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MINUTES
TOWN OF AVOCA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 10, 2021

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: Jeannie Rollins, Oscar Alvarenga, and Jay King,

Absent: ALD: Kathy Hansen and Audrey Oakes

Staff

Present: Town Attorney: Ed McClure

Zoning Official: Tim DePue

Guests

Butch Stout – Avoca Fire Captain

Kim Whitehorn

Betty Wassman

Darlene & Roger Gregory

Katie Elliott

Jim Mills

Mike Kalagias

Declaration of quorum

Mayor Whitehorn declared a quorum was present

Consent of Agenda

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

Consent of minutes for council meeting

Ald. King made a motion to accept the minutes of July 2021, as written. Seconded by Ald. Rollins. Discussion; none. All approved. Motion carried.

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Financial statement

July 2021; Financial report presented by Rec/Tres. Barnes. Ald. King made a motion to accept the July Financials as presented. Seconded by Ald. Alvarenga. Discussion; None. All approved. Motion carried.

Staff Report – Rec/Tres. Barnes

1. Avoca Fire & Rescue
 - a. Captain Stout reported The Avoca Fire Department has gone on **62 Calls** in July (Ems calls: 41, Assist other departments: 8, MVA: 6, Road Hazard: 2, Grass Fire: 2, Gas Leak: 1, Public Assistance: 1, Car Fire: 1)
2. NEBCO
 - a. None
3. Facebook & Website
 - a. Rec/Tres. Barnes states everything is up to date
4. Business Permits (0 Renewal & 1 New) for July, 2021
The Smackin' Shack
5. Building & Inspection Permits – as of July 31, 2021
 - a. None
6. Code Enforcement – *Tim DePue*
 - a. None.

Committee Reports:

1. *Planning commission – Ald./Chairmen Alvarenga*
 - a. Ald. Alvarenga informed council there was a public hearing held before last month's Planning meeting concerning a proposed 49 (forty-nine) house subdivision off Old Wire Road being built by Franklin Miller.
 - b. Lot Split was passed on Canoe; Wendy Jones & Tim Barnard.
 - c. Proposed RV Park on Andy Jack Road & Hwy 62, Ald. Alvarenga states there will be a public meeting scheduled August 17, before the Planning & BOA meeting.
2. *Board of Zoning Adjustments– Chairmen Alvarenga*
 - a. None
3. *Streets – Ald. King*
 - a. ER Assist – Disaster from April 28th Flooding; No update at this time per Ald. King. Rec/Tres. Barnes will call ER Assist to see if there are any updates.

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4. *Park – Ald. Hansen*

- a. Trail Lights; Rec/Tres. Barnes informed council, the lights have been completed and are all on.
- b. Apple Tres, Rec/Tres. Barnes stated Planning member John FASTER has a son, who would like to plant an apple tree in the town park, so no one will ever go hungry in our town. Town council approved and has offered to purchase the tree.

5. *Personnel – Ald. Oakes*

- a. None

Old Business

1. Town Hall Buzzer; Rec/Tres. Barnes states she is received another bid for a new a security system. She will keep the council updated as she gets more information.

New Business

1. Bike Races; Betty Wasserman asked the town to reconsider having the bike races in town. She would like to see the bikers go to Rogers where there is more room. She feels this is a big safety issue. Mayor Whitehorn states he will discuss this issue with Ald. Hansen, to see what options we may have.

Mayor for the Good of the Town

Mayor updated the council on his plans for the Food Truck area at the Steam Whistle Park. Mayor Whitehorn has a meeting with a contractor concerning the holes in the town roads and what we need to do to fix them.

Town Council Member's Personal Privilege (Any matter); 3 Minutes

Ald. Hansen; Absent

Ald. King; was concerned with the hole in the slide in the playground. Rec/Tres. Barnes explained the new slide has been ordered. Mayor Whitehorn will look into removing the slide or covering it due to safety issues.

Ald. Alvarenga; None

Ald. Oakes; Absent

Ald. Rollins; None.

Public forum (Non-Agenda Item); 3 minutes

Darlene Gregory asked for the new information the town received from Franklin Miller concerning the new proposed subdivision going in off Old Wire Road and Dancer. Mayor Whitehorn informed Ms. Gregory, Rec/Tres. Barnes will get that information to her tomorrow.

Mike Kalagias recommended to plant a pear tree instead of an apple tree and Katie Elliott stated fruit trees need more then one to survive and recommends the town plant more then one.

Announcements

1. Planning Meeting scheduled for August 17, 2021
2. Board of Zoning meeting is scheduled for August 17, 2021
3. Public Hearing is scheduled for August 17, 2021
4. Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 14, 2021

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Adjournment:

A motion was made by Ald. Alvarenga and seconded by Ald. Rollins to adjourn meeting at 7:08 pm.
Discussion: none. All approved. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Nanette Barnes
Recorder-Treasurer

Approved 

Mayor Robert Whitehorn

Attest 

Recorder/Treasurer Nanette Barnes