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MINUTES
TOWN OF AVOCA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 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: Kathy Hansen, Jeannie Rollins, Oscar Alvarenga, Audrey Oakes & Jay King,

Absent: None

Staff

Present: Town Attorney: Ed McClure

Zoning Official: Tim DePue

Guests

Frankie Elliott – Avoca Fire Chief

Kim Whitehorn

Rick Barradell

Allen McFann

Declaration of quorum

Mayor Whitehorn declared a quorum was present

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Consent of Agenda

Ald. Hansen made a motion for consent of amended agenda (bike laws were added under parks per Ald. Hansen and trash cans were added under old business per Ald. Alvarenga); 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 December 2020 as written. Seconded by Ald. Hansen. Discussion; none. All approved. Motion carried.

Financial statement

December 2020; Financial report presented by Rec/Tres. Barnes. Ald. Hansen made a motion to accept the December 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 36 Calls in November (EMS: 18 Fire: 10, Misc.: 3, MVA: 3, Roads: 2). He informed council that the community building's floor has been completed.
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 & 0 New) as of December 31, 2020
 - a. None
5. Building & Inspection Permits – as of December 31, 2020
 - a. None
6. Code Enforcement – *Tim DePue*
 - a. 230 Pearl Ave; Attorney McClure updated council concerning having the property at 230 Pearl Ave. The home owner has been served by a process server. Mayor Whitehorn states the property has been cleaned up some but it still needs work.

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COMMITTEES

Mayor Whitehorn assigned Committee Chairpersons.

- a. Planning & Board of Adjustments – Ald. Alvarenga
- b. Streets – Ald. King
- c. Parks – Ald. Hansen
- d. Personnel – Ald. Oakes
- e. Floater – Ald. Rollins

1. *Planning commission – Chairmen Alvarenga*

- a. None

2. *Board of Zoning Adjustments– Chairmen Alvarenga*

- a. None

4. *Streets – Ald. Sullivan*

- a. None

5. *Park – Ald. Hansen*

- a. Trail Lights – No update at this time per Ald. Hansen, Rec/Tres. Barnes will contact Sand Dollar Maintenance to get things started.
- b. Bike Laws – Ald. Hansen updated council on the state’s new bike laws.

6. *Personnel – Ald. King*

- a. None

Old Business

1. Waste Management; Ald. Alvarenga asked if the town has had any updates on when Waste Management will be delivering trash cans to residents who do not already have one. Rec/Tres. Barnes will contact Waste Management about this issue.

New Business

1. Resolution 01-21; Meeting Rules for Town Council - Attorney McClure read Resolution No. 01-21 in its entirety. A motion was made by Ald. Hansen to accept Resolution No. 01-21 on its first and final reading. Seconded by Ald. King. Discussion: none. Roll call; Ald. Oakes: yes, Ald. King: yes, Ald. Hansen: yes, Ald. Rollins: yes and Ald. Alvarenga yes. All approved. Motion carried.
2. Resolution 02-21; General Pay Scale - Attorney McClure read Resolution No. 02-21 in its entirety. A motion was made by Ald. King to accept Resolution No. 02-21 on its first and final reading. Seconded by Ald. Hansen. Discussion: none. Roll call; Ald. King: yes, Ald. Hansen: yes, Ald. Rollins: yes, Ald. Alvarenga yes and Ald. Oakes: yes. All approved. Motion carried.
3. Resolution 03-21 Health Insurance; Town Administrator - Attorney McClure read Resolution No. 03-21 in its entirety. A motion was made by Ald. Hansen to accept Resolution No. 03-21 on its first and final reading. Seconded by Ald. Alvarenga. Discussion: none. Roll call; Ald. Hansen: yes, Ald. Rollins: yes, Ald. Alvarenga yes, Ald. Oakes: yes, and Ald. King: yes. All approved. Motion carried.

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4. Resolution 04-21 Posting Bylaws & Ordinances - Attorney McClure read Resolution No. 04-21 in its entirety. A motion was made by Ald. Hansen to accept Resolution No. 04-21 on its first and final reading. Seconded by Ald. King. Discussion: none. Roll call; Ald. Rollins: yes, Ald. Alvarenga yes, Ald. Oakes: yes, Ald. King: yes and Ald. Hansen: yes. All approved. Motion carried.

Mayor for the Good of the Town – Mayor Whitehorn informed council he had a zoom meeting with Judge Moehring and other city/town Mayors. Bethel Heights has been annexed into Springdale, their Act 833 funds will be apportioned equally to all Benton County Fire Departments.

Public forum (Non-Agenda Item); 3 minutes

None

Announcements

1. Planning Meeting scheduled for January 19, 2021
2. Office closed on January 18, 2021
3. Board of Zoning meeting is scheduled for January 19, 2021
4. Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 9, 2021

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Ald. Hansen and seconded by Ald. Alvarenga to adjourn meeting at 7:00 pm. Discussion: none. All approved. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Nanette Barnes
Recorder-Treasurer

Approved 
Mayor Robert Whitehorn

Attest 
Recorder/Treasurer Nanette Barnes