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MINUTES
TOWN OF AVOCA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 8, 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, Kathy Hansen & Oscar Alvarenga

Absent: ALD: Jordan Sullivan & Audrey Oakes

Staff

Present: Town Attorney: Ed McClure

Zoning Official: Tim DePue

Guests

Frankie Elliott – Avoca Fire Chief

Kim Whitehorn

Tommy O'Dell

Heather Hahn

Cody Hahn

Jeannie Rollins

Declaration of quorum

Mayor Whitehorn declared a quorum was present

Consent of Agenda

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

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Consent of minutes for council meeting

Ald. Hansen made a motion to accept the minutes of November 2020 as written. Seconded by Ald. Alvarenga. Discussion; none. All approved. Motion carried.

Ald. King made a motion to accept the minutes of December (Budget) 2020 as written. Seconded by Ald. Hansen. Discussion; none. All approved. Motion carried.

Financial statement

November 2020; Financial report presented by Rec/Tres. Barnes. Ald. Hansen made a motion to accept the October Financials as presented. Seconded by Ald. Alvarenga. 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 36 Calls in November (EMS: 18 Fire: 10, Misc.: 3, MVA: 3, Roads: 2)
2. NEBCO EMS
 - a. None
3. Facebook & Website
 - a. Rec/Tres. Barnes informed council Facebook and Website are all up to date
4. Business Permits (0 Renewal & 0 New) as of November 30, 2020
 - a. None
5. Building & Inspection Permits – as of November 30, 2020
 - a. None

COMMITTEES

1. *Planning commission – Chairmen Alvarenga*
 - a. Tract Split; Zack Sykes/Bobby Booher – 519 Pearl Ave passed per Ald. Alvarenga.
 - b. A tree on Orchard street is encroaching the right away per Zoning official DePue. Mayor Whitehorn will look into who is responsible for trimming the branch.
2. *Board of Zoning Adjustments– Chairmen Alvarenga*
 - a. None
3. *Zoning and code enforcement – Tim DePue*
 - a. 230 Pearl Ave; Attorney McClure updated council concerning having the property at 230 Pearl Ave cleaned.

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4. *Streets – Ald. Sullivan*
 - a. None

5. *Park – Ald. Hansen*
 - a. Grants
 - i. Trees are all planted and mulched per Ald. Hansen.
 - b. Trail Lights will be done in 2021 per Ald. Hansen.
 - c. Apple Shed Award was appointed to Charity Thornhill for all the service and continued support to the Town of Avoca.

6. *Personnel – Ald. King*
 - a. None

Old Business

1. None

New Business

1. Resolution 09-20; Building Inspections - Attorney McClure read Resolution No. 09-20 in its entirety. A motion was made by Ald. Hansen to accept Resolution No. 09-20 on its first and final reading. Seconded by Ald. King. Discussion: none. Roll call; Ald. Alvarenga: yes, Ald. Hansen: yes, and Ald. King: yes. All approved. Motion carried.
2. Resolution 10-20; 2021 Budget Approval - Attorney McClure read Resolution No. 10-20 in its entirety. A motion was made by Ald. King to accept Resolution No. 10-20 on its first and final reading. Seconded by Ald. Alvarenga. Discussion: held concerning being financially responsible in 2021. Roll call; Ald. Alvarenga: yes, Ald. Hansen: yes, and Ald. King: yes. All approved. Motion carried.
3. Christmas Parade – The parade was discussed between council members & guests concerning lighting on the VFW honor guard, having the sheriff's department help with blocking the roads, changing the name of the parade & the parade route.

Mayor for the Good of the Town – Mayor Whitehorn informed council he wants to look into putting a community garden in the park.

Public forum (Non-Agenda Item); 3 minutes – Tommy O'Dell asked the town to put bridges or some type of walkway across the concrete ditches to help people get to the park easier.

Announcements

1. Planning Meeting scheduled for December 15, 2020
2. Board of Zoning meeting is scheduled for December 15, 2020
3. Town Hall will be closed for Christmas, December 24 & 25, 2020
4. Town Hall will be closed for New Years, January 1, 2021
5. Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 12, 2021

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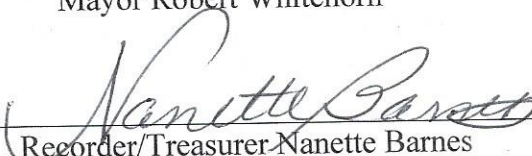
Adjournment:

A motion was made by Ald. King and seconded by Ald. Alvarenga to adjourn meeting at 7:08 pm.
Discussion: none. All approved. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Nanette Barnes
Recorder-Treasurer

Approved 
Mayor Robert Whitehorn

Attest 
Recorder/Treasurer Nanette Barnes