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MINUTES  
TOWN OF AVOCA  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
JUNE 14, 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: Oscar Alvarenga, Kathy Hansen, Jay King and Jeannie Rollins

Absent: Katie Rairdon

**Staff**

Present: Town Attorney: Ed McClure

Zoning Official: Tim DePue

Town Maintenance: Chris Rogers

**Guests**

Frankie Elliott – Avoca Fire Chief

Cheryl Bateman

Jim Mills

**Declaration of quorum**

Mayor Whitehorn declared a quorum was present

**Consent of Agenda**

Ald. King made a motion for consent of amended agenda (Hidden Forrest Subdivision, added to Planning, Farmers Market, added to Parks and Town Hall closed dates, added to announcements); Seconded by Ald. Alvarenga. Discussion; none. All approved. Motion carried.

**Consent of minutes for council meeting**

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

**Financial statement**

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

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**Staff Report – Rec/Tres. Barnes**

**1. Avoca Fire & Rescue**

May was a record setting for Avoca.

We ran a total of 77 calls. This brings us to 276 calls on the year so far!

EMS-44  
FIRE ALARM-7  
TREE DOWN-7  
PLUBIC SERVICE-4  
LAKE RESPONSE-2  
BOAT FIRE-2  
CO ALARMS-1  
SWIFT WATER-2  
STRUCTURE FIRE-3

45% of our calls came in from 8-5 when we have someone on duty. Our average response time is 8 minutes and 39 seconds.

The 2 structure fire calls, the first arriving unit was on scene in 5 minutes.

The 2 boat fires we had our fire boat launch and on scene in 16 minutes.

We added 2 new members onto the department. 10 members took Core Rescue class and we logged 258 hours of training.

**TOP RESPONDERS!!**

Captain Krugler - 54% of calls  
Battalion Chief Davis - 45% of calls  
FF Rairdon - 45% of calls  
Captain Stout - 45% of calls

**2. NEBCO EMS**

a. None

**3. Facebook & Website**

a. Updated per Rec/Tres. Barnes

**4. Business Permits (1 Renewal & 2 New) for May, 2022**

(FM) Jay & Ariel Williams - Good Time Holler Homestead

(FM) Aubrey Hollenbeck; A & B

Wonder State Supply LLC

**5. Building & Inspection Permits for May, 2022**

a. None

**6. Events**

a. None

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**Committee Reports:**

1. **Planning commission – Chairmen Alvarenga**
  - a. Mike “Red” Redenbaugh – Bikers Garage, Museum & Airstream Rentals, was tabled until the June 21, 2022 planning meeting
  - b. Tract Split: Douglas Jones; 14786 Smith Ridge Rd, was passed per Ald. Alvarenga.
  - c. Variance (Re-zone) & Large-Scale Development; Hwy 62 – Allen Harris Storage, was tabled until the June 21, 2022 planning meeting.
  - d. Hidden Forrest Subdivision; Ald. Alvarenga asked that we keep this item on the agenda until the project is completed.
2. **Board of Zoning Adjustments– Chairmen Alvarenga**
  - a. None
3. **Streets – Ald. King**
  - a. ER\* Assist; No updates
  - b. Stripping: Mayor Whitehorn states the stripping has been completed on Rader, Old Wire, Woods Lodge, Smith Ridge and Pearl.
  - c. Guard Rail along Prairie Creek Road; Ald. Alvarenga states he talked to Franklin Miller, who will be in to pay his portion of the guardrail on Prairie Creek Road.
4. **Park – Ald. Hansen**
  - a. Food Truck Court; Mayor Whitehorn states he is still in the process of getting a waste water tank placed, the town is waiting for final approval from the state.
  - b. Slide; Rec/Tres. Barnes informed council the town received the wrong slide, and she is in contact with Little Tykes to get this issue fixed.
5. **Grants – Ald. Rairdon**
  - a. Generator; Rec/Tres. Barnes states ER\* Assist is helping the town get a Hazard Mitigation Grant for a generator for the Town Hall Building. The total amount is \$53,556.59 (fifty-three thousand, five hundred, fifty-six dollars and fifty-nine cents) with the town portion being, \$13,389.15 (thirteen thousand, three hundred, eighty-nine dollars and fifteen cents. Ald. Hansen made a motion to approve the towns portion of \$13,389.15 (thirteen thousand, three hundred, eighty-nine dollars and fifteen cents) for a generator for the Town Hall Building. Seconded by Ald. King. Discussion: none. Roll call: Ald. King: yes, Ald. Hansen: yes, Ald. Rollins: yes, and Ald. Alvarenga: yes. All Approved. Motion carried.
6. **ARPA Funds (American Rescue Plan) – Ald. Rollins**
  - a. Ald. Rollins, states she has no updates at this time. Fire Chief Elliott, asked the council if the \$10,000.00 (ten thousand dollars) that was appropriated for air packs for the fire dept, be redirected for bunker gear? He states the Fire Dept is receiving money for air packs and the bunker gear is what they are most in need of. Ald. Alvarenga made a motion to reappropriate the \$10,000.00 (ten thousand dollars) from air packs to bunker gear for the Avoca Fire & Rescue Department. Seconded by Ald. King. Discussion: none. Roll call: Ald. King: yes, Ald. Hansen: yes, Ald. Rollins: yes, and Ald. Alvarenga: yes. All Approved. Motion carried.

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**Old Business**

1. None

**New Business**

1. None

**Mayor for the Good of Town**

Mayor Whitehorn states, BC Chief Deputy Meyer Gilbert was unable to attending tonight's council meeting to discuss the pros and cons of a police department in Avoca. BC Chief Deputy Meyer Gilbert will be here for the July council meeting. They are working on a MOA for the town and the Sherriff's department so the BC deputies can uphold our town ordinances

**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 – asked if the town street maintenance crew can look at a hanging limb on Old Wire Road.

Council Member King – None

**Public Forum (Non-Agenda Items); 3 Minutes**

Jim Mills asked if the town could help maintain the Buttrum Caps Cemetery, Mayor Whitehorn stated we were unable to help due to the cemetery being out of the town limits.

**Announcements**

1. Planning Meeting scheduled for June 21, 2022
2. Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, July 12, 2022
3. Board of Zoning meeting is scheduled for August 16, 2022
4. Town Hall Closed; June 20 – June 24, 2022

**Adjournment:**

A motion was made by Ald. Alvarenga and seconded by Ald. Hansen to adjourn meeting at 6:59 pm.  
Discussion: none. All approved. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Nanette Barnes  
Recorder-Treasurer

Approved   
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Mayor Robert Whitehorn

Attest   
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Recorder/Treasurer Nanette Barnes