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MINUTES
TOWN OF AVOCA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 11, 2025

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, Travis Aikins, Oscar Alvarenga, Jay King and Jeannie Rollins,

Absent: None

Staff

Present: Town Attorney: Ed McCure

Zoning Official: Tim DePue

Town Maintenance: Chris Rogers

Absent: None

Guests

None

Declaration of quorum

Mayor Whitehorn declared a quorum was present

Consent of Agenda

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

Consent of minutes for council meeting

January 2025: Ald. Aikins made a motion to accept the minutes of the January council meeting, as written. Seconded by Ald. King. Discussion; none. Roll call: Ald. Rollins; yes, Ald. Alvarenga; yes, Ald. Rairdon, Ald. King; yes, and Ald. Aikins; yes. All approved. Motion carried.

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Financials:

- a. January Report: Financial report presented by Rec/Tres. Barnes. Ald. Alveranga made a motion to accept the January 2025 financials as presented. Seconded by Ald. Rairdon. Discussion: None. Roll call: Ald. Alvarenga; yes Ald. Rairdon; yes, Ald. King; yes, Ald. Aikins; yes, and Ald. Rollins; no. Motion carried.

Staff Reports:

1. Avoca Fire & Rescue

Per Rec/Tres. Barnes, Avoca Fire & Rescue ran a total of 58 calls for the month of January and 58 for the year.

Canceled: 10 Fire: 8 Medical: 36 Misc.: 2 Public Asst: 2

The Fire Station was manned 21 per Chief Oldebeken.

Ald. Alvarenga questioned the 21 days being covered by the town and if the Fire Dept. was contributing any finances toward shifts. He also questioned why there was nobody from the Fire Department at the council meeting to answer questions the council had.

Recorder/Treasurer Barnes informed council, she went to the January Fire Board meeting requesting a letter and a copy of the receipt from them stating where the ARP money went to that the town allotted them back in 2022. She needs this information to finalize her report. The council agreed if she didn't receive what she needs within the week, she was to turn this matter over to the town attorney.

2. NEBCO EMS

- a. Ran a total of 44 calls for January 2025 in the Avoca area and 44 for the year.

3. Social Media

- a. No updates

4. Business Permits (13 Renewal & 0 New) for January 2025 – Rec/Tres. Barnes

Avoca Boat & RV Storage	John Zito Landscaping	Sy-Con Excavation
BCWD#1	Latham Cabinets	Two Feathers Transport
Boat Dock World	Mamma Sree Asian Food Truck	Two Sisterz Liquor
Chrysalis Studio	Nautical Marine Services	
Freedom Fire Pro	Pinnacle Lawns	

5. Building & Inspection Permits for January 2025– Rec/Tres. Barnes

Mathew Jensen	956 Red Cedar Place	New Home
Thomas Spillers	910 Tucks Chapel Road	Garage/Pole Barn

6. Events – Rec/Tres. Barnes

Easter Egg Hunt	April 12, 2025	Saturday	11: 00 am – 12:00 am
Avoca Spring Clean Up	May 10, 2025	Saturday	8:30 am – 11:30 am
Avoca Fall Clean Up	October 11, 2025	Saturday	11:00 am – 12:00 am
Trunk R Treat	October 25, 2025	Saturday	6:00 pm –

***These dates are subject to change ***

7. Town Maintenance – Chris Rogers.

Chris stated the blade is fixed and he is waiting on parts for the lift to be fixed on the truck.

They laid gravel at the food court, where all the holes were. Asphaltting the graveled area of the food court in the near future was discussed.

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Committee Reports:

1. Planning commission – Chairmen Alvarenga

- a. Zoning Book: Ald. Alvarenga informed council Recorder/Treasurer is making the changes the planning members wanted.
- b. Large Scale Development: Odyssey Engineering; Fractal Plaza Flex Space
Hwy 66, Parcels: 04-00220-000 & 04-00221-000 - Passed
- c. Preliminary Plat – Phase III; Tall Trees - Passed

2. Board of Zoning Adjustments– Chairmen Alvarenga

- a. No Update

3. Zoning Official – Tim DePue

- a. Zoning Official DePue stated Mayor Whitehorn, Recorder/Treasurer Barnes and himself are going to drive around town in a few weeks and see who needs letters sent out. Ald. King and Ald. Alvarenga mentioned a couple areas on Tucks Chapel and Rader Road that need to be addressed.

4. Streets – Ald. Aikins

- a. No updates

5. Park – Ald. Rairdon

- a. Pickleball Court: The new pickleball court concrete has been poured. Once the weather gets better and warmer, it will be painted, and nets will be bought and put up.
- b. Wooden Fence Repair/Replace: Mayor Whitehorn states he is still looking into different ideas on fencing for the parks

6. Grants – Ald. Rollins

Ald. Rollins is going to take a grants class on arts, to see if this is something that will be beneficial for the town.

- a. Playground Equipment: No Update
- b. Black plastic barrier for rubber mulch: No update
- c. Fence: No Update

7. Annexation – Ald. King

No updates

Old Business

- a. Rose Street Warehouse
 - i Pursley: Attorney McClure states there is a court date set February 12, 2025, he will keep us posted.

New Business

- a. Fee Rate Increase: A committee was assembled to go over the town rates for building permits, lot splits, lot line adjustments, etc...., Mayor Whitehorn appointed Ald. Aikins as Chairman, Rec/Tres Barnes, Ald. King, Ald. Rollins, Butch Stout & Josh Henderson will be on the committee. Rec/Tres. Barnes will contact all committee members to set up a time and date to meet before the next council meeting.

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Mayor for the Good of Town – Mayor for the Good of Town

Mayor Whitehorn states he has been shopping for Christmas decorations and lights; he wants to make the park a winter wonderland this year.

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

Council Member Aikins - None

Council Member King – Wanted to make sure the lights in the park will be fixed, he noticed more lights were out.

Council Member Alvarenga - None

Council Member Rairdon - None

Council Member Rollins - None

Recorder/Treasurer Barnes – Asked council members to update their information/contact form

Upcoming Meetings:


1. Planning Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 18, 2025, at 6:30 pm
2. Fire Board Meeting scheduled for February 27, 2025
3. Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 11, 2025, at 6:30 pm
4. Board of Zoning meeting is scheduled for June 17, 2025, after Planning Meeting

Adjournment

A motion was made by Ald. Alvarenga and seconded by Ald. Rairdon to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 pm. Discussion: none. All approved. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Nanette Barnes
Recorder-Treasurer

Approved 
Mayor Robert Whitehorn

Attest 
Recorder/Treasurer Nanette Barnes