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MINUTES
TOWN OF AVOCA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 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: Oscar Alvarenga, Jay King, Kathy Hansen, Katie Rairdon and Jeannie Rollins

Absent: None

Staff

Present: Town Attorney: Ed McClure

Zoning Official: Tim DePue

Town Maintenance: Chris Rogers

Guests

Brian Ervin – Avoca Assistant Fire Chief

Kim Whitehorn

Benjamin Craig

Betty Wassman

Declaration of quorum

Mayor Whitehorn declared a quorum was present

Consent of Agenda

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

Consent of minutes for council meeting

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

Financial statement

February 2022; Financial report presented by Rec/Tres. Barnes. Ald. Hansen made a motion to accept the February 2022 Financials as presented. Seconded by Ald. Rairdon. 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; February 2022: 46 calls (50% - During Shifts) (EMS calls: 27, Structure fires: 6, Public Service: 1 - unlock a car door, Mutual Aid EMS call: 1 - assisted beaver lake while they were on a fire, Grass Fires: 3, Mutual Aid Grass fire: 1 - assisted Piney Point, Mutual Aid Fire Alarm: 1 - assisted Pea Ridge, Fire Alarms: 2, Smoke Investigation: 1, MVA: 1, Carbon monoxide check: 1, Vehicle Fire: 1)

2. NEBCO EMS

- a. None

3. Facebook & Website

- a. Council Emails – Rec/Tres. Barnes informed council members their town email accounts were all set up and ready to be used.

Ald. Hansen: khansen1@avocaarkansas.info

Ald. Rollins: jrollins2@avocaarkansas.info

Ald. Alvarenga: oalveranga3@avocaarkansas.info

Ald. Rairdon: krairdon4@avocaarkansas.info

Ald. King: jking5@avocaarkansas.info

4. Business Permits (12 Renewal & 2 New) for February 2022

Acacia Cabinets, LLC	Goodwood	Tacos El Cholo
Avoca Tire Shop	John's Lawn Maintenance	The Amulet
Boat Dock World	Kathy's Fireworks	
Choo – Choo's	Lamar Outdoor	
Dollar General	Big. B's	
Git - R - Done Landscaping	Sunny & Hair	

5. Building & Inspection Permits for February, 2022

- a. None

6. Events

- a. None

Committee Reports:

1. *Planning commission – Chairmen Alvarenga*

- a. Tract Split: Hwy 62 & Rader Road – Ron Connolly was passed per Ald. Alvarenga.

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 met with Justin Stanley from ER*Assist concerning the flooding that occurred on April 28, 2021 on Thursday February 10, 2022. Ald. King states it was a good meeting and very informative. We are waiting to hear back from ER*Assist.
 - b. Tucks Chapel: Stop Sign – Mayor Whitehorn states due to being run over several times by large trucks. They placed large piece of limestone in front of the sign to protect it.
 - c. Stripping: Mayor Whitehorn states we are waiting to see if any grants are out to help the town on this project.

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.
 - b. Slide; No update at this time.

5. *Grants – Ald. Rairdon*
 - a. New Grant for Infrastructure: Ald. Hansen states the RAISE Grant is not an option for the town.

6. *ARPA Funds (American Rescue Plan) – Ald. Rollins*
 - a. Update – Ald. Rollins states she has gone to an online meeting and says the town can spend the money as they seem fit. She states she has another meeting next month concerning this issue. Ald. Rollins to get with Rec/Tres. Barnes and Ald. Rairdon to set up a time to meet.

Old Business

1. None

New Business

1. None

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 – would like the town to consider a police force in the future with all the growth due to the subdivision that is going in off Old Wire Road.

Council Member Alvarenga - None

Council Member Rairdon - None

Council Member Rollins - None

Council Member Hansen – would like to see more annexation before considering a police department due to cost.

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Public Forum (Non-Agenda Items); 3 Minutes

Kim Whitehorn states Mr. Miller has cut down trees along Prairie Creek Road and there is now a deep dip and is concerned that a car will go off into the dip and someone will get hurt. Ald. Alvarenga states Mr. Miller will need to put guard rails up along the road at his own expense. Ben Craig, with the bike races would like permission to have six (6) races this year. All on a Wednesday night from 6 pm to 8:30 pm starting May 18, 2022 thru June 22, 2022. Ald. Hansen asked to place this under parks on the April Agenda.

Announcements

1. Planning Meeting scheduled for March 15, 2022
2. Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 12, 2022
3. Board of Zoning meeting is scheduled for May 17, 2022

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Ald. Alvarenga and seconded by Ald. Rairdon to adjourn meeting at 6:58 pm. Discussion: none. All approved. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Nanette Barnes
Recorder-Treasurer

Approved



Mayor Robert Whitehorn

Attest



Recorder/Treasurer Nanette Barnes