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MINUTES
TOWN OF AVOCA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 14, 2020

Call to order

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Whitehorn

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of silence

Public forum (Agenda item)

Tommy O'Dell asked that the sidewalk be extended to the end of the park.

Council Roll Call – by Rec/Tres. Barnes

Present: Mayor Robert Whitehorn

Rec/Tres. Nanette Barnes

ALD: Jay King, Jordan Sullivan, Oscar Alvarenga & Kathy Hansen

Absent: ALD: Kathleen Miller

Staff

Present: Town Attorney: Ed McClure

Absent: Zoning Official: Tim DePue

Guests

Jason Fitzgerald; Cards Recycling

Jeannie Rollins

Tommy O'Dell

L. Dave Smith

Declaration of quorum

Mayor Whitehorn declared a quorum was present

Consent of Agenda

Ald. Hansen made a motion for consent of amended agenda; Mini Bridges were put under parks.

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 June 2020 as written. Seconded by Ald. Alvarenga. Discussion; none. All approved. Motion carried.

Ald. Hansen made a motion to accept the minutes of July 7, 2020 as written. Seconded by Ald. Alvarenga. Discussion; none. All approved. Motion carried.

Financial statement

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

Staff Report – Rec/Tres. Barnes

1. Avoca Fire & Rescue

- a. Monthly Report; June 2020; 37 Calls (EMS: 27 Fire: 7, Misc.: 0, MVA: 2, Roads: 1)
- b. Council would like to see someone from The Fire Department come to the meetings on a regular basis.

2. NEBCO EMS

- a. None; Council would like to see someone from NEBCO come to the meetings on a regular basis.

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 June 30, 2020

- a. OCH; Benton County Clinic

5. Building Permits – as of June 30, 2020

- a. None

Committee Reports:

1. *Planning commission – Chairmen Alvarenga*

- a. June meeting canceled due to lack of agenda
- b. Tract Split; Hwy 62 and Russell Road – A special meeting was held and the tract split passed per Chairman Alvarenga.

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.

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4. *Streets – Ald. Sullivan*

- a. Culverts & Ditches - Whitehorn informed council the concrete on the ditches along Old Wire Road have been finished.
- b. Tucks Chapel Road - Ald. Sullivan informed council the roots under street are pushing up the road. Ald. Sullivan recommends leaving it until the road needs to be resurfaced.

5. *Park – Ald. Hansen*

- a. Fences – Ald. Hansen informed council that the fences have been completed.
- b. Residential Garage Sale – Rec/Tres. Barnes informed council she was approached by a resident who would like to have a residential garage sale up at the Steam Whistle Pavilion. Council agreed that would be a good idea due to not having the Farmers Market this year. Rec/Tres. Barnes will get more information for the council.
- c. Grants – Ald. Hansen and Rec/Tres. Barnes informed council, ARDOT, the Railroad and some business owners do not want trees planted on their property. An updated plan was received for the trees to be planted in the parks and around the Fire House.
- d. Mini Bridges – The council talked about placing mini bridges, ramps or placing a culvert so residents can get across the ditches.

6. *Personnel – Ald. King*

- a. Ald. King informed council Mac Whitehorn resigned and Zach Van Hook was hired.

Old Business

1. Trash Service - Ald. Hansen made a motion to accept Cards Recycling as the towns trash service. Seconded by Ald. Alvarenga. Discussion; held concerning recyclables, carts, rates and pick-up schedules. Roll call; Ald. Sullivan; no, Ald. Alvarenga; no, Ald. Hansen; yes, and Ald. King; no. Motion failed. Ald. Hansen made a motion to not renew the contract with Waste Management as the towns trash service before they see the rates they will be charging. Seconded by Ald. King. Discussion; none. Roll call; Ald. Sullivan; no, Ald. Alvarenga; yes, Ald. Hansen; yes, and Ald. King; yes. Motion passed.

New Business

1. None

Mayor for the Good of the Town

Mayor Whitehorn informed council he came in under budget on the concrete work on Old Wire Road.

Public forum (Non-Agenda Item); 3 minutes

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

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Adjournment:

A motion was made by Ald. Alvarenga and seconded by Ald. Hansen to adjourn meeting at 7:40 pm.
Discussion: none. All approved. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Nanette Barnes
Recorder-Treasurer

Approved  _____
Mayor Robert Whitehorn

Attest  _____
Recorder/Treasurer Nanette Barnes