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MINUTES
TOWN OF AVOCA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 13, 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, Audrey Oakes & Kathy Hansen

Absent: ALD: Oscar Alvarenga & Jordan Sullivan

Staff

Present: Town Attorney: Ed McClure

Zoning Official: Tim DePue

Guests

Frankie Elliott – Avoca Fire Chief

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 agenda; Seconded by Ald. King. Discussion; none. All approved. Motion carried.

Consent of minutes for council meeting

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

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Financial statement

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

Staff Report – Rec/Tres. Barnes

1. Avoca Fire & Rescue
 - a. Chief Frankie Elliott reported The Avoca Fire Department has gone on 33 Calls in September (EMS: 25, Fire: 3, Misc.: 2, MVA: 3, Roads: 0)
 - b. Council discussed having the Avoca Fire & Rescue Department start to conduct yearly fire inspections at local businesses. Rec/Tres. Barnes will contact business owners via mailed letter and email.
 - c. Fire Chief Frankie Elliott thanked the council for helping with the Grant for the Bunker Gear.
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 & 2 New) as of September 30, 2020
 - a. None
5. Building & Inspection Permits – as of September 30, 2020
 - a. None

COMMITTEES

1. *Planning commission* – Rec/Tres. Barnes
 - a. Development/Site Plan Review; Apostolic Assembly Church-11960 Landers Road – Passed per Rec/Tres. Barnes
 - b. Variance; Bernardo Espino Ambriz – 390 Old Wire Road – Passed per Rec/Tres. Barnes
2. *Board of Zoning Adjustments*– Rec/Tres. Barnes
 - a. None
3. *Zoning and code enforcement* – Tim DePue
 - a. 230 Pearl Ave; Attorney McClure updated council on the options going forward concerning the clean-up at 230 Pearl Ave. Ald. King made a motion to have Attorney proceed with legal action. Seconded by Ald. Oakes. Discussion; none. Roll call; Ald. King; yes, Ald. Oakes; yes and Ald. Hansen; yes. Motion passed.

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4. *Streets – Ald. Sullivan*
a. None

5. *Park – Ald. Hansen*
a. Grants
i. Trees; Rec/Tres. Barnes informed council the Town is being given 50 trees from the Walmart Foundation to hand out to residents on a first come first serve basis at the town clean-up. Rec/Tres. Barnes will contact the Media to let them know.

6. *Personnel – Ald. King*
a. None

Old Business

1. Town Hall Repairs; Mayor Whitehorn informed council members the duct work has been completed.

New Business

1. Clean up
a. BC Inmates; Rec/Tres. Barnes informed the council, the Benton County Sheriff office brought the inmates out to clean the streets.
b. Fall Clean-up; Rec/Tres. Barnes informed the council; everything is set to go for the town clean-up that will be held on Saturday October 24th.
2. Apple Shed Award; Council made the decision on who will receive the Apple Shed Award. Rec/Tres. Barnes will contact Shirley McDaniels to have her update the sign.
3. Trunk – R – Treat; Rec/Tres. Barnes informed council the Trunk – R – Treat will be held on Saturday October 31st.
4. Resolution 06-20; Rate of Property Taxes for 2021 - Attorney McClure read Resolution No. 06-20 in its entirety. A motion was made by Ald. Hansen to accept Resolution No. 06-20 on its first and final reading. Seconded by Ald. King. Discussion: none. Roll call; Ald. Oakes: yes, Ald. Hansen: yes, and Ald. King: yes. All approved. Motion carried.
5. Resolution 07-20; Supporting Ballot Issue 1- Attorney McClure read Resolution No. 07-20 in its entirety. A motion was made by Ald. Hansen to accept Resolution No. 07-20 on its first and final reading. Seconded by Ald. King. Discussion: held concerning pros and cons. Roll call; Ald. Hansen: no, Ald. King: yes, and Ald. Oakes: no. Motion failed.
6. Resolution 08-20; Fire Dept Grant - Attorney McClure read Resolution No. 08-20 in its entirety. A motion was made by Ald. Hansen to accept Resolution No. 08-20 on its first and final reading. Seconded by Ald. King. Discussion: none. Roll call; Ald. Hansen: yes, Ald. King: yes, and Ald. Oakes: yes. All approved. Motion carried.

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Mayor for the Good of the Town

None

Public forum (Non-Agenda Item); 3 minutes

Announcements

1. Planning Meeting scheduled for October 20, 2020
2. Clean-Up scheduled for Saturday October 24, 2020
3. Trunk R Treat scheduled for Saturday October 31, 2020
3. Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 10, 2020
4. Board of Zoning meeting is scheduled for December 15, 2020

Adjournment:


A motion was made by Ald. Hansen and seconded by Ald. Oakes to adjourn meeting at 7:18 pm.

Discussion: none. All approved. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Nanette Barnes
Recorder-Treasurer

Approved 
Mayor Robert Whitehorn

Attest 
Recorder/Treasurer Nanette Barnes