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MINUTES
TOWN OF AVOCA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 14, 2026

Call to order - by Mayor Whitehorn

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of silence

A prayer was said by Rec/Treas Barnes in the memory of Town Attorney – Ed McClue

Public forum - 3 minutes

None

Roll Call - by Rec/Tres. Barnes

Council:

Present: Mayor Robert Whitehorn

Rec/Tres. Nanette Barnes

ALD: Travis Aikins, Kathleen Hansen, Jay King, and Jeannie Rollins

Absent: Oscar Alvarenga

Staff:

Present: Town Attorney:

Zoning Official: Tim DePue

Town Maintenance: Chris Rogers

Absent: None

Guests

None

Declaration of quorum

Mayor Whitehorn declared a quorum was present.

Consent of agenda

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

Consent of minutes

June 9, 2026, Minutes: Ald. King made a motion to accept the June council meeting minutes. Seconded by Ald. Rollins. Discussion; none. Roll call: Ald. Alvarenga; absent, Ald. Hansen; yes, Ald. King; yes, Ald. Aikins; abstained, and Ald. Rollins; yes. Motion carried.

Financials

June Report: Financials were presented to council members.

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Staff Reports

- 1. Town Sanctioned Events - by Rec/Tres. Barnes**
July & August Calendars – Posted
- 2. Business Permits for June 2026**
Los Mesas Restaurant Food Truck
P & P Asian Cuisine LLC Food Truck
- 3. Building Permits for June 2026**
None
- 4. Town Maintenance – Chris Rogers**
Employees are trimming the sides of roads and mowing parks

Committee Reports

- 1. Planning commission – Chairmen Alvarenga**
None
- 2. Board of Zoning Adjustments– Chairmen Alvarenga**
No updates
- 3. Zoning Official – Tim DePue**
No Updates.
- 4. Streets – Ald. Aikins**
 - a. Asphalt Food Court Parking Lot – Surveys were done by Swoop. Ald. Aikins to set up a time for him and Mayor Whitehorn to meet with Swoop to go over the topographic lines.
 - b. Rader Road – Work to begin next week per Mayor Whitehorn.
- 5. Park – Ald. Hansen**
 - a. Canopy Coverings – no update
 - b. Disc Golf Fund Raisers – A resident has spoken to Ald. Hansen about sponsoring a fundraiser to update the towns Disc Golf course.
- 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. Temp Office Help – Shelly DePue has started training.

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New Business

- a. No Solicitation List/Permit Fee – A motion was made by Ald. Hansen to charge a fee and to have a No Solicitation list, and decals made for residents. No second. Motion failed.
A motion was made by Ald. Hansen to have decals made, and a no solicitation list for residents of Avoca. Seconded by Ald. King. Discussion was held concerning having solicitors charged a solicitation fee. Roll call: Ald. Hansen; yes, Ald. King; yes, Ald. Aikins; yes, Ald. Rollins; no, and Ald Alvarenga; absent. Motion carried.
- b. BCWD#1 – Representative for the Town – A motion was made by Ald. King to appoint Mayor Whitehorn as a representative for the town of Avoca at the Benton County Water District #1 (BCWD#1) meetings.
- c. Rental Warehouse – Discussion was held concerning turning the rental warehouse into the street department for the town. Council wants to see if it can be rented. The newspaper ad will be run again for the month of July.
- d. New Attorney – Josh Prusak from Matthews, Campbell, Rhoads, McClure & Thompson was in attendance in Ed McClures seat. Council asked him to be our town council. He will look to see if we need a new Resolution naming him the new town council.
- e. Act 671: Mandatory Treasurer Training Class – Rec/Tres. Barnes completed and passed the mandatory class.
- f. Fire Inspections – Attorney Prusak will look to see if it is a state law to have businesses inspected.

Mayor for the Good of Town

Mills Tree Service finished trimming back the trees and vegetation along the roads inside the town limits. The new sign on the Town Hall building has been completed. The front of the building will need to be primmed with Kilz before it can be repainted.

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

Council Member Aikins: wants to thank all emergency personnel and his neighbor Nanette for all the help during his daughter's health scare.

Council Member King: would like to see the Apple Shed award go to Ed McClure this year, all council members agreed.

Council Member Alvarenga: Absent

Council Member Hansen: would like more emphasis on annexation for the town, and is happy to see more BC deputies in the area.

Council Member Rollins: none

Recorder/Treasurer Barnes: reminded the council members the filing dates to run for their council seats and also gave the time and date for Ed McClures funeral.

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Upcoming Town Meetings

Planning Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, July 21, 2026, at 6:30 pm (Canceled due to lack of Agenda)
BCWD #1 Annual & Board Meeting, Thursday, July 16, 9:00 am
Avoca Fire & Rescue Board Meeting, Thursday, July 30, 2026, at 6:00 pm
Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, August 11, 2026, at 6:30 pm
Board of Zoning meeting scheduled for December 15, 2026, after Planning Meeting

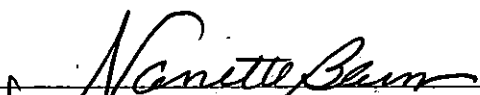
Adjournment

A motion was made by Ald. King and seconded by Ald. Rollins to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 pm. Discussion: none. All approved. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Nanette Barnes
Recorder-Treasurer

Approved 
Mayor Robert Whitehorn

Attest 
Recorder/Treasurer Nanette Barnes