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MINUTES
TOWN OF AVOCA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 8, 2022

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, Katie Rairdon and Jeannie Rollins

Absent: Oscar Alvarenga

Staff

Present: Town Attorney: Joey McGehee

Zoning Official: Tim DePue

Guests

Brian Ervin – Avoca Assistant Fire Chief

Kim Whitehorn

Betty Wassman

Brenda Smart

Josh Smart

Jacob Davis

Declaration of quorum

Mayor Whitehorn declared a quorum was present

Consent of Agenda

Ald. Hansen made a motion for consent of amended 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 2022, council meeting, as written. Seconded by Ald. Rollins. Discussion; none. All approved. Motion carried.

Financial statement

January 2022; Financial report presented by Rec/Tres. Barnes. Ald. Hansen made a motion to accept the January 2022 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. Monthly Report was presented by Assistant Fire Chief Ervin; January 2022: 49 calls (53% - During Shifts) (EMS: 30, Structure Fire: 5, MVA: 3, Outside Fire: 3, Fire Alarms: 2, Smoke investigations:1, Boat Response: 1, Public Service: 1)
2. NEBCO EMS
 - a. None
3. Facebook & Website
 - a. Council Emails – Rec/Tres. Barnes contacted Design Works, who is in the process of setting up email addresses for all council members.
4. Business Permits (21 Renewal & 1 New) for January 2022

APAC – Avoca Quarry	John Zito Landscaping, LLC
Assembled Products Corporation	Latham Cabinets, LLC
Avoca Boat & RV Storage, LLC	OCH; Benton County Clinic
Avoca One Stop	Pig Trail Welding & Fabrication, LLC
Beaver Storage	Pinnacle Lawns, LLC
Charley's Tree Service	Pro-Line Cabinets
Chrysalis Studio	The Smackin Shack
Don's Canopies & Metal Products	Tri-Star Automotive & Tire
Freedom Fire Pro, LLC	Two Feathers Transport; KC Farms of NWA, LLC
Hammer Down Performance	Two Sisterz Liquor
Hoss's RV Repair & Restoration	Williams Tree & Lawn Service, LLC
5. Building & Inspection Permits for January, 2022
 - a. None
6. Events
 - a. None

Committee Reports:

1. *Planning commission – Chairmen Alvarenga*
 - a. Variance was passed for Rod Crume – 435 Dance Road
2. *Board of Zoning Adjustments– Chairmen Alvarenga*
 - a. None

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3. *Streets – Ald. King*

- a. ER* Assist; Ald. King informed council, Mayor Whitehorn, Rec/Tres. Barnes and himself are meeting with Justin Stanley from ER* Assist concerning the flooding that occurred on April 28, 2021 on Thursday February 10, 2022. Mayor informed council he estimates the drainage repair from the flooding that occurred on April 28, 2021 will cost around ten thousand dollars (10,000.00). Ald. King made a motion to repair draining on Woods Lodge, Rader & Tucks Chapel roads at the estimated cost of ten thousand dollars (10,000.00). Seconded by Ald. Hansen. Discussion: none. Roll call; Ald. King: yes, Ald. Hansen: yes, Ald. Rollins: yes, and Rairdon: yes. All approved. Motion carried.
- b. Tucks Chapel: Stop Sign – Mayor Whitehorn states he is going to get a large piece of limestone to protect this sign, due to being run over several times by large trucks.
- c. Stripping: Mayor Whitehorn would like to have the town streets overlaid. Mayor Whitehorn received a bid from Time Striping Inc. for the price of nine thousand, eight hundred, twenty-two dollars and sixty-four cents (\$9822.64). A motion was made by Ald. King to table this issue until after looking into some grants that may help us off set the price. Seconded by Kathy Hansen. Discussion: None. All approved. Motion carried.

4. *Park – Ald. Hansen*

- a. Food Truck Court – Mayor Whitehorn informed council members he had the property surveyed and is now waiting on plans from Swope Engineering. Rec/Tres. Barnes was happy to announce two new food trucks have come in to sign leases and will be opening the end of February or the beginning of March.
- b. Slide; No update at this time.

5. *Grants – Ald. Rairdon*

- a. New Grant for Infrastructure: Ald. Hansen and Ald. Rairdon are looking into a RAISE Grant that may help us with Roads. They will contact a couple grant writers to help with this project.

6. *ARPA Funds (American Rescue Plan) – Ald. Rollins*

- a. Update – Ald. Rollins states after looking into this issue, she found the town can spend the finance, the town has received from APRA on any project the town seems fit. Mayor asked that a committee be formed to help decide what options and places the town can benefit where this money can be spent on. Rec/Tres. Barnes, Ald. Rollins and Ald. Rairdon all volunteered. Ald. Rollins to get with Rec/Tres. Barnes and Ald. Rairdon to set up a time to meet.

Old Business

1. Dog Tags – Ald. Rairdon: No updates at this time.

New Business

1. Resolution 5: Adopting the Benton County Hazard Mitigation Plan - Attorney McGehee read Resolution No. 05-22 in its entirety. A motion was made by Ald. Hansen to accept Resolution No. 05-22 on its first and final reading. Seconded by Ald. King. Discussion: none. Roll call; Ald. Hansen: yes, Ald. Rollins: yes, Rairdon: yes, and Ald. King: yes. All approved. Motion carried.

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Mayor for the Good of Town

Mayor Whitehorn wanted to give a thumbs up and say how much he appreciated the street crew through the winter storm.

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

Council Member King - None
Council Member Alvarenga - None
Council Member Rairdon - None
Council Member Rollins - None
Council Member Hansen - None

Public Forum (Non-Agenda Items); 3 Minutes

Kim Whitehorn wanted to thank the town for the new reflective posts on a few of the stop signs in town. She states it is much easier to see. She was also concerned with the future water run off that will accrue on Prairie Creek Road due to the new subdivision. Mrs. Whitehorn and Zoning Official DePue asked who picks up after the Railroad when they leave their trash and the rites along the tracks.

Announcements

1. Planning Meeting scheduled for February 15, 2022
2. Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 8, 2022
3. Board of Zoning meeting is scheduled for May 17, 2022

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Ald. King and seconded by Ald. Hansen to adjourn meeting at 7:08 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