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MINUTES
TOWN OF AVOCA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 12, 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

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

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Financial statement

Financial report presented by Rec/Tres. Barnes. Ald. King made a motion to accept the August 2023 Financials as presented. Seconded by Ald. Alvarenga. 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 52 calls for August, and 380 for the year.

Down Tree: 1	Fire: 3	Medical: 37
Public Service: 2	Canceled: 9	

2. NEBCO EMS

Rec/Tres. Barnes states NEBCO ran a total of 28 calls for August, and 256 for the year

3. Social-Media

a. None

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

None

5. Building & Inspection Permits for August, 2023

Benjamin Moses	867 Rader Road	Shop
Joshua Henderson	894 Tucks Chapel Road	House
Joshua Henderson	910 Tucks Chapel Road	House
Joshua Henderson	974 Tucks Chapel Road	House

6. Events

- a. Bikes Blues & BBQ; September 20-24, 2023
- b. Avoca Fire Dept Corn Hole Tournament; September 30, 2023
- c. Fall Clean-Up; October 14, 2023
- d. Craft Fairs; October 19-22, 2023
- e. 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 almost completed.
- b. Hidden Forrest Subdivision (Phase II): was passed at the August planning meeting.
- c. Tall Trees Subdivision (Phase I): New houses are being started in this subdivision.
- d. Tall Trees Subdivision (Phase II): No updates

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 they have been mowing and cleaning the graffiti from the park pavilion.

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.

6. Park – Ald. Hansen

- a. Pickleball Court & Corn Hole: Council discussed placing a pickleball court in the park. Corn Hole was denied.
- b. Hopscotch: Rec/Tres. Barnes will look into a template to be used to paint a hopscotch game for kids to play.

7. Grants – Ald. Rairdon

- a. None

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

- a. No updates

Old Business

- 1. None

New Business

- a. Resolution 06-23; Millage Rates for Taxes Collected in 2024: Attorney McClure read Resolution No. 06-23 in its entirety. A motion was made by Ald. King to accept Resolution No. 06-23 on its first and final reading. Seconded by Ald. Alvarenga. Discussion: none. Roll call; Ald. Rairdon: yes, Ald. King: yes, Ald. Rollins: yes and Ald. Alvarenga: yes. All approved. Motion carried.
- b. Ordinance 130; FOIA Request Fees; Ald. King made a motion to place Ordinance 130; FOIA Request Fees on its first reading. Seconded by Ald. Rairdon. Roll call: Ald. Rairdon: yes, Ald. King: yes, Ald. Rollins; yes, and Ald. Alvarenga; yes. All approved. Motion carried. Town attorney McClure read Ordinance 130 in its entirety. A motion was made by Ald. Alvarenga to accept Ordinance 130 on its first reading. Seconded by Ald. Rairdon. Discussion: Ald. Rollins wanted to clarify why this is needed. Roll call: Ald. Rollins; yes, Ald. Alvarenga; yes, Ald. Rairdon: yes, and Ald. King; yes. All approved. Motion carried. A motion was made by Ald. King to suspend the rules and place Ordinance 130; FOIA Request Fees: on its second reading, by title only. Seconded by Ald. Rairdon. Discussion: None. Roll call: Ald. Rollins; yes, Ald. Alvarenga; yes, Ald. Rairdon: yes, and Ald. King; yes. All approved. Motion carried. Town Attorney McClure read Ordinance 130 by title only. A motion was made by Ald. King to accept Ordinance 130 on its second reading, by title only. Seconded by Ald. Rairdon. Discussion: Ald. Rollins wanted to clarify again why this is needed. Roll call: Ald. Alvarenga; yes, Ald. Rairdon: yes, Ald. King; yes, and Ald. Rollins; yes. All approved. Motion carried. A motion was made by Ald. King to suspend the rules and place Ordinance 130; FOIA Request Fees: on its third and final reading, by title only. Seconded by Ald. Rairdon.

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Discussion: None. Roll call: Ald. Rairdon: yes, Ald. King: yes, Ald. Rollins; yes, and Ald. Alvarenga; yes. All approved. Motion carried. Town Attorney McClure read Ordinance 130 by title only. A motion was made by Ald. Rairdon to accept Ordinance 130 on its third and final reading, by title only. Seconded by Ald. Alvarenga. Discussion: None. Roll call: Ald. King; yes. Ald. Rollins; no, Ald. Alvarenga; yes, and Ald. Rairdon: yes, Motion carried. A motion was made by Ald. Alvarenga to adopt the emergency clause. Seconded by Ald. Rairdon. Discussion: None. Roll call: Ald. Rollins; no, Ald. Alvarenga; yes, Ald. Rairdon: yes, and Ald. King; yes. Motion carried.

c. Door to Door Solicitors: Council discussed having door to door solicitors check in and get a permit from Town Hall.

Mayor for the Good of Town – Mayor informed council Red Wolf Technical, Inc. has offered to donate time to locate and dig the holes for the barrier that will be placed around the new generator.

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

Council Member Hansen - Absent

Council Member King - None

Council Member Alvarenga - None

Council Member Rairdon – Asked why Orchard Street was closed and if it can be reopened.

Council Member Rollins - None

Recorder/Treasurer Barnes - None

Announcements

1. Regular Planning Meeting scheduled for September 19, 2023
2. Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 10, 2023
3. Board of Zoning meeting is scheduled for December 19, 2023

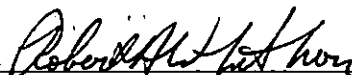
Adjournment:

A motion was made by Ald. Alvarenga and seconded by Ald. Rairdon to adjourn meeting at 7:15 pm. Discussion: none. All approved. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,


Nanette Barnes
Recorder-Treasurer

Approved



Mayor Robert Whitehorn

Attest



Recorder/Treasurer Nanette Barnes