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MINUTES
TOWN OF AVOCA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 12, 2025

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Whitehorn

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of silence

Public forum (Agenda item)

Council Roll Call – by Rec/Tres. Barnes
Present: Mayor Robert Whitehorn
Rec/Tres. Nanette Barnes
ALD: Oscar Alvarenga, Travis Aikins, Jay King and Jeannie Rollins,
Absent: ALD: Katie Rairdon

Staff
Present: Town Attorney: Ed McCure
Absent: Zoning Official: Tim DePue
Town Maintenance: Chris Rogers

Guests
None

Declaration of quorum
Mayor Whitehorn declared a quorum was present.

Consent of Agenda
Ald. Alvarenga made a motion for consent of agenda. Seconded by Ald. King. Discussion; None. Roll call: Ald. Aikins; yes, Ald. Rollins; yes, Ald. Alvarenga; yes, Ald. Rairdon; absent, and Ald. King; yes. Motion carried.

Consent of minutes for council meeting
July 8, 2025, Minutes: Ald. Alvarenga made a motion to accept the minutes of the July 8th regular council meeting. Seconded by Ald. King. Discussion; none. Roll call: Ald. Rollins; yes, Ald. Alvarenga; yes, Ald. Rairdon; absent, Ald. King; yes, and Ald. Aikins; yes. Motion carried.

July 29, 2025, Minutes: Ald. Alvarenga made a motion to accept the minutes of the July 29th special council meeting. Seconded by Ald. King. Discussion; none. Roll call: Ald. Alvarenga; yes, Ald. Rairdon; absent, Ald. King; yes, Ald. Aikins; yes, and Ald. Rollins; yes. Motion carried.

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Financials:
Ald. Aikins made a motion to accept the July 2025 financials as presented. Seconded by Ald. Alvarenga. Discussion: held. Roll call: Ald. Rairdon; absent, Ald. King; yes, Ald. Aikins; yes, Ald. Rollins; no, and Ald. Alvarenga; yes. Motion carried.

Audit 2023-2024 – Recorder/Treasurer Barnes went over the Arkansas State Audit Report and informed council the town passed and did not have any write ups of any kind.

Staff Reports:

1. ***Avoca Fire Department***
   Mayor Whitehorn read Avoca Fire Department call report for July 2025.

2. ***NEBCO EMS***
   Mayor Whitehorn read NEBCO call report for June 2025.

3. **Social Media**
   Recorder/Treasurer Barnes informed council members steps are being taken to get all town websites, email and addresses updated to .gov.

4. **Business *Permits (0 Renewals & 2 New) – Rec/Tres. Barnes***
   Red Wolf Technical
   Red Wolf Plumbing & Gas

5. ***Building Permits for July 2025*– Rec/Tres. Barnes**
   Mater, Naila & Amin: 309 Sheppard Road; Porch/Deck
   Marx Investments, LLC: 124 N Hwy 62 (Avoca One Stop); Remodel

6. **Town Sanctioned *Events – Rec/Tres. Barnes***
   August Calendar has been posted

7. **Town Maintenance – Chris Rogers**
   Tractor is back in the shop for repairs, and a new weed-eater was purchased per Mayor Whitehorn.

Committee Reports:

1. ***Planning commission – Chairmen Alvarenga***
   July Meeting Canceled due to lack of agenda

2. ***Board of Zoning Adjustments– Chairmen Alvarenga***
   None

3. **Zoning Official – Tim DePue**
   Mayor Whitehorn & Rec/Tres. Barnes will give Zoning Official a list of properties for him to look at.

4. **Streets – Ald. Aikins**
   New traffic light box and camera have been ordered. At the July fire board meeting, the Avoca Fire Chief Oldebeken declined the offer from the town to have the town purchase a new Opticom camera system.

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Committee Reports (cont.):

5. Park – Ald. Rairdon

a. None

6. Grants – Ald. Rollins

Arkansas Community Assistance Grant has been applied for, to update the fencing around the town parks and pickleball court.

7. Annexation – Ald. King

None

Old Business

None

New Business

Council members were updated on the new acts that went into effect:

Act 314: Extraterritorial Jurisdictions
Act 505: FOI: Public Meeting vs Informal Meeting
Act 573: In God We Trust & Ten Commandments Postings
Act 848: AI Policies
Act 929: .gov Domain

Mayor for the Good of Town

Mayor Whitehorn informed council, an AED has been purchased and hung up inside the town hall. A new port-a-potty will be placed up at the food court alongside the old one, due to all the use the old one gets, and he reminded everyone that the town was under a forty-eight (48) hour water boil due to a large water main break.

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

Council Member Aikins: none
Council Member King: none
Council Member Alvarenga: none
Council Member Rairdon: absent
Council Member Rollins: none
Recorder/Treasurer Barnes: informed council at the 2026 budget meeting they may want to think about getting a tabletop computer for her and use the lap-top for a backup, in case her computer ever goes down again, so they don't have the same issues they have been having these last few weeks.

Upcoming Meetings:

1. Planning Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, August 19, 2025, at 6:30 pm
2. Fire Board Meeting scheduled for August 28, 2025
3. Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 9, 2025, at 6:30 pm
4. Board of Zoning meeting scheduled for December 16, 2025, after Planning Meeting at 6:30 pm

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Adjournment

A motion was made by Ald. Alvarenga and seconded by Ald. King to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 pm. Discussion: none. All approved. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Nanette Barnes
Recorder-Treasurer

Approved Robert Whitehorn
Mayor Robert Whitehorn

Attest Nanette Barnes
Recorder/Treasurer Nanette Barnes