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MINUTES
TOWN OF AVOCA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 14, 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: Oscar Alvarenga, Katie Rairdon, Jeannie Rollins and Jay King

Absent: ALD: Kathy Hansen

Staff

Present: Town Attorney: Ed McClure

Zoning Official: Tim DePue

Town Maintenance: Chris Rogers

Absent: None

Guests

Butch Stout: Captain (AFD)

Stacy Latham

Jim Mills

Dawn Teale

Paul Krugler: Captain (AFD)

Butch Latham

Dave Smith

Ronnie Smith

Kim Whitehorn

Stephanie Zortman

Betty Wasserman

Declaration of quorum

Mayor Whitehorn declared a quorum was present

Consent of Agenda

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

Consent of minutes for council meeting

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

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Financial statement

January 2023; Financial report presented by Rec/Tres. Barnes. Ald. Alvarenga made a motion to accept the January 2023 Financials as presented. Seconded by Ald. King. Discussion; None. All approved. Motion carried.

Staff Report – Rec/Tres. Barnes

1. Avoca Fire & Rescue

Captain Stout states the Avoca Fire & Rescue ran a total of 69 calls for January, and 69 for the year. Ald. King asked for a breakdown of runs for further meetings.

2. NEBCO EMS

Captain Stout states NEBCO went on a total number of 48 calls for January, and 48 calls for the year in the Avoca responding area

3. Social-Media

Rec/Tres. Barnes reminded council members to watch what they put on their social media sights, and the council's new pictures are now updated on the town website.

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

a. None

5. Building & Inspection Permits for January 2023

a. Victoria Burk/Champion Electric; 556 Tucks Chapel Road – Pool

6. Events

a. The Apple Shed Award was presented to Stacy Latham & Stephanie Zortman from the Two Sisterz Liquor Store for their continued support of the Town of Avoca.

Committee Reports:

1. Planning commission – Chairmen Alvarenga

- a. Zoning Book; Ald. Alvarenga states the Planning Members will need a special meeting to go over the zoning book.
- b. Hidden Forrest Sub-Division; Final Plat: Ald. Alvarenga states Mr. Miller will be placing curbs and sidewalks at the entryway into the subdivision.
- c. Tall Trees Sub-Division: Ald. Alvarenga states this has not been approved at this time.

2. Board of Zoning Adjustments– Chairmen Alvarenga

- a. No update per Ald. Alvarenga.

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3. Zoning Official – Tim DePue

- a. No updates at this time per Zoning official DePue.

4. Town Maintenance – Chris Rogers

- a. Chris states they have been cleaning up broken limbs after the snow storm, and will continue to clean the streets of trash.
- b. Rec/Tres. Barnes wanted to thank Mayor Whitehorn for doing an awesome job on the snow removal. The town was shorthanded and the Mayor really stepped up.

5. Streets – Ald. King

- a. Impact Fees: Ald. King states there are no updates at this time, He will get with Ald. Hansen on this issue.
- b. Bids on work for Old Wire Road: no update at this time. Ald. Alvarenga asked about the issue of water sitting on Old Wire after rain storms. Ald. Alvarenga suggested we ask Franklin Miller to extend his culvert, curb and sidewalk on Old Wire Road.

6. Park – Ald. Hansen

- a. No update

7. Grants – Ald. Rairdon

- a. No Updates per Ald. Rairdon

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

- a. No Update per Ald. Rollins

Old Business

- a. Monument; Ald. King states the work on the monument will be started back up this week, weather permitting, they were delayed due to the winter storm.
- b. Police; Rec/Tres. Barnes will contact Benton County to get things set up. Rec/Barnes states there will be a Benton County Deputy at future council meetings.
- c. Warehouse Rent & Lease: Ald. King made motion to charge \$10.00 (ten dollars) per day late fee, seconded by Ald. Alvarenga. Discussion: was held concerning the late fee amount and any grace periods. Ald. King amended his motion to add 5 (five) grace days. There was no second, Motion failed. A motion was made by Ald. Alvarenga to charge \$10.00 (ten dollars) per working day with 3 (three) working grace days. Discussion: none. Roll call: Ald. King; yes, Ald. Rollins; yes, Ald. Alvarenga; yes, and Ald. Rairdon; yes. All approved. Motion carried.
- d. Ordinance 128: Banning Puppy Mills in the Town of Avoca; Ald. Rollins made a motion to approve Ordinance 128: Banning Puppy Mills in the Town of Avoca by title only. Seconded by Ald. King. Roll call: Ald. Rollins; yes, Ald. Alvarenga; no, Ald. Rairdon; no, and Ald. King: yes. Mayor Whitehorn voted yes to break the tie. Motion carried. Discussion was held concerning agriculture, zoning, the number of dogs and the fine. Roll call: Ald. Rollins; no, Ald. Alvarenga; no, Ald. Rairdon; no and Ald. King; no. Motion failed. Council members scheduled a special meeting to be held Tuesday February 21, 2023 at 5:30pm to discuss this topic further.

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New Business

1. None

Mayor for the Good of Town

Mayor Whitehorn, informed council, ER Assist has contacted us concerning the new generator. They will let us know when the state approves it, so the generator can be purchased.

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

Council Member Rollins – None

Council Member Hansen – None

Council Member King – wanted to let council members know a man in the park threatened his dog while he was walking him.

Council Member Alvarenga – None

Council Member Rairdon – asked if the property at the end of Main Street has been looked at and addressed. Mayor Whitehorn states a letter will be sent to the property owners after Zoning official DePue looks and gets us pictures.

Recorder/Treasurer Barnes – Read a letter from a resident, wanting to thank the town for the Food pantries and Mike & Diana Witte have donated \$50.00 (fifty dollars) toward candy for future events.

Announcements

1. Planning Meeting scheduled for February 21, 2023
2. Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 14, 2023
3. Town Spring Clean-up scheduled for Saturday, May 20, 2023.
4. Board of Zoning meeting is scheduled for June 20, 2023

Adjournment:


A motion was made by Ald. King and seconded by Ald. Rairdon to adjourn meeting at 7:15 pm.

Discussion: none. All approved. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Nanette Barnes
Recorder-Treasurer

Approved



Mayor Robert Whitehorn

Attest



Recorder/Treasurer Nanette Barnes