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MINUTES
TOWN OF AVOCA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 9, 2026

Call to order - by Mayor Whitehorn

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of silence

Executive Session - Resignation of Ald. Rairdon

Appointment of new Alderman: Recorder/Treasurer Barnes read the resignation letter from Katie Rairdon. Mayor Whitehorn called an executive session. Recorder/Treasurer Barnes turned off the tape recorder. All guests left the room. Recorder/Treasurer Barnes explained she received four (4) letters, but one (1) person of interest was out of town limits. She read the three (3) qualifying letters of interest, then left the room. Each applicant was interviewed individually. Mayor Whitehorn, open the meeting back up, Recorder/Treasurer Barnes turned the tape recorder back on. A motion was made by Ald. Alvarenga to accept Kathy Hansens letter of interest to replace Katie Rairdon's council seat #4. Seconded by Ald. King. Discussion: None. Roll Call: Ald. Aikins: Absent, Ald. Rollins: yes, Ald. Alvarenga: yes, and Ald. King: yes. All approved, motion carried.

Oath of Office

Recorder/Treasurer Barnes swore in Kathleen Hansen for Council – Position #4.

Public forum - 3 minutes

None

Roll Call - by Rec/Tres. Barnes

Council:

Present: Mayor Robert Whitehorn

Rec/Tres. Nanette Barnes

ALD: Oscar Alvarenga, Kathleen Hansen, Jay King, and Jeannie Rollins

Absent: Travis Aikins,

Staff:

Present: Town Attorney: Ed McCure

Zoning Official: Tim DePue

Town Maintenance: Chris Rogers

Absent: None

Guests

Roy Forester

Jeannie Varnell

Declaration of quorum

Mayor Whitehorn declared a quorum was present.

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Consent of agenda

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

Consent of minutes

April 14, 2026, Minutes: Ald. King made a motion to accept the April council meeting minutes. Seconded by Ald. Alvarenga. Discussion; none. Roll call: Ald. Alvarenga; yes, Ald. Hansen; abstained, Ald. King; yes, Ald. Aikins; absent, and Ald. Rollins; yes. Motion carried.

May 12, 2026, Minutes: Meeting Canceled (No Minutes)

Financials

April Report: April financials were presented to council members.

May Report: May financials were presented to council members.

Staff Reports

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

May & June Calendars – Posted

2. Business Permits for April & May 2026

Gutter Boy Ozark Dirt Contractors Slater FSR, LLC. Moonbeam Dream Catchers

3. Building Permits for April & May 2026

Hals Home Service 900 Red Cedar Place House

4. Town Maintenance – Chris Rogers

Employees have started trimming the sides of roads and mowing parks

Committee Reports

1. Planning commission – Chairmen Alvarenga

- a. Victor Batres: 998 Red Cedar Place – Potential Setback Encroachment – No one showed to the planning meeting to represent this issue.
- b. Franklin Miller: Phase III – Final Plat; Tall Trees – No one showed to the planning meeting to represent this issue (Franklin Miller passed away). Mayor and Chairman Alvaranga meet with engineers who have decided to combine a few of the lots, and they are going to fix Tucks Chapel Road.
- c. Juan Salinas: 480 Rader Road – Business Variance passed.
- d. Mobile Homes – still in discussion. Madison Kinzel from NWARPC came and talked about mobile homes and is helping with the new zoning book.
- e. Building Development Timelines – it was decided to continue to go along with Benton County Risk Reduction on their timelines.

2. Board of Zoning Adjustments– Chairmen Alvarenga

No updates

3. Zoning Official – Tim DePue

Zoning Official DePue has met with a few residents concerning unsightly/unsanitary conditions. He will keep the council updated on this issue.

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4. Planning – Ald. Aikins

- a. Asphalt Food Court Parking Lot – No update
- b. Rader Road – Discussion was held concerning the two estimates received to fix the drop off on Rader Road. No motion or vote was needed, due to the estimate that was approved was under Mayor Whitehorn's purview.
- c. Railroad Crossing – work has been completed; arm has been installed on Rose Street.

5. Park – Ald. Hansen

Canopy Covering – No updates

6. Grants – Ald. Rollins

Playground equipment grants were discussed. Ald. Hansen, Ald. Rollins and Recorder/Treasurer Barnes will work together to get some grants for new playground equipment.

7. Annexation – Ald. King

No Updates.

Old Business

- a. Community Building; "Shared Use Agreement" – Council decided to leave the "Shared Use Agreement" as is.

New Business

- a. BC Substation – BC Sheriffs Deputies will begin using the substation again.
- b. Temporary Office Hire – A motion was made by Ald. Alvarenga to hire Shelly Depue on a temporary basis to help Recorder/Treasurer Barnes in the office while she recovers from knee surgery at the hourly pay of \$18.00 (eighteen dollars) per hour. Seconded by Ald. King. Discussion: None. Roll call: Ald. Hansen; yes, Ald. King; yes, Ald. Aikins; absent, Ald. Rollins; yes, and Ald. Alvarenga; yes. Motion carried.

Mayor for the Good of Town

Latham Cabinets will be putting on their annual fireworks display as will the VFW, times & dates to be announced at a later date.

The town hired Mills Tree Service to trim back the trees and vegetation along the roads inside the town limits, the work will be started next week, weather permitting.

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

Council Member Aikins: absent

Council Member King: disc golf signs need to be remade due to fading & there is a mobile home/trailer that is abandoned on Rose street that he was wondering if there was something that can be done about it.

Council Member Alvarenga: none.

Council Member Hansen: would love to see 250 Year flag or banners for the street poles.

Council Member Rollins: none

Recorder/Treasurer Barnes: none

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Upcoming Town Meetings

Planning Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 16, 2026, at 6:30 pm
Board of Zoning meeting scheduled for June 16, 2026, after Planning Meeting
BCWD #1 Annual & Board Meeting, Tuesday, June 16, 9:00 am
Avoca Fire & Rescue Board Meeting, Thursday, June 25, 2026, at 6:00 pm
Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, July 14, 2026, at 6:30 pm

Adjournment

A motion was made by Ald. King and seconded by Ald. Rollins to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 pm. Discussion: none. All approved. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Nanette Barnes
Recorder-Treasurer

Approved 
Mayor Robert Whitehorn

Attest 
Recorder/Treasurer Nanette Barnes