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MINUTES  
TOWN OF AVOCA  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
MAY 10, 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, Katie Rairdon, Jay King 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

Cheryl Bateman

**Declaration of quorum**

Mayor Whitehorn declared a quorum was present

**Consent of Agenda**

Ald. King 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 April, 2022, council meeting, as written. Seconded by Ald. Rairdon. Discussion; none. All approved. Motion carried.

**Financial statement**

April 2022; Financial report presented by Rec/Tres. Barnes. Ald. Hansen made a motion to accept the April 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**

Per Assistant Fire Chief Ervin, for the month of April, the fire dept ran a total of 52 calls. 28% calls for the month came between the hours of 7-5.

Breakdown of call types:

Fire alarm: 1	Structure Fire 7	Public Service: 2	EMS: 34
Trash Fire: 1	Brush fires: 8	MVC: 4	

**2. NEBCO EMS**

- a. None

**3. Facebook & Website**

- a. Updated per Rec/Tres. Barnes

**4. Business Permits (2 Renewal & 0 New) for April, 2022**

Good Times Holler Homestead (FM)

Doll Clothes by Linda (FM)

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

- a. None

**6. Events**

- a. Spring Clean-Up; May 21, 2022 (8:30 am to 11:00 am) – Rec/Tres. Barnes states everything is set up and ready for the Spring Clean-up. The BC inmates will be here to clean the roads a week before the clean-up.

**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; Tucks Chapel & Hwy 62 – Allen Harris Storage, was tabled until the June 21, 2022 planning meeting.

**2. Board of Zoning Adjustments– Chairmen Alvarenga**

- a. None

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**3. Streets – Ald. King**

- a. ER\* Assist; Rec/Tres. Barnes are met with Justin with ER Assist to give him information to start this process, No updates at this time.
- b. Stripping: Mayor Whitehorn state he will call to have the stripping done on Rader, Old Wire, Woods Lodge, Smith Ridge and Pearl.
- c. Guard Rail along Prairie Creek Road; Rec/Tres. Barnes states she received an estimate from Time Stripping for the cost of \$12,600.00 (twelve thousand, six hundred dollars and zero cents) for 300 feet of guardrail from Time Striping, Inc. Ald. Alvarenga will contact Franklin Miller concerning his portion of the fee. Ald. King made a motion, for the town to pay Time Stripping the full cost of \$12,600.00 (twelve thousand, six hundred dollars and zero cents) for 300 feet of guardrail to go along Prairie Creek Road, and to have Franklin Miller reimburse the Town of Avoca his half of the cost of \$6,300.00 (six thousand, three hundred dollars and zero cents). Seconded by Ald. Rollins. Discussion: none. Roll call; Ald. Hansen: yes, Ald. Alvarenga: yes, Ald. King: yes, Ald. Rollins: yes, and Ald. Rairdon: yes. All approved. Motion carried.

**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 she has been notified that the new slide has been shipped, but has yet to arrive. She will contact the shippers to follow up on where the slide is. Town employee Chris Rogers states the other plastic pieces of the play area will need to be replaced in the near future.

**5. Grants – Ald. Rairdon**

- a. None

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

- a. Ald. Rollins, states she went to another online class concerning the APRA funds. No updates at this time.

**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 June 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

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**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**

**Announcements**

1. Planning Meeting scheduled for May 17, 2022
2. Board of Zoning meeting is scheduled for May 17, 2022
3. Town of Avoca Spring Clean-up scheduled for May 21, 2022
4. Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 14, 2022

**Adjournment:**

A motion was made by Ald. Rairdon and seconded by Ald. Alvarenga to adjourn meeting at 7:00 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