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MINUTES  
TOWN OF AVOCA  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
JUNE 13, 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: Kathy Hansen, Jeannie Rollins, Oscar Alvarenga and Katie Rairdon (arrived after rollcall)

Absent: ALD: Jay King

**Staff**

Present: Town Attorney: Ed McClure

Zoning Official: Tim DePue

Town Maintenance: Chris Rogers

Absent: None

**Guests**

Kim Whitehorn

Toby Council

Jim Mills

Frankie Elliott (AFD)

Larry Council

**Declaration of quorum**

Mayor Whitehorn declared a quorum was present

**Consent of Agenda**

Oscar Alvarenga 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 the May 9, 2023 regular council meeting, as written. Seconded by Ald. Rollins. Discussion; none. All approved. Motion carried.

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**Financial statement**

May 2023; Financial report presented by Rec/Tres. Barnes. Ald. Hansen made a motion to accept the May 2023 Financials as presented. Seconded by Ald. Rollins. 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 46 calls for May, and 238 for the year.

MVC: 3	Misc.: 5	Medical: 27
Vegetation Fire: 2	Public Service: 2	Canceled: 7

**2. NEBCO EMS**

Rec/Tres. Barnes states NEBCO ran a total of 29 calls for May, and 164 for the year

Medical calls: 23      MVA: 3      Lifts: 3

**3. Social-Media**

Rec/Tres. Barnes asked council members to start using their new email accounts.

**4. Business Permits (6 Renewal & 2 New) for May 2023**

East Lawn Care	Boulders Landscaping Materials	Mr. E Appliance
Git R Done Landscaping	Mama Sree Asian Food Truck	Mad Scientist Customs
Hammer Down Performance	Williams Tree & Lawn Services	

**5. Building & Inspection Permits for May, 2023**

AB Garage Holdings; 325 WS. Hwy 62  
Avoca Storage World; 605 S Hwy 62

**6. Events**

- a. Spring Clean-up was a great success per Rec/Tres. Barnes, who thanked the Avoca Fire Dept and the council members who volunteered their time.
- b. Monument Dedication was done and the council thanked Jay King for setting everything up.

**Committee Reports:**

**1. Planning commission – Chairmen Alvarenga**

- a. Hidden Forrest Subdivision –Ald. Alvarenga states the water issue has been fixed.
- b. Tall Trees Subdivision – Phase I & II; Tucks Chapel Road – Per Ald. Alvarenga, this was denied, until electric is on the plans
- d. Old Wire Road; curbs & sidewalks – Mayor Whitehorn and Mr. Miller are in discussion on how to fix this issue.
- e. Lot Split; Landers Road - Baggett – passed per Ald. Alvarenga.

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**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.

**4. Town Maintenance – Chris Rogers**

- a. Chris states they have started maintaining the grass in the parks, and trimming trees along the roads.

**5. Streets – Ald. King**

- a. Impact Fees: No updates at this time.
- b. Road Paving; State Aid – Mayor Whitehorn, states he met with ARDOT, concerning the State Aid Street grant. Old Wire & Tucks Chapel will be paved at the price of three hundred and eighty-one thousand dollars (\$381,00.00), with three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,00.00) being paid thru the grant and the Town of Avoca portion will be eighty-one thousand dollars (\$81,00.00). This work will start in 2024.

**6. Park – Ald. Hansen**

- a. Fix Fence; A motion was made by Ald. Rollins to accept the bid of eleven thousand, two hundred, twenty-two dollars and seventy-one cents (\$11,221.71) from Fence Guys to replace the old chain link fence around the play area of the Town Hall Park. Seconded by Ald. Rairdon. Roll call: Ald. Rairdon; yes, Hansen; yes, Ald. Rollins; yes and Ald. Alvarenga; yes. All approved. Motion carried
- b. Dead Trees; Mayor Whitehorn states he is having three (3) dead trees removed in town.

**7. Grants – Ald. Rairdon**

- a. Hazard Mitigation Grant; Town Hall Generator; Rec/Tres. Barnes states we are waiting on the delivery of the generator and parts.
- b. Replace or add to kid's area (Fun Park Grant); tabled until July council meeting
- c. Lighting across from Town Hall (50/50 grant); tabled until July council meeting

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

- a. Rec/Tres. Barnes states all compliance reports have been submitted and are up to date.

**Old Business**

1. None

**New Business**

1. Resolution 05-23 Providing for the modification of the organizational label inadvertently granted to Ordinance No. 22; Attorney McClure read Resolution No. 05-23 by title only. A motion was made by Ald. Hansen to accept the reading of Resolution No. 05-23 on its first and final reading by title only. Seconded by Ald. Rairdon. Discussion: none. Roll call; Hansen: yes, Ald. Rollins: yes, Ald. Alvarenga yes, and Ald. Rairdon: yes. All approved. Motion carried.



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**Mayor for the Good of Town**

Mayor Whitehorn, explained we are trying to clean up the town by taking the dead trees down around town.

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

*Council Member Hansen* – states she thinks the Quick Mart/One Stop looks nice with the new awnings.

*Council Member King* – Absent

*Council Member Alvarenga* – None

*Council Member Rairdon* – would like some of the resident's yards be clean up.

*Council Member Rollins* – None

*Recorder/Treasurer Barnes* – informed council, the town was having its bi-annual audit done.

**Announcements**

1. Regular Planning Meeting scheduled for June 20, 2023
2. Board of Zoning meeting is scheduled for June 20, 2023
3. Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, July 11, 2023

**Adjournment:**


A motion was made by Ald. Alvarenga and seconded by Ald. Rairdon to adjourn meeting at 6:54 pm.

Discussion: none. All approved. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Nanette Barnes  
Recorder-Treasurer

Approved



Mayor Robert Whitehorn

Attest



Recorder/Treasurer Nanette Barnes