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MINUTES
TOWN OF AVOCA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 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, Katie Rairdon and Jeannie Rollins

Absent: None

Staff

Present: Town Attorney: Ed McClure

Zoning Official: Tim DePue

Guests

Brian Ervin – Avoca Assistant Fire Chief

Kim Whitehorn

Tommy O'Dell

Steven Lynch

Shelia Lynch Calix

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 November 2021, as written. Seconded by Ald. Alvarenga. Discussion; none. All approved. Motion carried.

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

Financial statement

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

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Staff Report – Rec/Tres. Barnes

1. 1. Avoca Fire & Rescue
 - a. Monthly Report was presented by Assistant Fire Chief Ervin; November, 2021; **40 Calls**
(Ems calls: 26, Assist other departments: 7, MVA: 2, Road Hazard: 1, Fire Investigations: 2, Grass Fire: 1, Structure Fire: 1)
2. NEBCO EMS
 - a. None
3. Facebook & Website
 - a. None
4. Business Permits (0 Renewal & 0 New) for November, 2021
 - a. None
5. Building & Inspection Permits for November, 2021
 - a. None
6. Events
 - a. Christmas Parade was a success per Rec/Tres. Barnes.

Committee Reports:

1. *Planning commission – Chairmen Alvarenga*
 - a. None – November meeting was canceled due to lack of agenda.
2. *Board of Zoning Adjustments– Chairmen Alvarenga*
 - a. None
3. *Streets – Ald. King*
 - a. Pearl & Smith Ridge – Asphaltting has been completed per Ald. King.
4. *Park – Ald. Hansen*
 - a. Food Truck Court: Mayor Whitehorn told council we are waiting fir the property to be surveyed.
 - b. Slide; Update was given by Rec/Tres. Barnes, she informed council the slide is still on back order.
5. *Personnel –*
 - a. Mayor Whitehorn informed council, the town is in the process of hiring a new employee for the Parks and Streets department.

Old Business

1. None

New Business

1. Budget – Resolution 10-21: Attorney McClure read Resolution No. 10-21 in its entirety. A motion was made by Ald. Rairdon to accept Resolution No. 10-21 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. Rairdon: yes. All approved. Motion carried.

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Mayor for the Good of Town

Mayor Whitehorn informed council he has received three bids, and has asked the council to approve \$3976.53 (three thousand, nine hundred, seventy-six dollars and fifty-three cents) to have a mini split placed in the town shop for heat and air by Allied. Ald. King made a motion to have Allied install a mini split in the town shop for the price of \$3976.53 (three thousand, nine hundred, seventy-six dollars and fifty-three cents). Seconded by Ald. Rollins. Discussion; council members discussed the other bids. Roll call; Ald. Rollins: yes, Ald. Hansen: yes, Ald. Rollins: yes, Ald. Alvarenga: yes, Ald. Rairdon: yes, and Ald. King: yes. All approved. Motion carried.

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

Council Member Hansen - None

Council Member King _ wanted to thank the Smith family for the Christmas Parade.

Council Member Alvarenga - None

Council Member Oakes - None

Council Member Rollins - None

Public Forum (Non-Agenda Items); 3 Minutes

Steven Lynch addressed the council concerning a proposed RV park off Andy Jack Road.

Tommy O'Dell asked to have the emergency traffic light switch be placed on the agenda on a regular basis.

Announcements

1. Planning Meeting scheduled for December 21, 2021
2. Board of Zoning meeting is scheduled for December 21, 2021
3. Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 11, 2022

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Ald. Alvarenga and seconded by Ald. King to adjourn meeting at 6:57 pm.

Discussion: none. All approved. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Nanette Barnes
Recorder-Treasurer

Approved 
Mayor Robert Whitehorn

Attest 
Recorder/Treasurer Nanette Barnes