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MINUTES  
TOWN OF AVOCA  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
MAY 9, 2023

**Call to order**

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Whitehorn

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Moment of silence**

**Public forum (Agenda item)**

Larry Council; 1305 Council Lane – Concerned about the road maintenance on Tucks Chapel Road where the Tall Trees subdivision is being built.

Toby Council; 12193 Cemetery Road – Concerned about the batteries that are in a well under the road and the tires that are still on the property in the Tall Tress subdivision on Tucks Chapel Road. He states he was told the Tall Tress subdivision was off the agenda when he called a few months ago and it wasn't.

**Council Roll Call – by Rec/Tres. Barnes**

Present: Mayor Robert Whitehorn

Rec/Tres. Nanette Barnes

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

Absent: ALD: Kathy Hansen

**Staff**

Present: Town Attorney: Ed McClure

Zoning Official: Tim DePue

Town Maintenance: Chris Rogers

Absent: None

**Guests**

Kim Whitehorn

Toby Council

Jacob Davis (AFD)

Larry Council

**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 April 11, 2023 regular council meeting, as written. Seconded by Ald. Rairdon. Discussion; none. All approved. Motion carried.

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**Financial statement**

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

**Staff Report – Rec/Tres. Barnes**

**1. Avoca Fire & Rescue**

Battalion Chief Davis states the Avoca Fire & Rescue ran a total of 45 calls for April, and 192 for the year.

Structure Fire: 3	Misc.: 1	Medical: 22	Vehicle Fire: 1
Vegetation Fire: 4	Public Service: 1	Canceled: 13	

**2. NEBCO EMS**

Rec/Tres. Barnes states NEBCO ran a total of 24 calls for April, and 135 for the year.

Medical calls: 16	MVA: 5	Lifts: 3
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**3. Social-Media**

Rec/Tres. Barnes asked council members to keep her updated if they are having problems with the new email accounts, and will email them Design Works contact information.

**4. Business Permits (5 Renewal & 0 New) for April 2023**

APAC - Central Inc. - Avoca Quarry	Theissen Fireworks
C & K Produce	Wonder State Supply
Family Treasurers	

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

a. None

**6. Events**

- a. Spring Clean-up scheduled for Saturday, May 20, 2023 at 8:30 am
  - ❖ The town will be giving away free trees (while supplies last)
- b. Monument Dedication scheduled for Saturday, May 20, 2023 at 12:00 pm – Ald. King states he is in talks with Senator Boozman and his military liaison about being the guest speaker.

**Committee Reports:**

**1. Planning commission – Chairmen Alvarenga**

- a. New Planning Member – John Faster resigned from the planning commission. Rec/Tres. Barnes will advertise for a new planning member.
- b. Hidden Forrest Subdivision – No updates at this time per Ald. Alvarenga.
- c. Tall Trees Subdivision – Phase I & II; Tucks Chapel Road – Curbs are being worked on.
- d. Old Wire Road; curbs & sidewalks – No updates at this time per Ald. Alvarenga.
- e. Lot Split; Landers Road - Baggett – tabled until May 16 meeting. Survey needed to show easement.

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

- a. No update per Ald. Alvarenga.

**3. Zoning Official – Tim DePue**

- a. Main Street – no update per Zoning official DePue.

**4. Town Maintenance – Chris Rogers**

- a. Chris states they have started maintaining the grass in the parks. Brush pile has been burned and cleaned up.

Chris asked if his helper could get a raise. Mayor states he will take it under advisement.

**5. Streets – Ald. King**

- a. Impact Fees: Ald. King states no updates at this time.

**6. Park – Ald. Hansen**

- a. Flower Beds in front of town hall; Rec/Tres. Barnes states she would get bids from local landscapers to clean out and plant new bushes and plants.

- b. Dead Tree in Park; Mayor read off 4 quotes he received for the removal of the dead tree inside the park. Williams Tree & Lawn Service - \$3500.00 (three thousand, five hundred dollars), Mills Tree Service – \$2750.00 (two thousand, seven hundred and fifty dollars), Charley Tree Service – \$3800.00 (three thousand, eight hundred dollars) and Dons Industrial Services - \$1950.00 (one thousand, nine hundred and fifty dollars). Mills Tree Service won the bid. Rec/Tres. Barnes will contact all who placed a bid.

- c. Fix Fence – this issue was tabled until June council meeting.

**7. Grants – Ald. Rairdon**

- a. Hazard Mitigation Grant; Town Hall Generator; Rec/Tres. Barnes states the generator and parts have been ordered.

- b. Replace or add to kid's area (Fun Park Grant); tabled until June council meeting

- c. Lighting across from Town Hall (50/50 grant); tabled until June 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. **Police;** Tabled until the November council meeting, so it can be placed on the 2024 budget if needed.

**New Business**

1. None

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**Mayor for the Good of Town**

Mayor Whitehorn, explained to Toby & Larry Council if they can show where there are more tires and where the well is where they state there are batteries at the Tall Tress subdivision, he will go and look at their concerns.

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

*Council Member Rollins* – None

*Council Member Hansen* – None

*Council Member King* – None

*Council Member Alvarenga* – None

*Council Member Rairdon* – asked if the town has had problems with squatters, states she has had to chase some off her property. Chris states he has seen some in the park when he gets here in the mornings.

*Recorder/Treasurer Barnes* – None

**Announcements**

1. Regular Planning Meeting scheduled for May 16, 2023
2. Special Planning Meeting scheduled for May 17, 2023
3. Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 13, 2023
4. Board of Zoning meeting is scheduled for June 20, 2023

**Adjournment:**

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

Discussion: none. All approved. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Nanette Barnes  
Recorder-Treasurer

Approved   
Mayor Robert Whitehorn

Attest   
Recorder/Treasurer Nanette Barnes