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MINUTES
TOWN OF AVOCA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 10, 2025

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Whitehorn

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of silence

Public forum (Agenda item)

Josh Henderson and Butch Stout spoke concerning permit fee rates

Council Roll Call – by Rec/Tres. Barnes

Present: Mayor Robert Whitehorn

Rec/Tres. Nanette Barnes

ALD: Travis Aikins, Oscar Alvarenga, Jay King and Jeannie Rollins,

Absent: ALD: Katie Rairdon

Staff

Present: Town Attorney: Ed McCure

Zoning Official: Tim DePue

Town Maintenance: Chris Rogers

Absent: None

Guests

Linda Council

Josh Henderson

Butch Stout

Declaration of quorum

Mayor Whitehorn declared a quorum was present

Consent of Agenda

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

Consent of minutes for council meeting

April 2025 Minutes: Ald. Aikins made a motion to amend a line under Old Business, section b. Business Licenses, in the minutes of the April 2025 council meeting. Seconded by Ald. Rollins. Discussion: Held. Roll call: Ald. Rollins; yes, Ald. Alvarenga; yes, Ald. Rairdon; absent, Ald. King; yes, and Ald. Aikins; yes. Motion carried. Ald. Aikins made a motion to amend a line under New Business, section b. Ordinance 131: New Fee Schedule, in the minutes of the April 2025 council meeting. Seconded by Ald. Rollins. Discussion: Held. Roll call: Ald. Alvarenga; yes, Ald. Rairdon; absent, Ald. King; yes, Ald. Aikins; yes, and Ald. Rollins; yes. Motion passed.

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Consent of minutes for council meeting (cont.)

Ald. Alvarenga made a motion to accept the amended minutes of the April 2025 council meeting. Seconded by Ald. King. Discussion; none. Roll call: Ald. Rairdon; absent, Ald. King; yes, Ald. Aikins; yes, Ald. Rollins; yes, and Ald. Alvarenga; yes. Motion carried.

May 2025: A motion was made by Ald. King to accept the minutes of the May 2025 council meeting. Seconded by Ald. Aiken. Discussion; none. Roll call: Ald. Rairdon; absent, Ald. King; yes, Ald. Aikins; yes, Ald. Rollins; yes, and Ald. Alvarenga; yes. Motion carried.

Financials:

Ald. Alvarenga made a motion to accept the May 2025 financials as presented. Seconded by Ald. Akins. Discussion: None. Roll call: Ald. King; yes, Ald. Aikins; yes, Ald. Rollins; no, Ald. Alvarenga; yes, and Ald. Rairdon; absent. Motion carried.

Staff Reports:

1. Avoca Fire Department – Avoca Fire Chief Oldebeken (Absent)

Mayor Whitehorn read Avoca Fire Department call report for May 2025.

2. NEBCO EMS – Rec/Tres. Barnes

a. Mayor Whitehorn read NEBCO call report for May 2025.

b. New Station: No update

3. Social Media

Recorder/Treasurer Barnes informed council members all town websites, email and addresses will need to be updated to .gov by the end of 2026 per new Arkansas House Bill 1951.

4. Business Permits (0 Renewals & 2 New) – Rec/Tres. Barnes

Silver Stream Lodging

Moonlight Dream Catchers

5. Building Permits for May 2025– Rec/Tres. Barnes

None

6. Town Sanctioned Events – Rec/Tres. Barnes

June Avoca calendar was given to Council members, and will be given to them each month in council packets.

7. Town Maintenance – Chris Rogers

Rain has slowed the completion of the new pickleball court.

Committee Reports:

1. Planning commission – Chairmen Alvarenga

a. NEBCO: Lot Split – Hwy 62 - Passed

b. BCWD#1: Lot Line Adjustments – East Rose, Center, Main & E. Rose Street - Passed

c. Arkansas Public Theatre: Development Site Plan Review – Tucks Chapel Road - Passed

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Committee Reports (cont.):

2. Board of Zoning Adjustments– Chairmen Alvarenga

- a. None – Next meeting: June 17, 2025

3. Zoning Official – Tim DePue

- a. Letters have been sent out to unsightly and unsanitary residents.

4. Streets – Ald. Aikins

- a. None

5. Park – Ald. Rairdon

- Mayor Whitehorn stated the new chin-link fence has begun to be put up.

6. Grants – Ald. Rollins

- Ald. Rollins has narrowed down two different grants that may help with the town's needs. She will contact Recorder/Treasurer Barnes to help fill out forms if needed.

7. Annexation – Ald. King

- a. None

Old Business

- a. None

New Business

- a. Resolution 06-25; A Resolution Adopting an Amended 2024 Budget for the Town of Avoca, AR. Attorney McClure read Resolution 06-25 in its entirety. A motion was made by Ald. Alvarenga to accept Resolution 06-25 on its 1st and final reading. Seconded by Ald. Aikens. Discussion; none. Roll call: Ald. Rollins; yes, Ald. Alvarenga; yes, Ald. Rairdon; absent, Ald. King; yes, and Ald. Aikins; yes. Motion carried.

Mayor for the Good of Town

Defibrillators/AED are being looked at for the town parks and town hall.

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

Council Member Aikins – Venders, food trucks and Avoca Fee schedule

Council Member King – Hidden Forrest trees and Pea Ridge new park

Council Member Alvarenga – None

Council Member Rairdon – Absent

Council Member Rollins – None

Recorder/Treasurer Barnes – April council minutes & Ordinance 131-Avoca Fee Schedule

Upcoming Meetings: Planning Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, July 17, 2025, at 6:30 pm

1. Board of Zoning meeting scheduled for June 17, 2025, after Planning Meeting
2. Fire Board Meeting scheduled for June 26, 2025
3. Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, July 8, 2025, at 6:30 pm

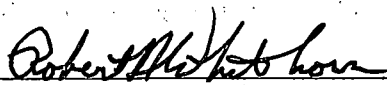
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Adjournment

A motion was made by Ald. Alvarenga and seconded by Ald. King to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm. Discussion: none. All approved. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Nanette Barnes
Recorder-Treasurer

Approved 
Mayor Robert Whitehorn

Attest 
Recorder/Treasurer Nanette Barnes