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MINUTES
TOWN OF AVOCA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 10, 2026

Call to order - by Mayor Whitehorn

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of silence

Public forum - 3 minutes

Ben Craig came and discussed the Avoca Race series that will be in April and May of this year.

Roll Call - by Rec/Tres. Barnes

Council:

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

Ben Craig

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; yes, Ald. Rairdon; yes, and Ald. King; yes. Motion carried.

Consent of minutes

January 10, 2026, Minutes: Ald. King made a motion to accept the January council meeting minutes. Seconded by Ald. Alvarenga. Discussion; none. Roll call: Ald. Rollins; yes, Ald. Alvarenga; yes, Ald. Rairdon; yes, Ald. King; yes, and Ald. Aikins; yes. Motion carried.

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Financials

- a. January Report: January financials were presented to council members.

Staff Reports

1. Town Sanctioned Events - by Rec/Tres. Barnes

- a. February Calendar – Posted
- b. Avoca Boat & RV Storage were thanked for their monetary donation for future town sanctioned events

2. Business Permits for January 2026

Avoca Boat & RV Storage	John Zito Landscaping LLC	Tacos El Cholo Food Truck
Black Diamond Pro Detail	Los Taqueria Brothers Food Truck	Theissen Fireworks (Seasonal)
Freedom Fire Pro. LLC	NWA Brothers Tree Service	This That & More, LLC
Good Wood	OCH; Benton County Clinic	

3. Building Permits for January 2026

None

6. Town Maintenance – Chris Rogers

None

Committee Reports

1. Planning commission – Chairmen Alvarenga (absent)

- a. January Meeting canceled due to lack of agenda

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

- a. No updates

3. Zoning Official – Tim DePue

No updates

4. Streets – Ald. Aikins

- a. Town attorneys are working on payment for replacing the camera.

5. Park – Ald. Rairdon

- a. No update

6. Grants – Ald. Rollins

- a. The town was denied the Community Assistance Grant. This grant was to help replace all the fences around the town parks.

7. Annexation – Ald. King

- a. No update

Old Business

- a. Avoca Days was canceled due to lack of volunteer participation

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New Business

- a. Community Building –Discussion was held concerning a “Shared Use Agreement” with the Avoca Fire Department. Council members would like the Fire Department Board members to write up an agreement between the Town and the Fire Department concerning the Community Building.
- b. Resolution 06-26; Amended 2026 Avoca Budget - Attorney McClure read Resolution 06-26 in its entirety. A motion was made by Ald. King to accept Resolution 06-26 on its 1st and final reading. Seconded by Ald. Alvarenga. Discussion: None. Roll Call: Ald. Alvarenga: yes, Ald. Rairdon: yes, Ald. King: yes, Ald. Aikins: yes, and Ald. Rollins: yes. All approved. Motion carried.

Mayor for the Good of Town

Mayor Whitehorn discussed with council having the food court, and the town hall parking lot paved. Options for Rader Road were discussed.

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

Council Member Aikins: commented on the way the town budget was written.

Council Member King: will not be in attendance in March

Council Member Alvarenga: none

Council Member Rairdon: none

Council Member Rollins: none

Recorder/Treasurer Barnes: would like to have council members’ photos taken at the April meeting for the town website.

Upcoming Town Meetings

Planning Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at 6:30 pm

BCWD #1 Board Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 18, 2026, at 9:00 am

Fire Board Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 26, 2026, at 6:00 pm

Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 10, 2026, at 6:30 pm

Board of Zoning meeting scheduled for June 16, 2026, after Planning Meeting

Town Hall Closings

Thursday, February 5, 2026

Thursday, February 12, 2026

Monday, February 16, 2026; Presidents Day

Adjournment

A motion was made by Ald. Rairdon and seconded by Ald. Rollins to adjourn the meeting at 7:01 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