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MINUTES  
TOWN OF AVOCA  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
APRIL 13, 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

Ben Craig

Jordan Sullivan

**Declaration of quorum**

Mayor Whitehorn declared a quorum was present

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

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**Financial statement**

March 2021; Financial report presented by Rec/Tres. Barnes. Ald. Hansen made a motion to accept the March Financials as presented. Seconded by Ald. Alvarenga. Discussion; Ald. Rollins questioned why receipts were not attached to financials. Rec/Tres. Barnes informed Ald. Rollins, all paid receipts can be viewed during regular office hours. Roll call; Ald. Alvarenga yes, Ald. Oakes: yes, Ald. King: yes, Ald. Hansen: yes and Ald. Rollins; no. Motion carried.

**Staff Report** – Rec/Tres. Barnes

1. Avoca Fire & Rescue

- a. Chief Elliott reported The Avoca Fire Department has gone on 56 Calls in March 2021; (Assist other FD: 11, EMS: 23, Fire: 11, Misc.: 5, MVA: 4, Roads: 2)

2. NEBCO EMS

- a. Rec/Tres. Barnes informed council, NEBCO helped us repair our flag pole.

3. Facebook & Website

- a. Facebook and the town webpage has been updated as of April 12<sup>th</sup> per Rec/Tres. Barnes. Ald. Rollins requested her email address be added to her biography on the town website.

4. Business Permits

Rec/Tres. Barnes reports there have been 8 Business Permits issued in the month of March 2021

Big Hammer Contractors	Kathy's Fireworks
C & K Produce	Lamar Outdoor
East Lawn Care	OCH – Benton County Clinic
Git – R – Done Landscaping	TCB Boxing

5. Building & Inspection Permits – as of March 31, 2021

- a. 522 Mary Lane; James & Traci Holland – Garage/Shop

6. Code Enforcement – *Tim DePue*

- a. 411 Sheppard Road; Mayor Whitehorn updated council on the progress of the clean-up of this property. States they have made some noticeable progress. Attorney McClure will hold off with any further legal action until he is advised from Mayor Whitehorn.

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**Committee Reports:**

1. *Planning commission – Chairmen Alvarenga*
  - a. Lot Split; 11830 Landers Road – Sean Murphy (Approved)
  - b. Tract Split; 14749 Smith Ridge Road – Victor & Maria Juarez (Approved)
  
2. *Board of Zoning Adjustments– Chairmen Alvarenga*
  - a. None
  
3. *Streets – Ald. King*
  - a. Safety lights for town truck; Ald. Alvarenga is waiting on pricing and will update council at the May council meeting.
  - b. Mayor Whitehorn had been questioned by landowner who owns land near the Dollar General Store in Avoca. The road was attempted to be dedicated and donated to Avoca in 2014 by Marion and Patricia Holland, husband and wife—however, their attempt to donate to the town lacked words of conveyance (grant, bargain, sell and convey) and would not effectively donate the property to Avoca. Further, upon investigation by Town Attorney Edwin N. McClure and confirmation by way of a Title Report from PCI Advance Title, it appears subsequent conveyances of the property in question were granted to at least two others since the attempted donation by the Holland. As such, this property is not property owned by Avoca.
  
4. *Park – Ald. Hansen*
  - a. Trail Lights; Rec/Tres. Barnes informed council the light fixtures have been delivered and the poles are scheduled to arrive around the first of May.
  - b. Ald. Rollins asked about the “No Long-Term Parking” signs that are posted in the Steam Whistle park. Rec/Tres. Barnes asked if she would like to amend the agenda due to park signs not being listed. Ald. Rollin replied yes. Mayor Whitehorn explained to Ald. Rollins, the signs are posted so cars are not parked and left there for long periods of time.
  
5. *Personnel – Ald. Oakes*
  - a. None

**Old Business**

1. Town Hall Buzzer; Rec/Tres. Barnes informed council, ADT would install a security door controller and key fobs for the installation fee of two-thousand and eight-two dollars and sixty-eight cents (\$2082.68), and a monthly monitoring fee of thirty-nine dollars and fifty-nine cents (\$39.59). Ald. Rollins made a motion to not approve the extra security for the town hall. Motion failed due to no second. Ald. Hansen made a motion to approve the extra security for the town hall. Ald. King seconded the motion. Discussion: held concerning cost. Rec/Tres. Barnes was asked to contact ADT concerning cost. Ald. Hansen amended her motion to table this topic until the May 2021 council meeting. Seconded by Ald. King. All approved, motion carried.
  
2. Trash Cans; Mayor Whitehorn has tried contacting Waste Management many times, as had a few elderly residents concerning the delivery of trash can. He has had no response back. He will continue to try and get ahold of someone at Waste Management concerning this issue.

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**New Business**

1. Bike Races; 2021 Racing Series; Ben Craig talked to council members concerning bike races in the town limits of Avoca. Ald. King made a motion to allow these bike races. Seconded by Ald. Rollins. Discussion; held concerning the pros and cons of these races. Roll call; Ald. Hansen: no, Ald. Rollins: yes, Ald. Alvarenga no, Ald. Oakes: yes, and Ald. King: yes. Motion carried.

**Mayor for the Good of the Town**

**Public forum (Non-Agenda Item); 3 minutes** – Ald. Rollins requested a copy of Roberts Rules of Order. She was informed the town does not furnish this book.

**Announcements**

1. Planning Meeting scheduled for April 20, 2021
2. Town Clean up scheduled for May 8, 2021
2. Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 13, 2021
3. Board of Zoning meeting is scheduled for May 18, 2021

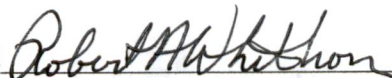
**Adjournment:**

A motion was made by Ald. Alvarenga and seconded by Ald. Hansen to adjourn meeting at 7:17 pm. Discussion: none. All approved. Motion passed.

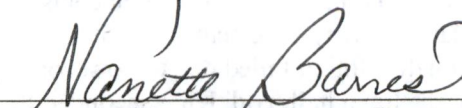
Respectfully submitted,

Nanette Barnes  
Recorder-Treasurer

Approved

  
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Mayor Robert Whitehorn

Attest

  
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Recorder/Treasurer Nanette Barnes