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MINUTES
TOWN OF AVOCA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 9, 2021

Call to order

Meeting was called to order by Rec/Tres. Barnes

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of silence

Public forum (Agenda item)

None

Council Roll Call – by Rec/Tres. Barnes

Present: Rec/Tres. Nanette Barnes

ALD: Kathy Hansen, Jeannie Rollins, Oscar Alvarenga (arrived after roll call),
Audrey Oakes & Jay King,

Absent: Mayor Robert Whitehorn

Staff

Present: Town Attorney: Ed McClure

Zoning Official: Tim DePue

Guests

Frankie Elliott – Avoca Fire Chief

Declaration of quorum

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

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Financial statement

January 2021; Financial report presented by Rec/Tres. Barnes. Ald. Hansen made a motion to accept the January 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 49 Calls in January 2021; (EMS: 26, Fire: 12, Misc.: 6, MVA: 3, Roads: 2). Chief Elliott informed council, the community room has been painted, and new floors & new ceiling tiles have been completed.

2. NEBCO EMS

- a. Ald. King has requested that NEBCO come to more of our council meetings. Chief Elliott said he would contact Rob Taylor.

3. Facebook & Website

- a. Updated per Rec/Tres. Barnes

4. Business Permits

Rec/Tres. Barnes reports there have been 13 business renewals in the month of January. Rec/Tres. Barnes has sent out the 2nd reminder letter to businesses.

Avoca One Stop	Johns Lawn Service
Avoca Tire Shop	Latham Cabinets, Inc.
Boat Dock World	Two Feathers Transport
Chrysalis Studios	Two Sisters Liquor
Dollar General	Williams Tree & Lawn Service
Freedom Fire Pro	Wingate Outdoor Advertising
Good Wood	

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

- a. None

6. Code Enforcement – *Tim DePue*

- a. 230 Pearl Ave; Attorney McClure updated council concerning having the property at 230 Pearl Ave. There has been some improvement, Attorney will talk to mayor before going further.
- b. 411 Sheppard Road; Zoning Official DePue has tried to contact home owner on numerous occasions to no avail. He will continue to monitor the situation and to try and contact home owner again.

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COMMITTEES

1. *Planning commission – Chairmen Alvarenga*
 - a. Lot Line Adjustment; 1157 Meadowlark Road; Barton & Kimberly Egger (Approved)

2. *Board of Zoning Adjustments– Chairmen Alvarenga*
 - a. Site Plan Review; Saltwater Johnny – 12526 Avoca Hollow Drive (Approved)

3. *Streets – Ald. King*
 - a. None

4. *Park – Ald. Hansen*
 - a. Trail Lights: Ald. Hansen made a motion to allocate \$52,000.00 (fifty-two thousand dollars) to place lighting around the park trails. Seconded by Ald. Alvarenga. Discussion: held concerning adding more security cameras in the park. Ald. Hansen and Ald. King will look into any grants that are available. Roll call; Ald. Oakes: yes, Ald. King: yes, Ald. Hansen: yes, Ald. Rollins: yes and Ald. Alvarenga yes. All approved. Motion carried.

5. *Personnel – Ald. Oakes*
 - a. None

Old Business

1. None

New Business

1. Town Hall Door Buzzer: Rec/Tres. Barnes to contact ADT to see if this can be installed on the Town Hall doors.

Mayor for the Good of the Town

Rec/Tres. informed council that Latham Cabinets built the new council desks.

Public forum (Non-Agenda Item); 3 minutes

None

Announcements

1. Office closed on February 15, 2021
2. Planning Meeting scheduled for February 16, 2021
3. Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 9, 2021
4. Board of Zoning meeting is scheduled for May 18, 2021

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Adjournment:

A motion was made by Ald. King and seconded by Ald. Alvarenga to adjourn meeting at 6:56 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