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MINUTES
TOWN OF AVOCA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 11 2019

Call to order

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Whitehorn at 6:30 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of silence

Public forum

Council Roll Call – by Rec/Tres. Barnes

Present: Mayor Robert Whitehorn

Rec/Tres. Nanette Barnes

ALD: Jay King, Thomas O'Dell, Kathy Hansen & Jordan Sullivan

Absent: None

Open: Position 4

Staff

Present: Town Attorney: Edwin McClure

Absent: Zoning Official: Jim Mills

Guests

Frankie Elliott – Avoca Fire Chief

Kim Whitehorn – Avoca Planning Member

Matt Crafton – Rogers Cycling Festival

Kathleen Miller

Ben Craig

Declaration of quorum

Mayor Whitehorn declared a quorum was present

Consent of Agenda

Consent of minutes for council meeting

May 2019

Financial statement

May 2019; Presented by Rec/Tres. Barnes

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Staff Report – Rec/Tres. Barnes

1. Avoca Fire & Rescue
 - a. Monthly Report; May 2019; 33 Calls (Assists: 5, EMS: 18, Fire: 4, Misc.: 1, MVA: 3, Roads: 2)
 - b. 911 Addresses; Rec/Tres. Barnes has received information from Fire Chief Elliott, and will get it on the town Face Book and Website pages.
2. NEBCO EMS
 - a. None
3. Facebook & Website: Updated regularly
 - a. Website is up and running; <http://www.avocaarkansas.info/>
4. Business Permits (0 Renewal & 0 New) as of May 31, 2019
 - a. None
5. Building Permits – as of May 31, 2019
 - a. Eric Nightengale – 329 Rader Road; Rooftop Solar Panels (Estimated value \$44,922.00)
 - b. Betty Hall – 13130 E. Tucks Chapel Road; 676 sq. ft. Tiny House (Estimated value \$12,000)
 - c. Garry Brashears - 13230 Tucks Chapel Road; 384 sq. ft. Horse Barn (Estimated value \$1500.00)

Committee Reports:

1. *Planning commission – Chairmen James Mills*
 - a. Zoning Book Ordinance; Attorney McClure is working on ordinance.
 - b. Waste Water: No update
 - c. 5-10-15-20 Year Plan; No Update
 - d. Next meeting is scheduled for June 18, 2019
2. *Board of Zoning Adjustments– Chairmen James Mills*
 - a. Next meeting is scheduled for August 20, 2019
3. *Zoning and code enforcement – James Mills*
 - a. No Update
4. *Streets – Ald. Sullivan*
 - a. Road damage due to flooding - Woods Lodge & Rader Road
Ald. Sullivan informed council, town employees have been working on Woods Lodge and Rader Road. This project should be done within the next couple weeks; weather permitting.
 - b. Mayor Whitehorn informed council, he has not talked with Judge Moehring yet concerning the culvert that is half in the county and half in the town limits.

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5. *Park – Ald. Hansen*
 - a. Steam Whistle Depot
 - i. Grant; No update.
 - ii. Sign; No update on Pavilion sign
 - iii. Tables; No update
 - vi. Bike Race Series; Ben Craig thanked the council for allowing him to have the bike race and it was a great success, they were able to donate nine hundred dollars (\$900.00) to the Avoca Fire Department. Ald. O'Dell thanked Mr. Craig, for all the street clean-up that was done. Rogers Cycling Festival; Matt Crafton asked the council for permission to have a Cycling Festival in July. Ald. Hansen made a motion to approve the Cycle Festival in July. Ald. King second. All approve. Motion carried.
6. *Impact Fees – Ald. Hansen & Ald. O'Dell*
 - a. Capitalization Policy; No Update
7. *Future of Avoca – Ald. Hansen*
 - a. Annexation; Ald. Hansen informed council, the first set of letters have been sent out and is working on the 2nd set.
8. *Food Trucks – Ald. Hansen*
 - a. Rec/Tres. Barnes informed council no one has called about the Facebook post asking for Food Truck vendors. She will continue to pursue this matter.
9. *Farmers Market – Ald. Hansen*
 - a. Rec/Tres. Barnes informed council, another banner has been ordered for the pavilion. There are now twelve vendors.
10. *Personnel – Ald. King*
 - a. Council; One open position – Avoca resident Kathleen Miller, maybe interested in this position.
 - b. Drug Testing; Ald. King updated council on drug testing procedures from the Municipal League. Town Council McClure talked about the legal ramifications and quantifying impairment. Ald. King and Attorney McClure to get together to discuss the pros and cons of drug testing.
11. *Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) – Avoca Heritage Trail –*
 - a. Rec/Tres. Barnes informed council, we have not heard anything from ADOT yet. Rec/Tres. Barnes has been in contact with Tim Mayes (CSI Engineering) who said we should be hearing back from them any day with either an approval or comments.

Old Business

1. None

New Business

1. Inspections – Avoca Fire Chief Elliott, asked the council to reconsider building inspections. The county now has a Risk Management program that may be able to help the town. Rec/Tres. Barnes will look into this and update the council at the July Council meeting.

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Mayor for the Good of the Town

1. Farmers Market – Mayor Whitehorn asked the council to help support the vendors up at the farmers market, by putting the word out that they are there.

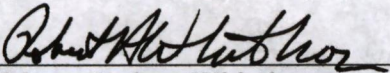
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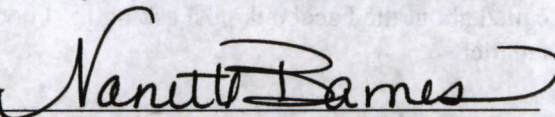
1. Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday July 9, 2019
2. Planning Meeting scheduled for Tuesday July 16, 2019
3. Board of Zoning meeting is scheduled for Tuesday August 20, 2019

Adjournment: A motion was made by Ald. Hansen and seconded by Ald. O'Dell to adjourn meeting at 7:20 pm. Discussion: none. All approved. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Nanette Barnes
Recorder-Treasurer

Approved 
Mayor Robert Whitehorn

Attest 
Recorder/Treasurer Nanette Barnes