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MINUTES
TOWN OF AVOCA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 9, 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

Kim Whitehorn

Declaration of quorum

Mayor Whitehorn declared a quorum was present

Consent of Agenda

Ald. Hansen made a motion for consent of amended agenda; Mayor Whitehorn added 411 Sheppard Road under Code Enforcement, Ald. Hansen added truck parking to Parks, Ald. Alvarenga added bullpen under Parks and safety lights on town truck under Streets. 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 January 2021, as written. Seconded by Ald. Alvarenga. Discussion; none. All approved. Motion carried.

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.

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Staff Report – Rec/Tres. Barnes

1. Avoca Fire & Rescue

- a. Chief Elliott reported The Avoca Fire Department has gone on 42 Calls in February 2021; 42 Calls (Assist other FD: 5, EMS: 27, Fire: 6, Misc.: 1, MVA: 3, Roads: 0)

2. NEBCO EMS

- a. None

3. Facebook & Website

- a. Updated per Rec/Tres. Barnes.

4. Business Permits

Rec/Tres. Barnes reports there have been 17 business renewals in the month of February. Rec/Tres. Barnes has sent out the 3rd reminder letter to businesses.

Acacia Cabinets	Kimball Automotive
APAC Central	K & K Auto Sales
Assembled Products	John Zito Landscaping
Avoca Boat & RV Storage	Pinnacle Lawns
Beaver Storage	Pro Line Cabinets
Charley's Tree Service	Sunny & Hair
Choo – Choo's	Tri Star Automotive
Don's Canopies & Metal Products	Wolfes Waypoint Marine
Hoss's RV Repair & Restoration	

5. Building & Inspection Permits – as of February 28, 2021

- a. None

6. Code Enforcement – *Tim DePue*

- a. 230 Pearl Ave; Mayor Whitehorn informed council the property has been cleaned up and asked Attorney McClure to close this file.
- b. 411 Sheppard Road; Code Enforcer DePue has been unable to contact owner. Mayor Whitehorn asked Attorney McClure to proceed with legal action. Rec/Tres. Barnes will forward all information and photos to Attorney McClure.

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COMMITTEES

1. *Planning commission – Chairmen Alvarenga*
 - a. None; February meeting was canceled due to lack of agenda.
2. *Board of Zoning Adjustments– Chairmen Alvarenga*
 - a. None
3. *Streets – Ald. King*
 - a. Snow Removal; Ald. Alvarenga brought to Council’s attention, he had received complaints concerning the snow removal on Hobbs Road and a few other streets in town.
 - b. Truck Route; Ald. Hansen states Old Wire Road is a truck route and asked that the trees be trimmed back and maintained better due to the overhanging trees damaging trucks.
 - c. Safety Lights; Ald. Alvarenga asks that the town purchase more caution lights for the town truck. Council agreed. Ald. Alvarenga will look into prices.
4. *Park – Ald. Hansen*
 - a. Trail Lights: No updates
 - b. Bull Pen: Ald. Alvarenga would like to see the trees trimmed around the fence and the bullpen cleaned and maintained better. Rec/Tres. Barnes will contact APAC to get some gravel delivered to help with the muddy areas around the bullpen.
 - c. Truck Parking; Ald. Hansen brought to the council’s attention, there are some semi-trucks parking in the Steam Whistle parking lot. Council decided, truckers can park there overnight (no long term parking) if they live in the town limits/planning area of Avoca, they will need to contact Town Hall prior to parking.
5. *Personnel – Ald. Oakes*
 - a. Emergency Hours: Ald. Alvarenga asked that the town’s street crew divide shifts if needed due to inclement weather. Council agreed.

Old Business

1. Town Hall Door Buzzer: Rec/Tres. informed council her and the Mayor will be meeting with the ADT representative tomorrow concerning having a security buzzer placed on the front door.

New Business

1. Tractor Tires; Ald. Alvarenga recommends we replace the tractor tires sooner rather than later due to the shape they are in.
2. Trash cans: Rec/Tres. Barnes and Mayor Whitehorn have been trying to get trash cans delivered to Residents who do not have one. Ald. King states he has also tried contacting Waste Management regarding this issue.
3. Heater in shop: Ald. Alvarenga recommends placing a heater in the shop. Different options were discussed.

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Mayor for the Good of the Town

1. The town will be having an Easter Egg Hunt this year on April 3rd.

Public forum (Non-Agenda Item); 3 minutes

Ben Craig with the bicycle races requested the town allow the 2021 Racing series to resume in the town. There will be seven different dates, all on a Wednesday night, starting in May. Ald. Alvarenga made a motion to place this issue on the next agenda. Seconded by Ald. Hansen. Discussion; none. All approved. Motion carried.

Announcements

1. Planning Meeting scheduled for March 16, 2021
2. Easter Egg Hunt scheduled for April 3, 2021
2. Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 13, 2021
3. Board of Zoning meeting is scheduled for May 18, 2021

Adjournment:

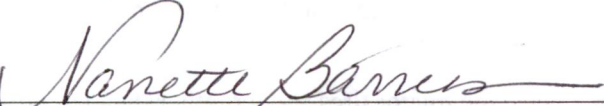
A motion was made by Ald. Hansen and seconded by Ald. Alvarenga to adjourn meeting at 7:23 pm. Discussion: none. All approved. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Nanette Barnes
Recorder-Treasurer

Approved 

Mayor Robert Whitehorn

Attest 

Recorder/Treasurer Nanette Barnes