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MINUTES
TOWN OF AVOCA
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 13, 2025

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Whitehorn

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of silence

Public forum (Agenda item)

David McPherson introduced himself and stated he was going to be running for Arkansas State House Representative District 7.

Council Roll Call – by Rec/Tres. Barnes

Present: Mayor Robert Whitehorn

Rec/Tres. Nanette Barnes

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

Absent: None

Staff

Present: Town Attorney: Ed McCure

Zoning Official: Tim DePue

Absent: Town Maintenance: Chris Rogers

Guests

Kim Whitehorn

David McPherson

Declaration of quorum

Mayor Whitehorn declared a quorum was present

Consent of Agenda

Ald. Alvarenga made a motion for consent of amended agenda (events: added under Avoca Fire Department). Seconded by Ald. Rairdon. Discussion; None. Roll call: Ald. Aikins; yes, Ald. Rollins; yes, Ald. Alvarenga; yes, Ald. Rairdon; yes, and Ald. King; yes. All approved. Motion carried.

Consent of minutes for council meeting

Ald. Aikins made a motion to change the minutes of the April 2025 council meeting. Seconded by Ald. Rollins. Discussion: Held. Roll call: Ald. Rollins; no, Ald. Alvarenga; no, Ald. Rairdon; no, Ald. King; no, and Ald. Aikins; no. Motion failed.

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Consent of minutes for council meeting (cont.)

Ald. Alvarenga made a motion to table the minutes of April 2025 council meeting until council members had a chance to listen to the audio recordings of the April 2025 meeting. Seconded by Ald. King.

Discussion: Held. Roll call: Ald. Alvarenga; yes, Ald. Rairdon; yes, Ald. King; yes, Ald. Aikins; yes, and Ald. Rollins; yes. All approved. Motion passed.

Financials:

1. April Report: Financial report presented by Rec/Tres. Barnes. Ald. King made a motion to accept the April 2025 financials as presented. Seconded by Ald. Alvarenga. Discussion: None. Roll call: Ald. Rairdon; yes, Ald. King; yes, Ald. Aikins; yes, Ald. Rollins; no, and Ald. Alvarenga; yes. Motion carried.
2. ARPA Report: Recorder/Treasurer Barnes informed council, the final reports have been finalized, reported and uploaded. The government may want these final reports re-reported in 2026.

Staff Reports:

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

- a. Ran a total of 28 calls for April and 194 for the year
Canceled: 4 Fire: 11 Medical: 10 Misc: 3
- b. Fire Station was manned for 21 days in April
- c. (PLA) Preauthorized Landing Area: Mayor Whitehorn informed council, he spoke with both Mercy and Air Evac, and the Avoca Town park is now a preauthorized landing area. Ald. Alvarenga asked that an email be sent to the Avoca Fire Chief letting him know this.
- d. Town Events: Ald. Alvarenga asked that the Town email Avoca Fire Chief Oldebeken the upcoming town event calendar. Recorder/Treasurer Barnes confirmed she has posted event fliers inside the Community Building and emails Fire Chief Oldebeken updated event calendars throughout the year; she will email him another one.

2. NEBCO EMS – Rec/Tres. Barnes

- a. Ran a total of 27 calls for April in the Avoca area. 135 for the year.
EMS: 21 Fire: 0 Lift Assist: 5 MVC: 1
- b. New Station: Recorder/Treasurer Barnes confirms NEBCO is on the May Planning agenda concerning a lot split for property off Hwy 62, for their new ambulance station.

3. Social Media

- a. Recorder/Treasurer Barnes informed council members she and Ron Bird at Design Works, are working on updating the town's webpage to make it more user friendly for town residents.

4. Business *Permits (0 Renewals & 1 New)* – Rec/Tres. Barnes

Avoca One Stop – New Owner

5. Building *Permits for April 2025*– Rec/Tres. Barnes

None

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6. Town Sanctioned Events – Rec/Tres. Barnes

a. Easter Egg Hunt	April 12, 2025	Saturday	11:00 am – 12:00 am
b. Avoca Spring Clean Up	May 10, 2025	Saturday	8:30 am – 11:00 am
c. Fireworks -Latham Cabinets	July 4, 2025	Friday	8:00 pm -
d. Avoca Fall Clean Up	October 11, 2025	Saturday	8:30 am – 11:00 am
e. Trunk R Treat	October 25, 2025	Saturday	6:00 pm –

***These dates are subject to change ***

Recorder/Treasurer Barnes thanked everyone who helped make the Easter Egg Hunt a great success. Recorder/Treasurer Barnes thanked everyone who came out and helped with the Spring Clean-up. The event filled: (3) 40 yard dumpsters and (1) compactor garbage truck full of trash and bulk items.

7. Town Maintenance – Chris Rogers (Absent)

Mayor Whitehorn stated work has started painting the new pickleball court, and weather permitting, it should be finished within the next week or two. In between all the rain, they have been clearing the culverts and mowing the parks.

Committee Reports:

1. Planning commission – Chairmen Alvarenga

1. Lot Split: Carl Evans (Passed)
12235 Avoca Hollow Drive/12264 Malachi Lane, Parcel: 18-04597-000
2. Variance: Julissa Guadarrama – Figueroa (Passed)
Oak Street: Parcel: 04-00134-000

2. Board of Zoning Adjustments– Chairmen Alvarenga

- a. None

3. Zoning Official – Tim DePue

- a. Letters are being sent out to unsightly and unsanitary residents.

4. Streets – Ald. Aikins

- a. None

5. Park – Ald. Rairdon

- a. Wooden Fence Repair/Replace: Mayor Whitehorn read quotes he received. A motion was made by Ald. Alvarenga to accept the quote from Three Beavers Tree Service. Seconded by Ald. Rairdon. Discussion: Held. Roll call: Ald. Rairdon; yes, Ald. King; yes, Ald. Aikins; yes, Ald. Rollins; yes, and Ald. Alvarenga; yes. All approved. Motion carried.

6. Grants – Ald. Rollins

Ald. Rollins has narrowed down three different grants that may help with the town's needs. She will update the council as she finds out more.

- a. Playground Equipment
- b. Black plastic barrier for rubber mulch
- c. Fence

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7. Annexation – Ald. King

a. None

Old Business

- a. Rental Shop/Warehouse - Town Attorney; McClure
 - i. Pursley – was arrested and he has paid the town all owed.

New Business

None

Mayor for the Good of Town

On Saturday, September 12, 2026, The town of Avoca is going to hold an Avoca Day. It will be a day of fun for people to come and enjoy food, activities, and special events. More information will be given closer to event. Volunteers will be needed.

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

Council Member Aikins - None

Council Member King - None

Council Member Alvarenga – is going to ask Wen Investment if they would like to annex into the town at the May 20th Planning meeting.

Council Member Rairdon – None

Council Member Rollins – None

Recorder/Treasurer Barnes - None

Upcoming Meetings:

1. Planning Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 20, 2025, at 6:30 pm
2. Fire Board Meeting scheduled for May 29, 2025
3. Council Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 10, 2025, at 6:30 pm
4. Board of Zoning meeting is scheduled for June 17, 2025, after Planning Meeting


Adjournment

A motion was made by Ald. Rairdon and seconded by Ald. King to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 pm. Discussion: none. All approved. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Nanette Barnes
Recorder-Treasurer

Approved 
Mayor Robert Whitehorn

Attest 
Recorder/Treasurer Nanette Barnes

Tape recorder stopped recording at beginning of meeting – batteries died