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MINUTES  
TOWN OF AVOCA  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 14, 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), Audrey Oakes and,  
Jeannie Rollins

Absent: None

**Staff**

Present: Town Attorney: Ed McClure

Zoning Official: Tim DePue

**Guests**

Frankie Elliott – Avoca Fire Chief

Kim Whitehorn

Betty Wassman

Bruce Bowen

Casey Russell – Waste Management

Darlene & Roger 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. Rollins. Discussion; none. All approved. Motion carried.

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**Financial statement**

August 2021; 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. Chief Elliott reported The Avoca Fire Department has gone on **76 Calls** in July (Ems calls: 52, Assist other departments: 9, MVA: 8, Road Hazard: 6, Fire Alarm: 1)
2. NEBCO EMS
  - a. None
3. Facebook & Website
  - a. None
4. Business Permits (0 Renewal & 4 New) for August, 2021
  - Scott Richards - Farmers Market
  - Tacos El Colo – Food Truck
  - Rebecca Wilson – Farmers Market
  - Dreamme Moon – Farmers Market
5. Building & Inspection Permits – as of August 31, 2021
  - a. None

**Committee Reports:**

1. *Planning commission – Ald./Chairmen Alvarenga*
  - a. Ald. Alvarenga informed council, the proposed 49 (forty-nine) house subdivision off Old Wire Road and the proposed RV Park on Andy Jack Road & Hwy 62 are on next week's Planning agenda.
2. *Board of Zoning Adjustments– Chairmen Alvarenga*
  - a. None
3. *Streets – Ald. King*
  - a. ER Assist – Disaster from April 28<sup>th</sup> Flooding; No update at this time per Ald. King.
  - b. Pearl & Smith Ridge – Ald. King presented three estimates to have areas of Pearl & Smith Ridge Road repaired. Council would like to see references from neighboring towns, before they make a final decision. Ald. Hansen made a motion to table this item until the October meeting. Seconded by Ald. Alvarenga. Discussion; none. All approved. Motion carried.

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4. *Park – Ald. Hansen*

- a. Apple Shed Award; Ald. Hansen asked council to get a list of names for nomination for the Apple Shed Award that will be awarded at the Christmas Parade Social.
- b. Food Truck Court; A motion was made by Ald. Hansen to a lot \$13,000 (thirteen thousand dollars) to build a food court at the Steam Whistle Park. Seconded by Ald. Alvarenga. Discussion: none. Roll call; Ald. King: yes, Ald. Hansen: yes, Ald. Rollins: yes, Ald. Alvarenga yes, and Ald. Oakes: Yes. All approved. Motion carried
- c. Slide; No updates at this time per Ald. Hansen and Rec/Tres Barnes

5. *Personnel – Ald. Oakes*

- a. None

**Old Business**

1. Town Hall Buzzer; Rec/Tres. Barnes states she received another bid for a new a security system. Council would like to have a few more estimates before making final decision.

**New Business**

1. Resolution 06-21; Authorizing the Rate of Property Tax. Attorney McClure read Resolution No. 06-21 in its entirety. A motion was made by Ald. Hansen to accept Resolution No. 06-21 on its first and final reading. Seconded by Ald. King. Discussion: none. Roll call; Ald. Hansen: yes, Ald. Rollins: yes, Ald. Alvarenga yes, Ald. Oakes: yes, and Ald. King: yes. All approved. Motion carried.
2. Waste Management; Casey Russell with Waste Management informed council they are going to change the day they pick up trash from Thursdays to Wednesdays. They will send out post cards informing residents of this change.

**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; has asked if the town can call the person who has placed a sign on Old Wire Road and have it removed. Rec/Tres. Barnes will call this person.

Ald. Alvarenga; None

Ald. Oakes; None

Ald. Rollins; None.

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

Darlene Gregory asked questions concerning the proposed subdivision going in off Old Wire Road and Dancer next week, Ald. Alvarenga answered her questions.

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**Announcements**

1. Planning Meeting scheduled for September 21, 2021
2. Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 12, 2021
3. Fall Clean-up scheduled for Saturday October 16, 2021
4. Trunk R Treat scheduled for Saturday October 30, 2021
4. 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 7:32 pm.  
Discussion: none. All approved. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Nanette Barnes  
Recorder-Treasurer

Approved Robert Whitehorn  
Mayor Robert Whitehorn

Attest Nanette Barnes  
Recorder/Treasurer Nanette Barnes