town attorney McClure concerning the Ruiz property on Tucks Chapel Road. Attorney McClure informed council it was decided to fine Mr. Ruiz \$1000.00 (\$500.00 per offense) for being out of compliance and a letter was sent to Blue & Associates to inform them. This fine will need to be paid and a building permit will need to be obtained. They were also informed, before the lot split can be approved, they need to show the 2 lots can perk.
2. *Board of Zoning Adjustments – Ald. King*
 - a. Meeting was held July 17th after the Planning meeting per Ald. King – no new business.
3. *Zoning and code enforcement – Larry Parrish*
 - a. None
4. *Streets – Ald. Whitehorn*
 - a. Road damage due to flooding
 - i. FEMA Update – Bid specifications were published on August 6th per Ald. Whitehorn.
 - b. Hwy 62 & Rose/Russell – Mayor O'Dell and Ald. Whitehorn informed council they were working on options to get a turn signal at Hwy 62 & Rose/Russell.
5. *Park – Ald. Hansen*
 - a. Steam Whistle Depot - Ald. Hansen informed council the pad has been poured for the new pavilion. Mayor O'Dell informed council he has received a bid from Rick Austin for the frame work and metal roof at a cost of \$14,360.00 plus labor. A motion was made by Ald. Hansen to have Rick Austin do the metal work for the new pavilion at a cost of \$14,500.00 plus labor. Seconded by Ald. Simons. All approved. Motion carried.
 - b. Electric Sign – Ald. Hansen informed council the sign is up and running.

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- c. Cycle Cross Event – Ald. King asked Jason Evans if the bikes will rip up the grass in the park. Jason Evans, said it will be a possibility. Jason Evans has agreed to pay for any damage to the park if any do occur during the event. A motion was made by Ald. Hansen to approve Jason Evans to close the street in front of town hall and to hold a Cycle Cross event on December 1st and 2nd. Seconded by Ald. King. All approved. Motion carried.
- 6. *Personnel – Ald. Pinkley*
 - a. Rec/Tres. Barnes to attend Municipal Clerks Institute – Fayetteville; Sept 16th – 20th.
- 7. *Future of Avoca – Ald. Hansen & Ald. Simons*
 - a. Town attorney McClure informed council there is no prohibition against sending letters to solicit folks to annex into our town.
 - b. Ald. Hansen has talked to Hoss Cameron; Hoss's RV Repair & Restoration about getting an Avoca Business Association together.

Old Business

- 1. Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) – Avoca Heritage Trail – Ald. Pinkley
 - a. No Update
- 2. Impact Fees – sponsored by Ald. Hansen; Town Attorney McClure is looking into Impact fees to help with the town roads.
- 3. Tornado Siren – Ald. Simons informed council members the options and cost of a tornado siren. Council has decided to take no action at this time.

New Business

- 1. Town Picnic/Firemen's BBQ – Rec/Tres. Barnes let the council know the picnic will be held Saturday September 29th. Mayor O'Dell mentioned Hoss Cameron and the VFW would like to help if needed.
- 2. *Ordinance 121 – Rules and Regulations for Mobile Food & Outdoor Venders*; A motion was made by Aldermen Hanson and seconded by Aldermen Whitehorn to place Ordinance 121 on its first reading. Roll call; Aldermen King: yes, Aldermen Simons: yes, Aldermen Whitehorn: yes, Aldermen Hansen: yes, and Aldermen Pinkley: yes. All approved, motion carried. Attorney McClure read Ordinance 121 in its entirety. A motion was made by Aldermen Hansen to accept Ordinance 121 on its first reading. Seconded by Aldermen Simons. Discussion: Questions were asked and answered concerning if the ordinance covers all outside venders. Roll call; Aldermen Simons: yes, Aldermen Whitehorn: yes, Aldermen Hansen: yes, Aldermen Pinkley: yes, and Aldermen King: yes. All approved, motion carried. A motion was made by Aldermen King to suspend the rules and to place Ordinance 121 on its second reading by title only. Seconded by Aldermen Simons. Discussion: none. Roll call; Aldermen Whitehorn: yes, Aldermen Hansen: yes, Aldermen Pinkley: yes, and Aldermen King: yes, and Aldermen Simons: yes. All approved, motion carried. Attorney McClure read Ordinance 121 on its second reading by title only. A motion was made by Aldermen Hansen to accept Ordinance 121 on its second reading by title only. Seconded by Aldermen Pinkley. Discussion: none. Roll call; Aldermen Hansen: yes, Aldermen Pinkley: yes, Aldermen King: yes, Aldermen Simons: yes, and Aldermen Whitehorn: yes. All approved, motion carried. A motion was made by Aldermen Pinkley to suspend the rules and to place Ordinance 121 on its third and final reading by title only. Seconded by Aldermen King. Discussion: none. Roll call; Aldermen Pinkley: yes, Aldermen King: yes, Aldermen Simons: yes, Aldermen Whitehorn: yes, and Aldermen Hansen: yes. All approved, motion carried. Attorney McClure read Ordinance 121 on its third and final reading by title only. A motion was made by Aldermen Whitehorn to accept Ordinance 121 on its third and final reading by title only.

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Seconded by Aldermen Hansen. Discussion: none. Roll call; Aldermen King: yes, Aldermen Simons: yes, Aldermen Whitehorn: yes, Aldermen Hansen: yes, and Aldermen Pinkley: yes. All approved, motion carried. A motion was made by Aldermen Whitehorn to adopt the emergency clause on Ordinance 121. Seconded by Aldermen King. Discussion: none. Roll call; Aldermen Simons: yes, Aldermen Whitehorn: yes, Aldermen Hansen: yes, Aldermen Pinkley: yes, and Aldermen King: yes. All approved, motion carried.

Mayor for the Good of the Town

1. None

Announcements

1. Planning Meeting scheduled for Tuesday August 21, 2018
2. Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday September 11, 2018
3. Town Picnic/Firemen's BBQ scheduled for Saturday September 29, 2018
3. Board of Zoning meeting is scheduled for October 16, 2018

Adjournment

Adjournment: A motion was made by Aldermen King and seconded by Aldermen Pinkley to adjourn meeting at 8:20 pm. Discussion: none. All approved. Motion passed.

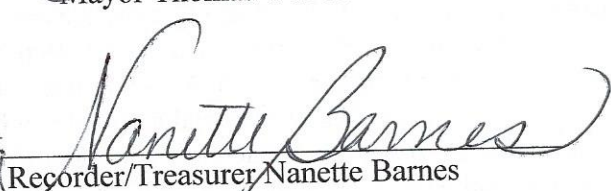
Respectfully submitted,

Nanette Barnes
Recorder-Treasurer

Approved


Mayor Thomas O'Dell

Attest


Recorder/Treasurer Nanette Barnes

*LOM: Lack of merit