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MINUTES
TOWN OF AVOCA
2025 BUDGET MEETING
DECEMBER 3, 2024

Call to order

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Whitehorn

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of silence

Public forum:

Chief Taylor from NEBCO asked the council to consider helping fund the new cot system for the new ambulance they are receiving. In the past the town has helped, by paying half the tuition to have a person to go to paramedic school. This year, NEBCO has no one enrolled.

Chief Oldebeken from Avoca Fire & Rescue asked the council to cover a firefighter to be on shift at the fire house 8 hours a day for 6 days a week (Mon – Sat). He is asking for \$38,000.00 (thirty-eight thousand dollars). He also asked the council for an additional \$6000.00 (six thousand dollars) for the upkeep of the community room.

Steve and Jody Latham stated they put on a fireworks show every year for Independence Day and would love the town to contribute to this event. They want to make this a nice town event. They are asking for \$3000.00 (three thousand dollars).

Council Roll Call – by Rec/Tres. Barnes

Present: Mayor Robert Whitehorn

Rec/Tres. Nanette Barnes

ALD: Kathy Hansen, Oscar Alvarenga & Jeannie Rollins

Absent: ALD: Katie Rairdon & Jay King

Staff

Chris Rogers

Guests

Chief Zach Oldebeken (Avoca Fire Department)

Steve Latham

Chief Rob Taylor (NEBCO)

Jody Latham

Travis Aikins

Jessica Vaquez

Declaration of quorum

Mayor Whitehorn declared a quorum was present

Consent of Agenda

A motion was made by Ald. Alvarenga to accept the agenda as presented. Seconded by Ald. Rollins.

Discussion: none. All approved. Motion passed.

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Business to be Discussed:

- a. **Closing ARPA Bank Account:** A motion was made by Ald. Hansen to close the ARPA bank account and move all funds into the General Money Market Account. Seconded by Ald. Alvarenga. Discussion: none. Roll call: Ald. Rollins: yes, Ald. Alvarenga: yes, Ald. Hansen: yes. All approved. Motion passed.
- b. **2025 Budget:** Rec/Tres. Barnes went over each line item showing 2025 budget, with 12-month totals. After full discussion and a few adjustments/amendments to the proposed 2025 budget, will be presented at the December 10, 2024, council meeting for final approval, via resolution.


Adjournment:

A motion was made by Ald. Alvarenga and seconded by Ald. Hansen to adjourn meeting at 6:40 pm. Discussion: none. All approved. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Nanette Barnes
Recorder-Treasurer

Approved 
Robert Whitehorn, Mayor

Attest 
Nanette Barnes, Recorder/Treasurer