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MINUTES
TOWN OF AVOCA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 14, 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, Oscar Alvarenga, Kathy Hansen & Jordan Sullivan

Absent: ALD: Kathy Miller

Staff

Present: Town Attorney: Ed McClure

Zoning Official: Tim DePue

Guests

Kim Whitehorn

Jeannie Rollins

Ben Craig

Declaration of quorum

Mayor Whitehorn declared a quorum was present

Consent of Agenda

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

Consent of minutes for council meeting

December 5, 2019 (Budget) - Ald. King made a motion to accept the December budget minutes as written. Seconded by Ald. Sullivan. Discussion; none. All approved. Motion carried.

December 18, 2019 (Regular) - Ald. King made a motion to accept the December regular minutes as written. Seconded by Ald. Alvarenga. Discussion; none. All approved. Motion carried.

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Financial statement

December 2019; Financial statement presented by Rec/Tres. Barnes. Ald. Hansen made a motion to accept the December Financials as presented. Seconded by Ald. Sullivan. Discussion; none. Roll call: Ald. King; yes, Ald. Sullivan; yes, Ald. Alvarenga; yes and Ald. Hansen; yes. All approved. Motion carried.

Staff Report – Rec/Tres. Barnes

1. Avoca Fire & Rescue
 - a. Monthly Report; December 2019; 38 Calls (EMS: 22 Fire: 13, Misc.: 1, MVA: 2, Roads: 0)
2. NEBCO EMS
 - a. None
3. Facebook & Website
 - a. None
4. Business Permits (3 Renewal & 0 New) as of December 31, 2019
 - a. Freedom Fire Pro (Renewal)
Johns Lawn Maintenance (Renewal)
Avoca Boat & RV Storage, LLC
5. Building Permits – as of December 31, 2019
 - a. 187 Pearl Ave; Salvador Chavez-Garcia (addition to home)

Committee Reports:

1. *Planning commission – Mayor Whitehorn*
 - a. Zoning Book; Rec/Tres. Barnes informed council she is planning on working on the Zoning Book after the first of the year.
 - b. Next meeting is scheduled for January 21, 2020
2. *Board of Zoning Adjustments– Mayor Whitehorn*
 - a. Next meeting is scheduled for January 21, 2020
3. *Zoning and code enforcement – Tim DePue*

Zoning Official DePue updated council on some areas in town he is concerned about. He will meet with Mayor Whitehorn to go over these issues.
4. *Inspections*
 - a. Benton County Risk Management; Ald. Hansen made a motion to have Benton County Risk Management do the town building inspections. Seconded by Ald. Alvarenga. Discussion; held concerning pros and cons of having town building inspections. Ald. Hansen made a motion to amend her previous motion to table having Benton County Risk Reduction doing the town building inspections until next month. Roll call: Sullivan; yes, Ald. Alvarenga; no, Ald. Hansen; yes and Ald. King; yes. Motion carried. A committee with Ald. King, Ald. Sullivan, Ald. Alvarenga, Mayor Whitehorn and Rec/Tres. Barnes will meet on Wednesday January 22, 2020 to go over specifications for Benton County Risk Management to inspect for the town.

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5. *Streets – Ald. Sullivan meeting.*
 - a. Culvert – End of Woods Lodge Road; Mayor Whitehorn informed council, he is still waiting to hear from BC Road Engineers; they are working on the tornado clean-up. Ald. Sullivan recommends doing the work in house and billing the County for their portion.
6. *Park – Ald. Hansen*
 - a. Fences; Discussion was held concerning new fencing around the parks.
7. *Future of Avoca – Ald. Hansen*
 - a. Annexation & Impact Fees– Ald. Hansen informed council is going to meet and collaborate with the Planning Commission concerning these topics.
8. *Personnel – Ald. King*
 - a. Planning Members; Ald. King informed council Chairman Mills resigned last month and John Faster will be sworn in at the next Planning Meeting.

Old Business

1. Bank – Rec/Tres. Barnes informed council, she has opened new accounts at First Western Bank and closed all accounts but one at Arvest due to outstanding checks.

New Business

1. No Littering Signs – Rec/Tres. Barnes informed the council a Benton County Deputy asked that the town raise the no littering fine from \$100.00 (one hundred dollars) to \$1000.00 (one thousand dollars). Town attorney McClure will look to see if the Town will need an ordinance to raise the fine.
2. Resolutions – Ald. Hansen made a motion to read all Resolutions by title only. Seconded by Ald. King. Roll call: Sullivan; yes, Ald. Alvarenga; yes, Ald. Hansen; yes and Ald. King; yes. All approved. Motion carried.
 - Resolution; 01-20; Meeting Rules of the Town. Attorney McClure read Resolution No. 01-20 by tittle only. A motion was made by Ald. Sullivan to accept Resolution No.01-20. Seconded by Ald. King. Discussion: none. Roll call; Ald. Alvarenga; yes, Ald. Hansen: yes, Ald. King; yes, and Ald. Sullivan; yes. All approved. Motion carried.
 - Resolution 02-20; General Pay Scale. Attorney McClure read Resolution No. 02-20 by tittle only. A motion was made by Ald. Hansen to accept Resolution No. 02-20. Seconded by Ald. Alvarenga. Discussion: none. Roll call; Ald. Hansen: yes, Ald. King; yes, Ald. Sullivan; yes and Ald. Alvarenga; yes. All approved. Motion carried.
 - Resolution 03-20; Health Insurance for Town Administrator. Attorney McClure read Resolution No. 03-20 by tittle only. A motion was made by Ald. Hansen to accept Resolution No. 03-20. Seconded by Ald. King. Discussion: none. Roll call; Ald. King; yes, Ald. Sullivan; yes, Ald. Alvarenga; yes and Ald. Hansen: yes. All approved. Motion carried.
 - Resolution 04-20; Posting Bylaws & Ordinances. Attorney McClure read Resolution No. 04-20 by tittle only. A motion was made by Ald. King to accept Resolution No. 04-20. Seconded by Ald. Alvarenga. Discussion: none. Roll call; Ald. Sullivan; yes, Ald. Alvarenga; Yes, Ald. Hansen: yes and Ald. King; yes. All approved. Motion carried.

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Mayor for the Good of the Town – Mayor Whitehorn recommends having bands and people playing musical instruments at the Steam Whistle Pavilion during the summer evenings. He would also like to get Food Trucks in that area for these events.

Public forum (Non-Agenda Item); 3 minutes - Ben Craig with the Spring Racing Bike Series asked the council for permission to use the streets and parks for a couple weekends in March, April and May. Ald. Hansen stated she would like to sponsor this event and asked to place it under Parks, on the February Council Agenda.

Announcements

1. Planning Meeting scheduled for January 21, 2020
2. Board of Zoning meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 21, 2020
3. Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 11, 2020

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Ald. King and seconded by Ald. Sullivan to adjourn meeting at 7:45 pm.

Discussion: none. All approved. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

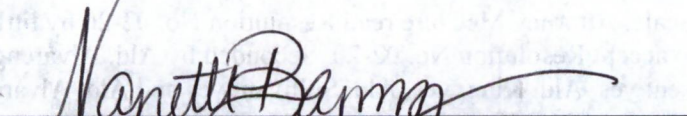
Nanette Barnes
Recorder-Treasurer

Approved



Mayor Robert Whitehorn

Attest



Recorder/Treasurer Nanette Barnes