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MINUTES  
TOWN OF AVOCA  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
MARCH 10, 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**

Frankie Elliott – Avoca Fire Chef

Butch Stout – Sand Dollar Maintenance/Avoca Fire Department

Tony Merworth – Benton County Risk Reduction; Inspector

Gary Yarno – Benton County Risk Reduction; Fire Marshall

Kim Whitehorn

Jeannie Rollins

**Declaration of quorum**

Mayor Whitehorn declared a quorum was present

**Consent of Agenda**

Ald. Hansen made a motion for consent of amended agenda; Farmers Market and Grants were put under parks. Seconded by Ald. Alvarenga. Discussion; none. All approved. Motion carried.

**Consent of minutes for council meeting**

February 11, 2020; Ald. Alvarenga made a motion to accept the January minutes as written. Seconded by Ald. Hansen. Discussion; none. All approved. Motion carried.

**Financial statement**

February 2019; Financial statement presented by Rec/Tres. Barnes. Ald. Hansen made a motion to accept the February Financials as presented. Seconded by Ald. King. Discussion; none. All approved. Motion carried.

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**Staff Report** – Rec/Tres. Barnes

1. Avoca Fire & Rescue
  - a. Monthly Report; February 2020; 49 Calls (EMS: 29 Fire: 15, Misc.: 3, MVA: 2, Roads: 0)
2. NEBCO EMS
  - a. None
3. Facebook & Website
  - a. Rec/Tres. Barnes informed council she is going to start recognizing local businesses, Fire Department, Town employees, council and planning members on the town sign and FB page.
4. Business Permits (15 Renewal & 0 New) as of February 29, 2020

Acacia Cabinets, LLC  
Avoca Quarry/APAC-Central, Inc.  
Beaver Storage, LLC  
Boat Dock World  
C & K Produce  
Charley's Tree Service  
Don's Canopies & Metal Products  
East Lawn Care

Git-R-Done Landscaping  
Hoss's RV Repair & Restoration  
Kathy's Fireworks  
Pro-Line Cabinets, LLC  
TCB Boxing  
Tri-Star Automotive & Tire  
Wolfes Waypoint Marine

5. Building Permits – as of February 29, 2020
  - a. None

**Committee Reports:**

1. *Planning commission – Chairmen Alvarenga*
  - a. Ald. Hansen informed council she met with Planning members concerning Annexation & Impact fees.
2. *Board of Zoning Adjustments– Chairmen Alvarenga*
  - a. None
3. *Zoning and code enforcement – Tim DePue*
  - a. None
4. *Inspections*
  - a. BC Risk Management; A motion was made by Ald. Hansen to implement Benton County Risk Reduction to do the Town of Avoca's building inspections. Seconded by Ald. King. Discussion: was held concerning pros and cons. Questions were asked and answered by the Fire Marshall, Inspector, Fire Department and Council members. Roll call; Ald. King; yes, Ald. Sullivan; no, Ald. Alvarenga; yes and Ald. Hansen: yes. Motion carried. Rec/Tres. Barnes will get the signed contract to Benton County Risk Reduction.
5. *Streets – Ald. Sullivan*
  - a. Culvert – End of Woods Lodge Road; Riff Raft was placed per Mayor.

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6. *Park – Ald. Hansen*

- a. Fences; Big R Construction has started replacing the wooden fences around the town parks.
- b. Farmers Market; Council has decided to continue with the Farmers Market. Ald. Hansen will contact Becky Hedden. The town will start advertising for vendors.
- c. Ald. Hansen will look into grants to help the parks.

7. Annexation & Future of Avoca

- a. Meeting with 7 Brews; Ald. Hansen updated council on the meeting that was held with the owner of 7 Brews. Annexation and Future of Avoca Pamphlets are being made to hand out to residents.

8. *Personnel – Ald. King*

- a. None

**Old Business**

1. None

**New Business**

1. None

**Mayor for the Good of the Town;** Mayor Whitehorn measured the trail around the Town Hall Park. He is going to mark the trail so people can see how far they have walked.

**Public forum (Non-Agenda Item); 3 minutes**

None

**Announcements**

1. Planning Meeting scheduled for March 17, 2020
2. Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 14, 2020
3. Town Hall closed April 29 and 30th
4. Board of Zoning meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 19, 2020

**Adjournment:**


A motion was made by Ald. King and seconded by Ald. Alvarenga to adjourn meeting at 7:15 pm.

Discussion: none. All approved. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Nanette Barnes  
Recorder-Treasurer

Approved

  
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Mayor Robert Whitehorn

Attest

  
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Recorder/Treasurer Nanette Barnes