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MINUTES  
TOWN OF AVOCA  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
JULY 13, 2021

**Call to order**

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Whitehorn

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Moment of silence**

**Public forum (Agenda item)**

None

**Council Roll Call – by Rec/Tres. Barnes**

Present: Mayor Robert Whitehorn

Rec/Tres. Nanette Barnes

ALD: Kathy Hansen, Jeannie Rollins, Oscar Alvarenga (arrived after rollcall), Audrey Oakes & Jay King,

Absent: None

**Staff**

Present: Town Attorney: Ed McClure

Zoning Official: Tim DePue

**Guests**

Frankie Elliott – Avoca Fire Chief

Kim Whitehorn

Shelly DePue

Tommy O'Dell

Darlene & Roger Gregory

Katie Elliott

Stephanie Zortman

Melanie Beashau

Jim Mills

Jacob Davis

**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. King. Discussion; none. All approved. Motion carried.

**Consent of minutes for council meeting**

Ald. Hansen made a motion to accept the minutes of June 2021, as written. Seconded by Ald. Rollins. Discussion; none. All approved. Motion carried.

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**Financial statement**

June 2021; Financial report presented by Rec/Tres. Barnes. Ald. Hansen made a motion to accept the June Financials as presented. Seconded by Ald. Oakes. Discussion; None. All approved. Motion carried.

**Staff Report** – Rec/Tres. Barnes

1. Avoca Fire & Rescue
  - a. Chief Elliott reported The Avoca Fire Department has gone on **41 Calls** in June (Ems calls: 26, Assist other departments: 5, MVA: 3, Outside Fires: 2, Watercraft Emergency: 1, Illegal Burns: 2, Fire/Smoke Investigation: 2)
3. Facebook & Website
  - a. Committee Meeting Update
4. Business Permits (0 Renewal & 0 New) for June, 2021  
None
5. Building & Inspection Permits – as of June 30, 2021  
Marc Jones Construction LLC; 376 Chinook Drive – Solar Panels  
Shine Solar; 300 E. Rose Street – Solar Panels  
Bobby Booher; 533 Pearl Ave – New Home
6. Code Enforcement – *Tim DePue*
  - a. Rental Warehouse; Zoning Official DePue informed council he talked to the renters of the town rental warehouse concerning cleaning around the outside of the building. Zoning Official DePue states, they have made great progress and the area looks a lot better. Council agreed to have gravel placed in the driveway to fill up holes and make it look nicer.

**Committee Reports:**

1. *Planning commission – Ald./Chairmen Alvarenga*
  - a. Ald. Alvarenga informed council there was a public hearing held before last month's Planning meeting concerning a proposed 49 (forty-nine) house subdivision off Old Wire Road being built by Franklin Miller. Ald. Hansen made a motion to have Mr. Miller stop all work until all permits were up to date. Seconded by Ald. King. Discussion; held concerning the towns legal options. All approved. Motion carried. Ald. Hansen made a motion to rescind her previous motion. Seconded by Ald. Alvarenga. Discussion; none. All approved. Motion carried.
  - b. Lot Split was passed at 982 Rader Road; Salvador Medina.
  - c. Proposed RV Park on Andy Jack Road & Hwy 62, Ald. Alvarenga will keep council updated on this issue.
2. *Board of Zoning Adjustments– Chairmen Alvarenga*
  - a. None
3. *Streets – Ald. King*
  - a. ER Assist – Disaster from Flooding; No update at this time per Ald. King. Rec/Tres. Barnes will call ER Assist to see if there are any updates.

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4. *Park – Ald. Hansen*

- a. Trail Lights; Rec/Tres. Barnes informed council, the lights will be set this coming weekend, weather permitting.
- b. Grant for trail; No updates per Ald. Hansen
- c. Yoga in the park; Ald. Hansen stated there will be a fund raiser being held at the Steam Whistle Park by “The Food Fairies” on Tuesday July 20, 2021 at 7:00 pm. Donated nonperishable food items will be donated to the food pantries in town.

5. *Personnel – Ald. Oakes*

- a. Town Employees hours and wages; Ald. Oakes informed council there are now two (2) town maintenance employees. She stated she would like to give them raises. Council agreed.

**Old Business**

1. Town Hall Buzzer; Rec/Tres. Barnes states she is still looking into a security system.

**New Business**

1. June 19<sup>th</sup> – Holiday; A motion was made by Ald. Alvarenga to make June 19<sup>th</sup> (Juneteenth) a paid holiday for town employees. Seconded by Ald. Rollins. Discussion; held concerning the meaning of the holiday. Roll call; Ald. Hansen; abstained, Ald. Rollins: yes, Ald. Alvarenga yes, Ald. Oakes: no, and Ald. King: yes. Motion carried.
2. Resolution 05-21; Authorizing the Mayor to Preserve & Rebuild the War Memorial Monument. Attorney McClure read Resolution No. 05-21 in its entirety. A motion was made by Ald. King to accept Resolution No. 05-21 on its first and final reading. Seconded by Ald. Hansen. Discussion: none. Roll call; Ald. Rollins: yes, Ald. Alvarenga yes, Ald. Oakes: yes, Ald. King: yes, and Ald. Hansen: yes. All approved. Motion carried.

**Mayor for the Good of the Town**

Mayor discussed his plans for the Food Truck area at the Steam Whistle Park. He Council members agreed to charge \$375.00 (three hundred and seventy-five dollars) rent per food truck, once the electric water and waste water tank are installed.

**Town Council Member’s Personal Privilege (Any matter); 3 Minutes**

Ald. Hansen; none

Ald. King; asked if the RR was responsible for the crossing across from his home. He states the area is in need of work. Rec/Tres. Barnes will call the RR and inform them of the situation.

Ald. Alvarenga; None

Ald. Oakes; None

Ald. Rollins; None.



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**Public forum (Non-Agenda Item); 3 minutes**

Darlene Gregory had questions concerning the new proposed subdivision going in off Old Wire Road and Dancer. She asked to be placed on next week's Planning agenda.

Tommy O'Dell would like to have a proclamation written to bless the veteran's memorial before they start rebuilding it.

Jim Mills asked where he can get a copy of the agenda.

Tim DePue mentioned the trees lining Dancer Road and the new proposed subdivision

Melody Beahau informed council Pit Rescue would like to do a fund raiser on September 25<sup>th</sup> at the Steam Whistle Park. All proceeds will go to local dog care.

**Announcements**

1. Planning Meeting scheduled for July 20, 2021
2. Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, August 10, 2021
3. Board of Zoning meeting is scheduled for August 17, 2021

**Adjournment:**


A motion was made by Ald. King and seconded by Ald. Alvarenga to adjourn meeting at 7:36 pm.

Discussion: none. All approved. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Nanette Barnes  
Recorder-Treasurer

Approved   
Mayor Robert Whitehorn

Attest   
Recorder/Treasurer Nanette Barnes