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MINUTES
TOWN OF AVOCA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 8, 2023

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: Katie Rairdon, Jeannie Rollins, Oscar Alvarenga and Jay King

Absent: ALD: Kathy Hansen

Staff

Present: Town Attorney: Ed McClure

Zoning Official: Tim DePue

Absent: Town Maintenance: Chris Rogers

Guests

Jacob Davis (Battalion Chief - AFD)

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. Rairdon. Discussion; none. All approved. Motion carried.

Consent of minutes for council meeting

Ald. King made a motion to accept the minutes of the July, 2023 regular council meeting, as written. Seconded by Ald. Alvarenga. Discussion; none. All approved. Motion carried.

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Financial statement

Financial report presented by Rec/Tres. Barnes. Ald. Alvarenga made a motion to accept the July 2023 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 the Avoca Fire & Rescue ran a total of 67 calls for July, and 328 for the year.

Water Rescue: 1	Misc.: 3	Medical: 36	Fire: 11
Public Service: 4	Canceled: 11	Electrical: 1	

2. NEBCO EMS

Rec/Tres. Barnes states NEBCO ran a total of 49 calls for July, and 228 for the year

3. Social-Media

a. None

4. Business Permits (0 Renewal & 1 New) for July 2023

Taqueria Los Brothers (FT)

5. Building & Inspection Permits for July, 2023

Red Redenbaugh/AB Garage Holding LLP - 325 Hwy 62; Shower Houses; A, B & C
G & M Investments - 195 N Hwy 62; Addition

6. Events

a. None

Committee Reports:

1. Planning commission – Chairmen Alvarenga

- a. Hidden Forrest Subdivision –Ald Alvarenga, stated he met with Franklin Miller, who has had the area mowed, and the trash was picked up. Electric is on hold at the moment and the water drainage issue is being worked on.
- b. Tall Trees Subdivision – Phase I: Tucks Chapel Road – No update per Ald. Alvarenga
- c. Old Wire Road; curbs & sidewalks – Mayor Whitehorn stated Cooper Smith completed this project, Mayor Whitehorn is scheduled to meet with Franklin Miller concerning the curbs and sidewalks.
- d. Lot Split: 11260 N Old Wire Road – Felicitas Camacho – approved per Ald. Alvarenga

2. Board of Zoning Adjustments– Chairmen Alvarenga

a. No update per Ald. Alvarenga.

3. Zoning Official – Tim DePue

a. No update per Zoning official DePue.

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4. Town Maintenance – Chris Rogers

- a. Mayor stated the boys are just trying to keep up with all the mowing. Ald. Alvarenga recommends they place weed killer around the rail guard on Prairie Creek Road.

5. Streets – Ald. King

- a. Impact Fees: No updates at this time per Ald. King
- b. Road Paving; State Aid – No update, Ald. King stated he has been trying to contact the Missouri-Arkansas Rail Road on this issue but has yet to hear back from them.

6. Park – Ald. Hansen

- a. Fix Fence: Mayor Whitehorn stated the fence was completed.

7. Grants – Ald. Rairdon

- a. Hazard Mitigation Grant; Town Hall Generator; Mayor Whitehorn informed council members the generator has been installed and he will have a metal barrier placed around it for protection. JR Riggs will be out to show us how to use it. Rec/Tres. Barnes stated once the town shows the generator has been paid in full, we will be reimbursed.

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

- a. Ald. Rollins updated the council members on meeting she attended on July 13th. The funds need to be allotted for by December 31, 2024.

Old Business

1. None

New Business

1. None

Mayor for the Good of Town

None

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

Council Member Hansen – None

Council Member King – None

Council Member Alvarenga – asked if cold patch could be placed in a pot hole off Hobbs and Old Wire Road.

Council Member Rairdon – asked about a light on Hwy 62, states it is hard to cross. She would like to have a way to deal with stray dogs, especially the ones who are hurt.

Council Member Rollins – None

Recorder/Treasurer Barnes – the audit has been complete and the council will receive a letter in the mail with any findings.

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Announcements

1. Regular Planning Meeting scheduled for August 15, 2023
2. Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 12, 2023
3. Board of Zoning meeting is scheduled for December 19, 2023

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Ald. Alvarenga and seconded by Ald. Rairdon to adjourn meeting at 6:56 pm.
Discussion: none. All approved. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Nanette Barnes
Recorder-Treasurer

Approved 
Mayor Robert Whitehorn

Attest 
Recorder/Treasurer Nanette Barnes