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MINUTES
TOWN OF AVOCA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 9, 2021

Call to order

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Whitehorn

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of silence

Executive Session

Mayor Whitehorn stated he had three (3) letters from residents who would like to serve on the Council. He called an executive session to discuss the appointment for Council Member; Position 4. Mayor Whitehorn asked all members of the public to exit the room. Rec/Tres Barnes paused the recorder before exiting the room.

Meeting opened to the public: Rec/Tres Barnes turned the recorder back on. A motion was made by Ald. Alvarenga and seconded by Ald. Hansen to appoint Katie Rairdon as Council Member; Position 4. Discussion; none. Roll call: Ald. Hansen; yes, Ald. Alvarenga; yes, and Ald. Rollins; yes. All approved. Motion carried. Katie Rairdon was sworn in by Rec/Tres Barnes.

Public forum (Agenda item)

None

Council Roll Call – by Rec/Tres. Barnes

Present: Mayor Robert Whitehorn

Rec/Tres. Nanette Barnes

ALD: Kathy Hansen, Oscar Alvarenga, Katie Rairdon and Jeannie Rollins

Absent: Jay King

Staff

Present: Town Attorney: Ed McClure

Zoning Official: Tim DePue

Guests

Frankie Elliott – Avoca Fire Chief

Kim Whitehorn

Jeannie Varnell

Katie Rairdon

John Oldham

David Connelly

Tom O'Dell

Ronna Smith

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Declaration of quorum

Mayor Whitehorn declared a quorum was present

Consent of Agenda

Ald. Alvarenga made a motion for consent of agenda; Seconded by Ald. Hansen. Discussion; none. All approved. Motion carried.

Consent of minutes for council meeting

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

Financial statement

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

Staff Report – Rec/Tres. Barnes

1. Avoca Fire & Rescue
 - a. Monthly Report; October, 2021; **46 Calls** (Ems calls: 30, Assist other departments: 5, MVA: 3, Road Hazard: 3, Fire alarm: 1, Gas leak: 1, Fire Investigations: 3)
 - b. Traffic Light Button – Fire Chief Elliott is looking into purchasing more controllers for intersection lights. He will have current controllers looked at and fix if needed.
2. NEBCO EMS
 - a. None
3. Facebook & Website
 - a. None
4. Business Permits (0 Renewal & 3 New) for October, 2021
Mad Scientist Customs – Metal Fabrication & Welding
5. Building & Inspection Permits – as of October 31, 2021
 - a. None
6. Events
 - a. Rec/Tres. Barnes thanked all the council members who came both to the Fall clean-up and helped pick up trash and the to Trunk R Treat.
 - b. Christmas Parade – Ronna Smith addressed the council stating they are looking forward to this years parade and she was going to make a few changes this year to accommodate the local traffic and the lighting of the Honor Guard. Ms. Smith will contact Rec/Tres. Barnes with flyers and any updates the town may need.

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Committee Reports:

1. *Planning commission – Ald./Chairmen Alvarenga*
 - a. Hidden Forrest Subdivision – Ald. Alvarenga informed council, Hidden Valley Subdivisions Phase I was approved.
 - b. WENRIDGE RV Park – No updates per Ald. Alvarenga
2. *Board of Zoning Adjustments– Chairmen Alvarenga*
 - a. None
3. *Streets – Ald. King*
 - a. ER Assist – Disaster from April 28th Flooding; No updates per Mayor Whitehorn
 - b. Pearl & Smith Ridge – Mayor Whitehorn informed council Pavcon will be starting the work on Smith Ridge and Pearl this week, weather permitting
4. *Park – Ald. Hansen*
 - a. Food Truck Court; Mayor Whitehorn, informed council, he is still working on the Food Truck Court.
 - b. Slide; Rec/Tres Barnes states she has heard from Little Tykes who stated the order was behind another month.
5. *Personnel –*
 - a. None

Old Business

1. Town Hall Buzzer; Ald. Hansen made a motion to table this issue until 2022. Seconded by Ald. Rollins. Discussion: None. All approved. Motion carried.

New Business

1. Dog Kennels & Tags; Ald. Rairdon explained to council the information she put together concerning tagging pets. Ald. Hansen made a motion to table this issue until 2022. Seconded by Ald. Rairdon. Discussion: held concerning the ordinances we have in place concerning unsightly and a noise ordinance to see if these may help with the puppy mills in town. All approved. Motion carried.

Mayor for the Good of the Town

Mayor asked council members if he could get a volunteer to help with the ARPA funds. Ald. Rollins agreed to attend all the zoom meetings concerning this issue. Attorney McClure will look into the legal aspects.

Mayor Whitehorn, informed council, The Two Sisterz has graciously donated \$500.00 (five hundred dollars) toward having the slide repaired.

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

Ald. Hansen; None
Ald. King; None
Ald. Alvarenga; None
Ald. Rollins; None.

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Public forum (Non-Agenda Item); 3 minutes

Tommy O'Dell asked that an electrical outlet be placed high on the Steam Whistle pavilion so it will be easier to plug in the Christmas Wreaths. Mayor Whitehorn told him he would look into this issue.

Announcements

1. Planning Meeting scheduled for November 16, 2021
2. Christmas Parade scheduled for Saturday, December 4, 2021
3. Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 14, 2021
4. Board of Zoning meeting is scheduled for December 21, 2021

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Ald. Hansen and seconded by Ald. Alvarenga to adjourn meeting at 7:52 pm.

Discussion: none. All approved. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

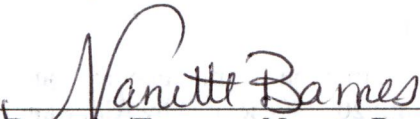
Nanette Barnes
Recorder-Treasurer

Approved



Mayor Robert Whitehorn

Attest



Recorder/Treasurer Nanette Barnes