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MINUTES  
TOWN OF AVOCA  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
MARCH 10, 2026

**Call to order - by Mayor Whitehorn**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Moment of silence**

**Public forum - 3 minutes**

Jeannie Varnell discussed her daughter's broken car window

**Roll Call - by Rec/Tres. Barnes**

**Council:**

Present: Mayor Robert Whitehorn

Rec/Tres. Nanette Barnes

ALD: Katie Rairdon, Travis Aikins, Oscar Alvarenga, and Jeannie Rollins

Absent: Jay King

**Staff:**

Present: Town Attorney: Ed McCure

Zoning Official: Tim DePue

Town Maintenance: Chris Rogers

Absent: None

**Guests**

Jeannie Varnell

**Declaration of quorum**

Mayor Whitehorn declared a quorum was present.

**Consent of agenda**

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

**Consent of minutes**

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

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**Financials**

- a. February Report: February financials were presented to council members.
- b. Street Money Market CD will be rolled over. Discussion was held concerning needing to ask about having to continue to roll over CD every three months, or to automatic roll it over. It was decided to automatically roll it over.

**Staff Reports**

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

- a. March Calendar – Posted
- b. Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, March 28 at 10:00 am. All volunteers are asked to be there at 9:00 am. Candy donations are being accepted at the Town Hall.

**2. Business Permits for February 2026**

Avoca-One Stop	C & K Produce	Nautical Marine Services
Avoca Tire Shop	Charley's Tree Service	Pinnacle Lawns
Batres Painting Inc./Victors Custom Homes	Choo-Choo's	Pro-Line Cabinets
BCWD #1	Chrysalis Studio	Two Feathers Transport
Beaver Storage	John's Lawn Maintenance	Unlimited Contractors
Boat Dock World	Latham Cabinets	Williams Tree & Lawn

**3. Building Permits for February 2026**

None

**6. Town Maintenance – Chris Rogers**

Employees are getting mowers ready and getting plow put away for the winter.

**Committee Reports**

**1. Planning commission – Chairmen Alvarenga**

- a. February Meeting canceled due to lack of agenda

**2. Board of Zoning Adjustments– Chairmen Alvarenga**

- a. No updates

**3. Zoning Official – Tim DePue**

Letters have been sent out by both the town and the town attorney

**4. Streets – Ald. Aikins**

- a. Traffic Light – Town has received the insurance payment for traffic light, it will be on the March financial report.
- b. Asphalt Parking lots – Two bids were received for the Town Hall and Food Court parking lots. A motion was made by Ald. Alvarenga to accept Rocco's Asphalt & Concrete Services Bid for thirty-two thousand, two hundred, seventy-five dollars (\$32,275.00) to asphalt the town hall parking lot, and to wait tentatively until 2027, to give the town time to assess any water drainage issues before asphaltting the parking lot at the food court. Seconded by Ald. Rairdon. Discussion; drainage issues and the depth of asphalt. Roll call: Ald. Alvarenga; yes, Ald. Rairdon; yes, Ald. King; absent, Ald. Aikins; yes, and Ald. Rollins; yes, Motion carried.

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**4. Streets – Ald. Aikins (cont.)**

- c. Rader Road – Mayor has met with a couple businesses and is waiting on quotes for retainer wall and footings.

**5. Park – Ald. Rairdon**

- a. No update

**6. Grants – Ald. Rollins**

- a. Ald. Rollins has attended a couple of webinars concerning grants the town might be able to apply for. She will investigate a few questions the council members had and will get back to them.

**7. Annexation – Ald. King**

- a. No update

**Old Business**

- a. Community Building; “Shared Use Agreement” – Mayor informed council he talked with Fire Chief Oldebeken concerning this issue and has yet to hear back from him.

**New Business**

- a. None

**Mayor for the Good of Town**

Mayor Whitehorn let the council know, construction for the new railroad crossing arm should be started around April 6<sup>th</sup> and will take about 3-5 days.

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

Council Member Aikins: none

Council Member King: absent

Council Member Alvarenga: tucks chapel road – Franklin Miller will be repairing the cut road

Council Member Rairdon: asked to hear more from Jeannie Varnell concerning her daughter’s broken car window and the town plow.

Council Member Rollins: none

Recorder/Treasurer Barnes: wanted everyone to know the man who urinated on the town hall has not been identified and if/when he ever is, he will be prosecuted.

**Upcoming Town Meetings**

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

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

Fire Board Meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 26, 2026, at 6:00 pm

Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, April 14, 2026, at 6:30 pm

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

**Town Hall Closings**

March 2, 2026

March 3, 2026

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**Adjournment**

A motion was made by Ald. Alvarenga and seconded by Ald. Aikins to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 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