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MINUTES
TOWN OF AVOCA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 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, Jordan Sullivan & Kathy Hansen

Absent: ALD: Oscar Alvarenga

Staff

Present: Town Attorney: Ed McClure

Zoning Official: Tim DePue

Guests

Adam Kinney – Avoca Fire Captain

Kim Whitehorn

Jeannie Rollins

Shelly DePue

Audrey Oakes

Declaration of quorum

Mayor Whitehorn declared a quorum was present

Executive Session

Mayor Whitehorn stated he had two (2) letters from residents who would like to serve on the Council. He called an executive session to discuss the appointment for Council

Member; Position 4. Mayor Whitehorn asked all members of the public to exit the room.

Rec/Tres Barnes paused the recorder before exiting the room.

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Meeting opened to the public: Rec/Tres Barnes turned the recorder back on. A motion was made by Ald. Sullivan and seconded by Ald. King to appoint Audrey Oakes as Council Member; Position 4. Discussion; none. Roll call: Ald. Hansen; yes, Ald. King; yes, and Ald. Sullivan; yes. All approved. Motion carried. Audrey Oakes was sworn in by Rec/Tres Barnes.

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 August 2020 as written. Seconded by Ald. Hansen. Discussion; none. All approved. Motion carried.

Financial statement

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

Staff Report – Rec/Tres. Barnes

1. Avoca Fire & Rescue
 - a. Captain Kinney reported The Avoca Fire Department has gone on 37 Calls in August (EMS: 29 Fire: 5, Misc.: 0, MVA: 3, Roads: 0).
 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 August 31, 2020
 - a. Luther McMath
 - b. Rachels Face Masks
 5. Building & Inspection Permits – as of August 31, 2020
 - a. Marc Jones Construction (Nicholas Sargent) - 500 Russell Road; Solar Panels
1. *Planning commission – Chairmen Alvarenga*
 - a. Met on August 18, 2020
 2. *Board of Zoning Adjustments– Chairmen Alvarenga*
 - a. Met on August 18, 2020

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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 at 230 Pearl Street who was sent a letter concerning dumping in the ravine. Council agreed to turn this matter over to the Town Attorney for further action.

4. *Streets – Ald. Sullivan*

- a. Rader Road – Overlay; Mayor Whitehorn informed council he has been in talks with Benton County who will overlay Rader Road for the cost of \$77,000.00 (seventy-seven thousand dollars). Ald. Sullivan made a motion to work with Benton County to overlay Rader Road for the cost of \$77,000.00 (seventy-seven thousand dollars). Seconded by Ald. Hansen. Discussion; Held concerning cost and having Tucks Chapel Road over-laid in the near future. Roll call; Ald. Oakes; abstained, Ald. Sullivan; yes, Ald. Hansen; yes, and Ald. King; yes. Motion passed.

5. *Park – Ald. Hansen*

a. Grants

- i. Trees; Rec/Tres. Barnes informed council the Town has been awarded a grant to have newly planted trees, maintenance for the trees and tree giveaway for the parks and the Community building/Fire Department for the amount of \$85,621.00 (eighty-five thousand, six hundred and twenty-one dollars). Ald. Hansen, Rec/Tres. Barnes and Patti Erwin are meeting on September 17th.

6. *Personnel – Ald. King*

- a. None

Old Business

1. None

New Business

1. Clean up

- a. BC Inmates; Rec/Tres. Barnes informed the council, the Benton County Sheriff office canceled having the inmates come clean due to the Corona Virus. They will call us at a later date to reschedule.
- b. Fall Clean-up; Council decided on a date to have the Avoca Fall Clean-up, it will be held on Saturday, October 24th.

2. Apple Shed Award; Council made the decision to hold the Apple Shed Award presentation at the Christmas Parade.

3. Trunk – R – Treat; Rec/Tres. Barnes informed council the Trunk – R – Treat committee will be meeting in the near future to go over final details for the event.

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4. Resolution No 05-20, Authorizing Destruction of Certain Town Records and For Other Purposes – Attorney McClure read Resolution No. 05-20 in its entirety. A motion was made by Ald. Hansen to accept Resolution No. 05-20 on its first and final reading. Seconded by Ald. King. Discussion: none. Roll call; Ald. Sullivan: yes, Ald. Hansen: yes, Ald. King: yes and Ald. Oates; yes. All approved. Motion carried.
5. Town Hall; Repairs – Mayor Whitehorn informed council the duct work in the Town Hall is building up condensation and has caused damage. New Ductwork is needed, with possible repair to sheet rock and insulation. Ald. Hansen made a motion to hire Allied to replace the duct work at a cost of \$7788.00 (seven thousand, seven hundred and eight-eight dollars) plus tax. Seconded by Ald. Sullivan. Discussion; Held concerning cost and getting more quotes. Roll call; Ald. Hansen; yes, Ald. King; yes, Ald. Oakes; yes, and Ald. Sullivan; yes. Motion passed.

Mayor for the Good of the Town
None

Public forum (Non-Agenda Item); 3 minutes

Announcements

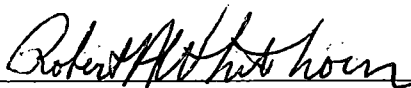
1. Planning Meeting scheduled for September 15, 2020
2. Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 13, 2020
3. Board of Zoning meeting is scheduled for December 15, 2020

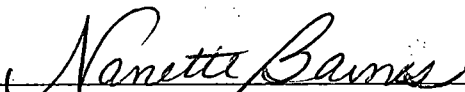
Adjournment:

A motion was made by Ald. Sullivan and seconded by Ald. King to adjourn meeting at 7:28 pm. Discussion: none. All approved. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Nanette Barnes
Recorder-Treasurer

Approved 
Mayor Robert Whitehorn

Attest 
Recorder/Treasurer Nanette Barnes