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MINUTES
TOWN OF AVOCA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 12, 2019

Call to order

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of silence

Public forum

Ben Craig – Bike Events; informed council, he is taking over for Jason Evans. He asked permission from the council to hold bike races on Wednesdays, March 20th thru May 29th from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm. Six (6) events total. Ald. Hansen asked to amend the agenda, and add the BMX park under parks.

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

Staff

Town Attorney: Joey McGehee: Present

Zoning: Larry Parrish: Present

Guests

Jim Mills

Linda Eckard

Jeannie Rollins

Marilyn Holloway

Ben Craig

Declaration of quorum

Mayor Whitehorn declared a quorum was present

Consent of Agenda

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Consent of minutes for council meeting

February 12, 2019; A motion was made by Ald. Hansen to accept the amended minutes. Seconded by Ald. O'Dell. All approved. Motion carried.

Financial statement

February 2019

Staff Report – Rec/Tres. Barnes

1. Avoca Fire & Rescue
 - a. Monthly Report; February 2019; 29 Calls
2. NEBCO EMS
 - a. None
3. Facebook & Website: Updated regularly
 - a. Updating Website Page; Rec/Tres. Barnes informed council she is working with Ron Bird; Design Works to build a new website.
4. Business Permits (11 Renewal & 0 New) as of February 28, 2019
 - Assembled Products
 - Avoca Tire Shop
 - John Zito Landscaping
 - K & K Auto Sales
 - Kathy's Fireworks
 - Kimball Automotive
 - Latham Cabinets
 - Pro-Line Cabinets
 - TriStar Automotive
 - Williams Tree & Lawn Service
 - Wolfes Waypoint Marine
5. Building Permits – as of February 28, 2019
 - a. None

Committee Reports

1. *Planning commission – Acting Chairmen James Mills*
 - a. February 19, 2019 Planning Meeting was canceled due to lack of agenda
 - b. February 13, 2019 Public Meeting was held to discuss changes to the Zoning Codes
 - i. Rewrite code defining # of members on Commission and how appointed
 - ii. Temporary signs
 - iii. Driveway culverts and drainage

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2. *Board of Zoning Adjustments– Acting Chairmen James Mills*
 - a. February 19, 2019 Planning Meeting was canceled due to lack of agenda.
 - b. February 19, 2019 meeting is canceled due to lack of agenda. Next meeting will be March 19, 2019.

3. *Zoning and code enforcement –*
 - a. Ruiz property – Tucks Chapel Road; Cease & Desist – Tabled until next month. Mayor Whitehorn will assess the property and will update the council at the April 9th council meeting.
 - b. Platz Property – Rader Road; File closed.
 - c. Mayor Whitehorn informed council, Larry Parrish handed in his letter of resignation for Zoning Official.

4. *Streets – Ald. Sullivan*
 - a. Road damage due to flooding - Woods Lodge & Rader Road
 - i. FEMA Update; Council held a discussion concerning the work NEC has done on Woods Lodge and Rader Road. Rec/Tres. Barnes informed council, a request has been sent to FEMA for an extended completion date.

5. *Park – Ald. Hansen*
 - a. Steam Whistle Depot
 - i. Grant; No update
 - ii. Landscaping & Water; Rec/Tres. Barnes will purchase a handicap Porta a Potty per councils request. Mayor Whitehorn updated council on water and landscaping.
 - b. BMX Bike Course; Council has decided not to pursue a BMX park at this time. Rec/Tres. Barnes will contact James Stephenson of their decision.
 - c. Pavilion Reservation Policy; Rec/Tres. Barnes asked council if it would be better to have residents reserve the park pavilions. Council decided to keep it as a first come first come basis.
 - d. Bike Races; A motion was made by Ald. Hansen to sanction the series of six bike races as long as there is a clear line of communication between the Town of Avoca and Ben Craig. Seconded by Ald. King. Discussion was held concerning Ben Craig coming to monthly council meetings for reviews. Roll call; Ald. King: yes, Ald. O'Dell: yes, Ald. Hansen: yes, and Ald. Sullivan; no. Motion carried.

6. *Impact Fees – Ald. Hansen*
 - a. Capitalization Policy – No update. Ald. O'Dell offered to help with this issue.

7. *Future of Avoca – Ald. Hansen*
 - a. New Businesses – No update
 - b. Annexation – Ald. Hansen updated council on the regulations of annexation.

8. *Food Trucks – Ald. Hansen*
 - a. Leases – No updates

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9. *Farmers Market – Ald. Hansen*

- a. Rec/Tres. Barnes is in the process of getting Banners made. Rec/Tres. Barnes was interviewed by KNWA – Fox 24 concerning the upcoming Farmers Market. Ald. Hansen informed council the town has received numerous vendor applications back.

10. *Personnel – Ald. King*

- a. Open Positions on Council & Planning
- b. Open position for Zoning Official

11. *Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP); Avoca Heritage Trail –*

- a. No update

Old Business

1. None

New Business

1. None

Mayor for the Good of the Town

1. None

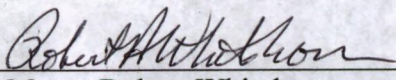
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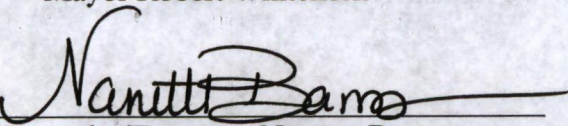
1. Planning Meeting scheduled for Tuesday March 19, 2019
2. Board of Zoning meeting scheduled for March 19, 2019
3. Public Hearing concerning changes to Zoning Book scheduled for Tuesday March 19, 2019
3. Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday April 9, 2019

Adjournment: A motion was made by Ald. O'Dell and seconded by Ald. Sullivan to adjourn meeting at 7:30 pm. Discussion: none. All approved. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Nanette Barnes
Recorder-Treasurer

Approved 
Mayor Robert Whitehorn

Attest 
Recorder/Treasurer Nanette Barnes