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MINUTES
TOWN OF AVOCA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 9, 2022

Call to order

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Whitehorn

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of silence

Public forum (Agenda item)

Riley Sebolt – addressed the council concerning her girl scout silver award, her project would be to put a small pantry box up at the Steam Whistle Park for toiletries for the homeless. She states her troop will build it, and keep it stocked. The council approved this project and stated they thought it was a wonderful idea. Ms. Sebolt will contact Town Hall when she is ready to place the box, so the mayor can instruct her where to place it.

Roy Foerster – asked the council to do something about his neighbors and all the cars in their yard. He believes they have an auto repair shop there and would like it stopped. Rec/Tres. Barnes informed him, the town was aware and would keep an eye on the situation. Mr. Foerster was advised to send in an official letter for the town records.

Council Roll Call – by Rec/Tres. Barnes

Present: Mayor Robert Whitehorn

Rec/Tres. Nanette Barnes

ALD: Katie Rairdon, Oscar Alvarenga (arrived after roll call), Jay King and
Jeannie Rollins

Absent: Kathy Hansen

Staff

Present: Town Attorney: Ed McClure

Zoning Official: Tim DePue (arrived late)

Town Maintenance: Chris Rogers

Guests

Frankie Elliott – Avoca Fire Chief

Major Kenneth Paul – BC Sherriff Dept.

Roy Foerster

Izaak Valdez

Heather O'Brien

Riley Sebolt

Declaration of quorum

Mayor Whitehorn declared a quorum was present

Consent of Agenda

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

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Consent of minutes for council meeting

Ald. King made a motion to accept the minutes of July, 2022, council meeting, as written. Seconded by Ald. Rairdon. Discussion; none. All approved. Motion carried.

Financial statement

July 2022; Financial report presented by Rec/Tres. Barnes. Ald. King made a motion to accept the July 2022 Financials as presented. Seconded by Ald. Rairdon. Discussion; None. All approved. Motion carried.

Staff Report – Rec/Tres. Barnes

1. Avoca Fire & Rescue

Fire Chief Elliott states Avoca Fire & Rescue ran a total of 70 calls for July. 31 of these calls came in during the time we had someone on duty.

Here is a breakdown of the call types.

EMS-40	Outside fire-8	Fire alarms-6	Down tree-2
Smoke checks-1	MVC-1	Train derailment-1	Car fire-2
Structure fire-4	Electric hazard-3	Gas leak-1	Service call-1

2. NEBCO EMS

a. None

3. Social - Media

a. Civic Guides; Rec/Tres. Barnes reports the new 2022 – 2023 civic guides have been placed around town at local businesses.

4. Business Permits (0 Renewal & 0 New) for July 2022

a. None

5. Building & Inspection Permits for July, 2022

a. Leonard Stewart; 411 Sheppard Road: Garage/Shop
b. Sean & Ashley Hutchens; 510 Courtney Lane: New Dwelling

6. Events

a. None

Committee Reports:

1. Planning commission – Chairmen Alvarenga

a. Lot Line Adjustment; WEN Group: 14011 Andy Jack Road – Passed per Ald. Alvarenga
b. Lot line adjustment; 980 Rader Road – Salvador Medina – Passed per Ald. Alvarenga
c. Hidden Forrest Subdivision; Ald. Alvarenga states the compaction test failed two areas and will need to be retested.

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2. Board of Zoning Adjustments– Chairmen Alvarenga

a. None

3. Zoning Official – Tim DePue

a. None

4. Town Maintenance – Chris Rogers

a. Chris Rogers states they have the new slide up, they are waiting on the stencils for the Hobbs curbs (Fire Lane), replaced the wood on the bed of the truck to metal, blue mulch has been added to the play areas, we will need more in the near future & he recommends new banners that are on the poles around town, the old ones are frayed and falling apart. Rec/Tres. Barnes will look into new ones with an updated design.

