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MINUTES
TOWN OF AVOCA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 12, 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: Jay King, Kathy Hansen, Oscar Alvarenga (arrived after roll call), and Jeannie Rollins

Absent: None

Staff

Present: Town Attorney: Ed McClure

Absent: Zoning Official: Tim DePue

Guests

Butch Stout – Avoca Fire Captain

Kim Whitehorn

Betty Wassman

Katie Elliott

Roger Gregory

Darlene Gregory

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. Hansen. Discussion; none. All approved. Motion carried.

Consent of minutes for council meeting

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

Financial statement

September 2021; Financial report presented by Rec/Tres. Barnes. Ald. Hansen made a motion to accept the August Financials as presented. Seconded by Ald. Rollins. Discussion; None. All approved. Motion carried.

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Staff Report – Rec/Tres. Barnes

1. Avoca Fire & Rescue
 - a. Captain Stout reported The Avoca Fire Department has gone on **39 Calls** in September
(Ems calls: 26, Assist other departments: 5, MVA: 4, Road Hazard: 1, Fire Alarm: 2, Gas Leak: 1)
2. NEBCO EMS
 - a. None
3. Facebook & Website
 - a. None
4. Business Permits (0 Renewal & 3 New) for September, 2021
 - Amber Eddie - Farmers Market
 - Southern Craft Shack – Farmer Market
 - Louisiana Foods & More – Food Vender
5. Building & Inspection Permits – as of September 30, 2021
 - a. Jose Torres – 105 Russell Road

Committee Reports:

1. *Planning commission – Ald./Chairmen Alvarenga*
 - a. Hidden Forrest Subdivision – Ald. Alvarenga informed council, Hidden Valley Subdivisions preliminary plat approval was denied due to modifications.
 - b. WENRIDGE RV Park - Ald. Alvarenga informed council, Representatives from WEN Investment Group answered many of the questions that were asked concerning the proposed RV park on Andy Jack Road. Per town attorneys' suggestion, this issue will be sent to Benton County Planning due to the development area is in the towns planning limits and not inside town limits.
2. *Board of Zoning Adjustments– Chairmen Alvarenga*
 - a. None
3. *Streets – Ald. King*
 - a. ER Assist – Disaster from April 28th Flooding; Ald. King, informed council the Flooding that occurred in April of this year, did not meet FEMA criteria for Federal disaster relief. It is now going through the State as a reimbursement of actual cost (Town share 65% and the states share 35%. Rec/Tres Barnes is working on this issue with ER Assist.
 - b. Pearl & Smith Ridge – Ald. King presented three estimates with referrals to have areas of Pearl & Smith Ridge Road repaired. Ald. Hansen made a motion to accept Pavecons proposal of \$57,093 (Fifty-seven thousand, and ninety-three dollars) Ald. King seconded the motion. Roll call; Ald. King: yes, Ald. Hansen: yes, Ald. Rollins: yes, and Ald. Alvarenga yes. All approved. Motion carried

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4. *Park – Ald. Hansen*

- a. Apple Shed Award; Ald. King made a motion to accept Latham Cabinets as the 2022 Apple Shed recipient. Ald. Alvarenga seconded the motion. Discussion: None. All approved, motion carried. Council agreed that the Apple Shed Award that will be awarded at the Christmas Parade Social.
- b. Food Truck Court; Mayor Whitehorn, informed council, he is still working on the Food Truck Court.
- c. Slide; No updates at this time per Ald. Hansen and Rec/Tres Barnes

5. *Personnel –*

- a. Resignation of Alderman Oakes. Mayor Whitehorn read Ms. Oakes resignation letter Recorder/Treasurer Barnes to start advertising for this position.

Old Business

1. Town Hall Buzzer; Rec/Tres. Barnes states she has no updates at this time concerning security for the town hall.

New Business

1. Resolution 07-21; Resolution amending Resolution 06-21. Attorney McClure read Resolution No. 07-21 in its entirety. A motion was made by Ald. Hansen to accept Resolution No. 07-21 on its first and final reading. Seconded by Ald. King. Discussion: was held concerning why the need to amend the amendment. Roll call; Ald. Hansen: yes, Ald. Rollins: yes, Ald. Alvarenga yes, and Ald. King: yes. All approved. Motion carried.

Mayor for the Good of the Town

Mayor informed council the asphaltting of Rader Road has been completed.

Mayor informed council members the property on the corner of Orchard and Old Wire is for sale for \$15,000 (fifteen thousand dollars), and asked if the council thought the town should purchase this land. Council members all agreed this was something the town was not interested in doing at this time.

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

Ald. Hansen; None

Ald. King; wanted to remind everyone that Waste Management pick up dates for trash service has changed from Thursdays to Wednesdays.

Ald. Alvarenga; None

Ald. Rollins; None.

Public forum (Non-Agenda Item); 3 minutes

Kim Whitehorn asked if there was anything that could be done about Dog Kennels/Puppy Mills. Ald. King state he will look into this matter and asked Katie Elliott for her input.

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Announcements

1. Fall Clean-up scheduled for Saturday October 16, 2021
2. Planning Meeting scheduled for October 19, 2021
3. Trunk R Treat scheduled for Saturday October 30, 2021
4. Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 9, 2021
5. Board of Zoning meeting is scheduled for December 21, 2021


Adjournment:

A motion was made by Ald. King and seconded by Ald. Alvarenga to adjourn meeting at 7:23 pm.
Discussion: none. All approved. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Nanette Barnes
Recorder-Treasurer

Approved 
Mayor Robert Whitehorn

Attest 
Recorder/Treasurer Nanette Barnes