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MINUTES  
TOWN OF AVOCA  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
OCTOBER 14, 2025

**Call to order - by Mayor Whitehorn**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Moment of silence**

**Public forum - 3 minutes**

Jim Mills stated Capps Cemetery on Old Wire Road has been cleaned up.

**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**

Jim Mills

**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. Rollins. 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**

September 9, 2025, Minutes: Ald. King made a motion to accept the September Council minutes. Seconded by Ald. Rollins. Discussion; none. Roll call: Ald. Rollins; yes, Ald. Alvarenga; absent, Ald. Rairdon; yes, Ald. King; yes, and Ald. Aikins; yes. Motion carried.

**Financials**

September financials were presented to council members.

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**Staff Reports**

**1. Avoca Fire Department**

Recorder/Treasurer Barnes read Avoca Fire & Rescue call report for September 2025.  
Late fees on utility bills were discussed.

**2. NEBCO EMS**

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

**3. Social Media**

Recorder/Treasurer Barnes informed council members the new website is up and running. It is still being worked on, more updates in the following months.

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

Batres Painting Inc./Victor's Custom Homes

**5. Building Permits for September 2025– Rec/Tres. Barnes**

Archadeck of NW AR; 518 Pearl Avenue: New Deck  
Chris Lathem; 949 Red Cedar Place: New House

**6. Town Sanctioned Events – Rec/Tres. Barnes**

October Calendar has been posted & emailed to local businesses.  
Fall Clean – Up: Volunteers were thanked for helping.  
Trunk R Treat: Council members & their businesses were asked to participate this year.

**7. Town Maintenance – Chris Rogers**

Landshark is still being repaired.  
Leaf Vac is ready for leaf pickup from the street culverts.  
Walking trail in park will need to be resurfaced in the near future.

**Committee Reports**

**1. Planning commission – Chairmen Alvarenga**

a. No September 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 will send a letter

**4. Streets – Ald. Aikins**

a. New traffic light box and camera – Parts are scheduled to come in, the middle of November.

**5. Park – Ald. Rairdon**

a. No update

**6. Grants – Ald. Rollins**

a. No update

**7. Annexation – Ald. King**

a. Working on annexing property that abuts town limits off Old Wire Road into the town.

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**Old Business**

- a. None

**New Business**

- a. Food Pantry: will be removed due to abuse, pest control and food spoilage.
- b. Resolution 09-25 Adopting an Artificial Intelligence Policy - Attorney McClure read Resolution 09-25 in full. A motion was made by Ald. Rairdon to accept Resolution 09-25 on its 1<sup>st</sup> and final Reading. Seconded by Ald. King. Discussion: None. Roll Call: Ald. Alvarenga: absent, Ald. Rairdon: yes, Ald. King: yes, Ald. Aikins: yes, and Ald. Rollins: yes. All approved. Motion carried.
- c. Water Regionalization: Mayor Whitehorn and Rec/Tres. Barnes have been going to meetings concerning combining water companies of the BCWD#1, Garfield, Gateway & Lost Bridge area. The need of annexation of property into the town of Avoca off Hwy 62 before this happens were discussed due to the growth of businesses wanting to come this way.

**Mayor for the Good of Town**

Mayor Whitehorn informed council, the State has approved the new Railroad crossing arm for Rose Street. The tentative installation date is Spring 2026, depending on material delivery.

Mayor Whitehorn read the growth patterns for Avoca from Skyline report for the 1<sup>st</sup> half of 2025. He emphasized the need for annexation.

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

Council Member Aikins: none

Council Member King: none

Council Member Alvarenga: absent

Council Member Rairdon: none

Council Member Rollins: none

Recorder/Treasurer Barnes: Reminded Council they needed to have their 2026 committee budget numbers to her by the November council meeting. The 2026 Budget meeting is scheduled for December 2<sup>nd</sup>. Volunteers are needed for the Trunk R Treat on October 25th.

**Upcoming Meetings**

Planning Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 21, 2025, at 6:30 pm

Fire Board Meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 30, 2025, at 6:00 pm

Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 11, 2025, at 6:30 pm

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

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

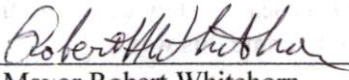
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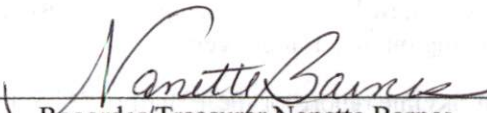
**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Ald. Rairdon and seconded by Ald. Rollins to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 pm. Discussion: none. All approved. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Nanette Barnes  
Recorder-Treasurer

Approved   
Mayor Robert Whitehorn

Attest   
Recorder/Treasurer Nanette Barnes