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MINUTES
TOWN OF AVOCAS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 9, 2025

Call to order - by Mayor Whitehorn

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of silence

Public forum - 3 minutes

None

Roll Call - by Rec/Tres. Barnes

Council:

Present: Mayor Robert Whitehorn

Rec/Tres. Nanette Barnes

ALD:, Katie Rairdon, Travis Aikins, Jay King and Jeannie Rollins

Absent: ALD:Oscar Alvarenga,

Staff:

Present: Town Attorney: Ed McCure

Zoning Official: Tim DePue

Town Maintenance: Chris Rogers

Absent: None

Guests

Shelia Wilkerson – Avoca Christian Church

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. Roll call: Ald. Aikins; yes, Ald. Rollins; yes, Ald. Alvarenga; absent, Ald. Rairdon; yes, and Ald. King; yes. Motion carried.

Consent of minutes

November 11, 2025, Minutes: Ald. King made a motion to accept the November council minutes. Seconded by Ald. Aikins. Discussion; none. Roll call: Ald. Rollins; yes, Ald. Alvarenga; absent, Ald. Rairdon; yes, Ald. King; yes, and Ald. Aikins; yes. Motion carried.

December 2, 2025, Budget Meeting Minutes: Ald. Aikins made a motion to accept the December council budget meeting minutes. Seconded by Ald. Rairdon. Discussion; none. Roll call: Ald. Alvarenga; absent, Ald. Rairdon; yes, Ald. King; yes, Ald. Aikins; yes, and Ald. Rollins; yes. Motion carried.

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Financials

- a. November Report: November financials were presented to council members.
- b. CD for Street MM Account: A motion was made by Ald. Aikins to transfer \$1,000,000 (one million dollars and zero cents) from the street money market account into a CD account with First Western Bank. Seconded by Ald. Rollins. Discussion; held concerning interest rates & penalties. Roll call: Ald. Rairdon; yes, Ald. King; yes, Ald. Aikins; yes, Ald. Rollins; yes, and Ald. Alvarenga; absent. Motion carried.

Staff Reports

1. Avoca Fire Department

Mayor Whitehorn read Avoca Fire & Rescue call report for November 2025. It was decided to have these reports quarterly starting in 2026.

A discussion with Shiela Wilkerson (representative with The Avoca Christian Church concerning the Community Building was held.

Having a “Shared Use Agreement” between the Avoca Fire Department and The Town of Avoca was tabled until Ald. Alvarenga was present.

2. NEBCO EMS

Mayor Whitehorn read NEBCO call report for November 2025. It was decided to have these reports quarterly starting in 2026.

3. Business Permits (0 Renewals & 1 New) – Rec/Tres. Barnes

Grindstone Coffee - Food Truck

4. Building Permits for November 2025– Rec/Tres. Barnes

None

5. Town Sanctioned Events – Rec/Tres. Barnes

December Calendar were posted & emailed to local businesses in November.

The Smith family were congratulated on a great parade.

Santa Land Event was discussed.

6. Town Maintenance – Chris Rogers

Employees have been concentrating on leaf removal

Committee Reports

1. Planning commission – Chairmen Alvarenga (absent)

a. No November Meeting – Lack of Agenda

2. Board of Zoning Adjustments– Chairmen Alvarenga (absent)

None

3. Zoning Official – Tim DePue

No change on the house on Rose Street; Town Attorney McClure will take further action.

Other letters have gone out to residents; some changes have been made, Zoning Official DePue will go and talk with homeowners of those with no changes.

4. Streets – Ald. Aikins

- a. New traffic light box and camera – Recorder/Tres. Reports light box and camera have been delayed in shipping.

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5. Park – Ald. Rairdon

a. No update

6. Grants – Ald. Rollins

a. No update

7. Annexation – Ald. King

a. No updates

Old Business

a. None

New Business

a. None

Mayor for the Good of Town

Mayor Whitehorn informed council, he will be placing a donation box out at the Santa Land Event for The Children's Advocacy Center in lieu of park lights, as discussed last month.

Town Council Member's Personal Privilege - 3 minutes on any matter

Council Member Aikins: none

Council Member King: stated the park looked great with all the decorations

Council Member Alvarenga: absent

Council Member Rairdon: will be moving out of the town limits within the next six months

Council Member Rollins: none

Recorder/Treasurer Barnes: reminded everyone Town Hall will be closed the week after Christmas

Upcoming Meetings

Planning Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 16, 2025, at 6:30 pm

Board of Zoning meeting scheduled for December 16, 2025, after Planning Meeting

Fire Board Meeting scheduled for December 18, 2025, at 6:00 pm

Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 13, 2026, at 6:30 pm

Adjournment

A motion was made by Ald. Rairdon and seconded by Ald. King to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 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