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MINUTES  
TOWN OF AVOCA  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
OCTOBER 10, 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, Jay King, and Oscar Alvarenga (came after roll call)

Absent: ALD: Katie Rairdon

**Staff**

Present: Town Attorney: Ed McClure

Town Maintenance: Chris Rogers

Absent: Zoning Official: Tim DePue

**Guests**

Butch Stout (Captain - AFD)

Kim Whitehorn

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

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**Financial statement**

Financial report presented by Rec/Tres. Barnes. Ald. Hansen made a motion to accept the September 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 57 calls for September, and 437 for the year.

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| Down Tree: 3      | Fire: 3     | Medical: 41 |
| Public Service: 3 | Canceled: 7 |             |

**2. NEBCO EMS**

Rec/Tres. Barnes states NEBCO ran a total of 36 calls for September, and 294 for the year

**3. Social-Media**

a. None

**4. Business Permits (0 Renewal & 0 New) for September, 2023**

None

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

None

**6. Events**

- a. Fall Clean-Up; October 14, 2023
- b. Craft Fairs; October 19-22, 2023
- c. Trunk-r-Treat; October 28, 2023

**Committee Reports:**

**1. Planning commission – Chairmen Alvarenga**

- a. Hidden Forrest Subdivision (Phase I); Ald. Alvarenga states the electric is completed on most of Phase I and the electric company is working on the rest.
- b. Hidden Forrest Subdivision (Phase II): No updates
- c. Tall Trees Subdivision (Phase I): No updates.
- d. Tall Trees Subdivision (Phase II): Electric has stated to be placed.

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

a. None

**3. Zoning Official – Tim DePue**

a. None

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**4. Town Maintenance – Chris Rogers**

- a. Chris states gravel is being placed at the food court and across from the Town Hall.

**5. Streets – Ald. King**

- a. Impact Fees: No updates at this time per Ald. King
- b. Rail Road Crossings: Ald. King states he is having problems contacting anyone at the AR Missouri Railroad, and will keep trying. Rec/Tres. Barnes will get him additional contact numbers.

**6. Park – Ald. Hansen**

- a. Pickleball Court: Ald. Hansen will see if there are any grants to help with the cost of turning the volleyball court into a pickleball court.

**7. Grants – Ald. Rairdon**

- a. None

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

- a. No updates

**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 – wanted to let council know the Quarry is blasting and working 24/7, and wanted to remind the council they will be cutting the new water line across Old Wire Road.

Council Member King – is concerned with all the cars speeding down Old Wire Road.

Council Member Alvarenga – stated he is finding rocks and gravel by the rail road tracks where trucks are spilling the gravel.

Council Member Rairdon – Absent

Council Member Rollins - None

Recorder/Treasurer Barnes – informed council members the BC Inmates will be out cleaning the town roads and to remind all council members the clean up is October 14<sup>th</sup>, and the importance of council members being out at town sanctioned events showing their support of the town.

**Announcements**

1. Regular Planning Meeting scheduled for October 17, 2023
2. Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 14, 2023
3. Board of Zoning meeting is scheduled for December 19, 2023

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**Adjournment:**

A motion was made by Ald. Alvarenga and seconded by Ald. King to adjourn meeting at 6:52 pm.  
Discussion: none. All approved. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Nanette Barnes  
Recorder-Treasurer

Approved   
Mayor Robert Whitehorn

Attest   
Recorder/Treasurer Nanette Barnes