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MINUTES
TOWN OF AVOCA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 10, 2018

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of silence

Guests – Jim Mills – Avoca Planning member
Hoss Cameron – Hoss’s RV Repair & Restoration

Public forum – Hoss Cameron with Hoss’s RV Repair & Restoration addressed the council concerning a car show he would like to sponsor in the town park. No specific date has been set, he is waiting to see if the Avoca Fire Department is going to have their cookout. The town council would like to have a town picnic even if the Avoca Fire Department decides to not have their cookout.

Call to order – Meeting was called to order by Mayor O’Dell at 6:30 pm

Council Roll Call – by Rec/Tres. Barnes

Present: Mayor Thomas O’Dell
Rec/Tres. Nanette Barnes
ALD: Jay King, Harry Simons, Robert Whitehorn,
Kathy Hansen & Dennis Pinkley

Declaration of quorum - Mayor O’Dell declared a quorum was present

Staff –Town Attorney: Edwin McClure: Present
Zoning: Larry Parrish: Present

Consent of Agenda – Apple Shed Award and Fee Schedule was added to agenda, under new business.

Consent of June 12, 2018 council meeting minutes – Minutes will stand as presented.

June 2018 Monthly Financial Statement – Presented by Rec/Tres. Barnes

Staff Report – Rec/Tres. Barnes

1. Avoca Fire & Rescue
 - a. Monthly Report; June 2018 – 35 calls
 - b. Firework Stands: All firework stands in the town limits passed inspections per Fire Chief Frankie Elliott.
2. NEBCO EMS
 - a. None
3. Facebook & Website: Updated regularly

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4. Business Permits (1 Renewal & 1 New) as of July 5, 2018
 - a. Uncle Sam's Fireworks (Renewal)
 - b. Knock Out Welding (New)
5. Building Permits – as of July 5, 2018
 - a. Beaver Storage
6. Audit for 2016 & 2017 – still in progress per Rec/Tres Barnes.
7. Computer Back up – Benjamin Dodge with Nerd Geek is working on a back-up system for the town computers. Mayor O'Dell would like to have Nerd Geek come check the computers every quarter. Council members agreed.

Committee Reports:

1. *Planning commission – Ald. King*
 - a. The Zoning Book will be cleaned up and presented to council for approval per Ald. King
2. *Board of Zoning Adjustments– Ald. King*
 - a. Meeting will be held July 17th after the Planning meeting per Ald. King.
3. *Zoning and code enforcement – Larry Parrish*
 - a. TCB Boxing – Town has received a noise complaint concerning the music coming from this business. Zoning official Parrish is in the process of looking into this complaint.
 - b. Dogs – Town has received a couple complaints concerning dogs. Some residents are having problems walking their dogs, who are on leashes, due to other dogs attacking them. Zoning official Parrish is in the process of looking into this complaint.
 - c. Avoca Tire Shop - Jose Orellana; Town Attorney McClure informed council, a temporary hearing was held on July 22nd, informing Judge Schrantz the Avoca Tire Shop was in compliance and was issued a business license. At the previous hearing dated May 23rd, it was determined Jose Orellana was in willful contempt for continuing to do business after receiving the cease and desist order. Judge Schrantz ordered Jose Orellana to pay all legal fees and costs the town of Avoca has had to pay. Jose Orellana has until October 25th to pay these fees.
 - d. Mayor O'Dell informed council a complaint form has been printed for residents to come in to fill out for any complaint they may have. This will help Zoning official Parrish.
4. *Streets – Ald. Whitehorn*
 - a. Road damage due to flooding
 - i. FEMA Update – A meeting has been set with Jason Appel-ESI Engineering and ER* Assist to get started on bid specifications for publication.
 - b. Turn signal at Hwy 62 & Rose/Russell – Mayor O'Dell informed council he was working on options to get a turn signal at Hwy 62 & Rose/Russell.
5. *Park – Ald. Hansen*
 - a. Steam Whistle Depot - Grants – Mayor O'Dell to check on VFW grant monies.
 - b. Electric Sign – Mayor O'Dell informed council, Craine's Electric & Drywall, Inc. will be starting electrical work for both the pavilion and town sign this month. The pad for the pavilion will also be started this month per Mayor O'Dell.
 - c. Food Trucks – Rec/Tres. Barnes informed council members, Patty Adams with Cajun Queen Cuisine came in and paid her business license fee. The council discussed charging a fee to food trucks to lease a portion of the park.
 - d. Ald. Hansen wanted to praise the town workers on a good job, the town and parks look great.

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6. *Personnel – Ald. Pinkley*

- a. Rec/Tres. Barnes informed council she will be out of the office Wednesday July 11th and Thursday July 12th.
- c. Rec/Tres. Barnes informed council, Christine Pinkley will be resigning her Planning Commission position, her last meeting will be December 2018.
- b. Rec/Tres. Barnes to attend Municipal Clerks Institute – Fayetteville; Sept 16th – 20th. Council agreed to have Rec/Tres. Barnes stay in Fayetteville during that time.

7. *Future of Avoca – Ald. Hansen & Ald. Simons*

- a. Ald. Hansen and Ald. Simons met and made up a flier and a letter to be sent to area residents concerning annexing into Avoca. Town attorney McClure will research whether there is any prohibition against sending letters to solicit folks to annex into our town.

8. *Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) – Avoca Heritage Trail – Ald. Pinkley*

- a. None

Old Business

1. None

New Business

1. Impact Fees– Ald. Hansen recommends Impact Fees on all new building permits. A motion was made by Ald. Hansen to have town attorney McClure write up an ordinance to establish impact fees based on pad size with a rate for residential and a higher rate for commercial for any new construction in the town. Seconded by Ald. King. Discussion was held concerning amount to charge, Rec/Tres. Barnes to get neighboring town fees. All approved. Motion passed.
2. Tornado Sirens – Mayor O’Dell asked Ald. Simons to look into a Tornado Siren.
3. Apple Shed Award – Council members discussed who would receive the 2018 Apple Shed Award.
4. Fee Schedule – Ald. Hansen made a motion to amend the current fee schedule to add a monthly fee of fifty-dollars for food trucks to lease town property. Seconded by Ald. Simons. Discussion: none. All approved. Motion passed.

Mayor for the Good of the Town

1. Mayor O’Dell informed council, he has requested from the State of Arkansas, a list of businesses in the town limits that pay sales taxes. He would like to make sure all businesses are paying sales tax and the Town of Avoca is receiving any sales tax due.
2. Mayor O’Dell informed council the air conditioner went out and has been repaired.
3. Mayor O’Dell let council know, all gas tickets will now be paid under the General Fund.

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Announcements

1. Planning Meeting scheduled for Tuesday July 17, 2018
2. Board of Zoning meeting is scheduled for July 17, 2018
3. Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday August 14, 2018

Adjournment: A motion was made by Aldermen Pinkley and seconded by Aldermen Simons to adjourn meeting at 7:55 pm. Discussion: none. All approved. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Nanette Barnes
Recorder-Treasurer

Approved Thomas W O'Dell
Mayor Thomas O'Dell

Attest Nanette Barnes
Recorder/Treasurer Nanette Barnes

*LOM: Lack of merit