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MINUTES
TOWN OF AVOCAS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 11, 2025

Call to order - by Mayor Whitehorn

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of silence

Public forum - 3 minutes

Jesus Zuno with Elevate Disposable Services, came and introduced himself. He is has a new rural trash service in the area.

Roll Call - by Rec/Tres. Barnes

Council:

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
Zoning Official: Tim DePue
Town Maintenance: Chris Rogers
Absent: None

Guests

Jesus Zuno NEBCO Fire Chief Rob Taylor AFD Fire Chief Zach Oldebecken

Declaration of quorum

Mayor Whitehorn declared a quorum was present.

Consent of agenda

Ald. King made a motion for consent of agenda. Seconded by Ald. Aikens. 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

October 14, 2025, Minutes: Ald. Alvarenga made a motion to accept the October council minutes. 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.

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Financials

- a. October Report: October financials were presented to council members.
- b. CD for Street MM Account: Discussion was held concerning transferring some money from the street money market account into a short-term high-interest rate CD. Rec/Tres. Barnes will look into it further.
- c. Budget
 - 1. Avoca Fire & Rescue: Chief Oldebeken presented his requested budget funds for the Avoca budget for both the Avoca Fire Department and the Community Building. Discussion was held concerning funds from the Community Building from last year and how they were spent.
 - 2. NEBCO: Chief Taylor presented his requested budget funds for 2026. He stated these funds would be used to pay for ½ of the new cot for the new ambulance that will be stationed at the new NEBCO Ambulance station being built inside the Avoca town limits.
 - 3. Committee Members: Discussion was held concerning budget numbers for committees.

Staff Reports

1. Avoca Fire Department

Recorder/Treasurer Barnes read Avoca Fire & Rescue call report for October 2025.

2. NEBCO EMS

Recorder/Treasurer Barnes read NEBCO call report for October 2025.

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

NWA Brothers Tree Service

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

None

5. Town Sanctioned Events – Rec/Tres. Barnes

November & December Calendars have been posted & emailed to local businesses.
Santa Land Event was discussed.

6. Town Maintenance – Chris Rogers

Landshark has been repaired and working great.
Christmas decorations & lights have been going up for the Holiday Season.

Committee Reports

1. Planning commission – Chairmen Alvarenga

a. No October Meeting – Lack of Agenda

2. Board of Zoning Adjustments– Chairmen Alvarenga

None

3. Zoning Official – Tim DePue

No change on the house on Rose Street; Town Attorney McClure has sent a certified letter; no response to date.
Other letters have gone out to residents; more will go out in the coming weeks.

4. Streets – Ald. Aikins

a. New traffic light box and camera – No updates

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5. Park – Ald. Rairdon (absent)

a. No update

6. Grants – Ald. Rollins

a. No update

7. Annexation – Ald. King

a. Terry Law with T&J LLC off N. Old Wire Road is working on annexing into the town.

Old Business

a. None

New Business

a. None

Mayor for the Good of Town

Mayor Whitehorn informed council, he would like to put a donation box out for lights and decorations for next year's Santa land. Council members thought that was a great idea.

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

Council Member Aikins: none

Council Member King: Hidden Forrest Subdivision was discussed: unfinished houses, unkept grass & trash

Council Member Alvarenga: would like to see an agreement written up and signed between the town and the AFD concerning the Community Building. Council members agreed. One will be written up and presented to the AFD with the 2026 town Fire & Rescue Agreement.

Council Member Rairdon: absent

Council Member Rollins: none

Recorder/Treasurer Barnes: wanted to thank OCH clinic for taking over the Food Pantry

Upcoming Meetings

Planning Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 18, 2025, at 6:30 pm

Fire Board Meeting scheduled for Thursday, November 20, 2025, at 6:00 pm

Council Special Budget Meeting Scheduled for Tuesday, December 2, 2025, at 6:30 pm

Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 9, 2025, at 6:30 pm

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

Adjournment

A motion was made by Ald. King and seconded by Ald. Aikens to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 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