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MINUTES
TOWN OF AVOCA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 11, 2020

Call to order

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Whitehorn

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of silence

Public forum (Agenda item)

None

Council Roll Call – by Rec/Tres. Barnes

Present: Mayor Robert Whitehorn

Rec/Tres. Nanette Barnes

ALD: Jay King, Jordan Sullivan, Oscar Alvarenga & Kathleen Miller

Absent: ALD: Kathy Hansen

Staff

Present: Town Attorney: Ed McClure

Zoning Official: Tim DePue

Guests

Frankie Elliott – Avoca Fire Chief

Ron Taylor – NEBCO Fire Chief

Kim Whitehorn

Jeannie Rollins

Declaration of quorum

Mayor Whitehorn declared a quorum was present

Consent of Agenda

Ald. Miller made a motion for consent of agenda; Seconded by Ald. Alvarenga. Discussion; none. All approved. Motion carried.

Consent of minutes for council meeting

Ald. King made a motion to accept the minutes of July 2020 as written. Seconded by Ald. Miller. Discussion; none. All approved. Motion carried.

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Financial statement

July 2020; Financial report presented by Rec/Tres. Barnes. Ald. Alvarenga made a motion to accept the June Financials as presented. Seconded by Ald. Miller. Discussion; none. All approved. Motion carried.

Staff Report – Rec/Tres. Barnes

1. Avoca Fire & Rescue
 - a. Chief Elliott reported The Avoca Fire Department has gone on 39 Calls (EMS: 23 Fire: 9, Misc.: 0, MVA: 3, Roads: 4) in the month of July.
2. NEBCO EMS
 - a. Chief Taylor reported NEBCO has gone on 476 (234 in the Avoca area) calls to date.
3. Facebook & Website
 - a. Rec/Tres. Barnes informed council Facebook and Website are all up to date
4. Business Permits (0 Renewal & 1 New) as of July 31, 2020
 - a. None
5. Building Permits – as of July 31, 2020
 - a. None

Committee Reports:

1. *Planning commission – Chairmen Alvarenga*
 - a. July meeting canceled due to lack of agenda
2. *Board of Zoning Adjustments– Chairmen Alvarenga*
 - a. None
3. *Zoning and code enforcement – Tim DePue*
 - a. Rec/Tres. Barnes informed council she has yet to receive a signed receipt back from the resident on Pearl Street who was sent a letter concerning dumping in the ravine.
4. *Streets – Ald. Sullivan*
 - a. Mayor Whitehorn informed council he is working on some areas on Prairie Creek road.
5. *Park – Ald. Hansen*
 - a. Grants
 - i. Trees; Rec/Tres. Barnes has not heard from Patti Erwin with the Walton Foundation concerning the new trees.
 - ii. Lights; Rec/Tres. Barnes states James Hurla with ROI Energy is waiting to hear back from SWEPCO concerning LED lights for the Town property and Firehouse.
6. *Personnel – Ald. King*
 - a. Ald. King informed council Ald. Miller turned in her resignation due to family issues. Rec/Tres. Barnes will advertise for this position.

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Old Business

1. Trash Service; Mayor Whitehorn updated council on trash service. Waste Management will continue to pick up trash and recycling, inside the town limits for \$19.41 (nineteen dollars and forty-one cents) a month with a 4% increase per year for the next five years.

New Business

- a. None

Mayor for the Good of the Town

- a. None

Public forum (Non-Agenda Item); 3 minutes

- a. None

Announcements

1. Planning Meeting scheduled for July 21, 2020
2. Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, August 11, 2020
3. Board of Zoning meeting is scheduled for August 18, 2020

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Ald. Alvarenga and seconded by Ald. King to adjourn meeting at 6:52 pm.
Discussion: none. All approved. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Nanette Barnes
Recorder-Treasurer

Approved 
Mayor Robert Whitehorn

Attest 
Recorder/Treasurer Nanette Barnes