5. Streets – Ald. King

a. Ditches & Culverts: Mayor Whitehorn states the culverts and ditch work is completed and under budget. He was approved \$20,000.00 (twenty thousand dollars), and spent \$8,900.09 (eight thousand, nine hundred dollars and nine cents).

6. Park – Ald. Hansen

a. Food Truck Court; Mayor Whitehorn has received the States permit for a waste water tank. States Jack Tidy will start this on August 22nd.
b. Slide; Rec/Tres. Barnes informed council the slide has been installed.

7. Grants – Ald. Rairdon

a. Ald. Rairdon states she just received a grant application for Rural Community and Rural Services Block Grant for park equipment. Rec/Tres. Barnes will get it mailed tomorrow.
b. Rec/Tres. Barnes states the town was awarded the Hazard Mitigation Grant; Town Hall Generator.

8. ARPA Funds (American Rescue Plan) – Ald. Rollins

a. No update at this time per Ald. Rollins.

Old Business

a. None

New Business

1. Resolution 06-22 Rural Community Grant; Town of Avoca; Attorney McClure read Resolution No. 06-22 in its entirety. A motion was made by Ald. Rairdon to accept Resolution No. 06-22 on its first and final reading. Seconded by Ald. King. Discussion: none. Roll call; Ald. Rairdon: yes, and Ald. King: yes, Ald. Rollins: yes, and Ald. Alvarenga yes. All approved. Motion carried.
2. Resolution 07-22 Rural Community Grant; Avoca Fire & Rescue; Attorney McClure read Resolution No. 06-22 in its entirety. A motion was made by Ald. King to accept Resolution No. 07-22 on its first and final reading. Seconded by Ald. Alvarenga. Discussion: none. Roll call; Ald. King: yes, and Ald. Rollins: yes, Ald. Alvarenga yes, and Ald. Rairdon: yes. All approved. Motion carried.

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3. Benton County Sheriff Department; Major Kenneth Paul addressed the council and made a presentation about enforcement of Avoca's ordinances and the punishing of the same. Avoca will enter into an agreement for the BCSO to enforce and cite any violations within the Town for which the Town wants enforcement. The BCSO will issue a citation to the offender and forward the same to the Recorder/Treasurer. Recorder/Treasurer will forward to the Town Attorney who will then prepare a criminal information which will be filed in Rogers District Court. From there, the process will be the same as, for example, someone who receives a speeding ticket. The agreement will need to be signed and the District Court Judge of Rogers will have to agree—which has been indicated he will. Town Attorney will need to be deputized a Deputy County Prosecutor to prosecute the cases from Avoca. Generally, they will set all the Avoca cases on the same day and time.
4. Annexation - Daniel & Miller; Tucks Chapel Road; tabled until September

Mayor for the Good of Town

None

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

Council Member Alvarenga – None

Council Member Rairdon – None

Council Member Rollins - None

Council Member Hansen – Absent

Council Member King – asked about the monument out front of the town hall. Mayor Whitehorn states he has been in contact with a veteran from the Rogers VFW, who is in the process of getting the town a quote.

Public Forum (Non-Agenda Items); 3 Minutes

None

Announcements

1. Planning Meeting scheduled for August 16, 2022
2. Board of Zoning meeting is scheduled for August 16, 2022
3. Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 13, 2022

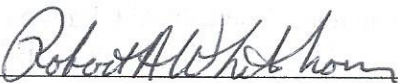
Adjournment:

A motion was made by Ald. King and seconded by Ald. Rairdon to adjourn meeting at 7:12 pm.
Discussion: none. All approved. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

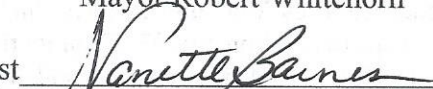
Nanette Barnes
Recorder-Treasurer

Approved



Mayor Robert Whitehorn

Attest



Recorder/Treasurer Nanette Barnes