CALL MEETING TO ORDER
Mayor John Grutsch called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WERE PRESENT:
John Grutsch – Mayor, Jeff Meyer, Jim Stang, Julie Jarnot – Councilors;
Corey Nellis – Police Chief; Jon Forsell – Utilities Superintendent; Casey Jansky – Public Works Supervisor
Jodi Austing-Traut, City Clerk-Administrator
Absent: Kurt Marthaler

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Pledge of Allegiance

PUBLIC ACCESS FORUM

PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS
Consider Resolution Amending Ordinance 133/ Chapter 152 of the City of Avon Code of Ordinances (Storm Water Pollution Controls) and Repealing Chapter 15 of the City of Avon Zoning Ordinance and repealing a portion of Subd. 9.B.2. of Chapter 22 of the City of Avon Zoning Ordinance

Clerk/Administrator Jodi Austing-Traut summarized the ordinance and the goals of the ordinance. There was no one present to speak at the public hearing. Public Hearing was kept open until 7:27.

Motion Jim Stang to close the public hearing at 7:27 second Julie Jarnot.


CONSENT AGENDA
1. Council Minutes of February 6th, 2017
2. Planning Commission Minutes of February 21st, 2017
3. Fire Board Minutes of February 15th, 2017
4. Paid Check Register, Capital Expenditures
5. Legal Fees, Engineering Fees, Auditor/Acct. Fees
6. Approval of Conditional Use Permit (42.26296.0020 – Ertl/Avon Body Shop Storage)
7. Approval of Variance (42.256285.0005) – Meyer to Abstain
8. Added: Resolution 2017-17 Approving Application for Gambling License for Avon FD Spunk Days Raffle
9. Added: Invoice for Clifton Larson Allen $1,500

Motion Julie Jarnot to approve consent agenda items #1-6 and items #8 and 9 second Jeff Meyer and carried unanimously.

Motion Julie Jarnot to approve consent agenda #7 second Jim Stang and carried unanimously with Meyer abstaining.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

Economic Development/Strategic Planning - Jim Gromberg, WSB
Jim Gromberg of WSB’s Economic Development department presented key information about the City of Avon and suggested that a strategic planning session might be valuable for staff and council. Clerk/Administrator will check with the Initiative Foundation, MBAF, and a few other resources to see if any grant funds would be available to assist with a strategic planning session.
ISSUES BY STAFF

**Administration**
No further report

**Zoning**
No further report

**Engineer**

*Transition Plan* Chris Sonmor of WSB went over the priorities that were identified by staff and the team of engineers as we continue to develop our relationship and move forward on projects and proposals. One of the priorities is to get GIS technicians to come in and assist staff in getting the GIS system set up for the City of Avon.

**Public Works** Casey Jansky presented a written report.

**Police** Chief Corey Nellis presented a written report. Chief also asked for council approval to authorize 80 hours of vacation time for Landon Gudim. Current personnel policy states that new hires will receive 80 hours of vacation after their first year of service is completed. Going forward, new hires will not receive any vacation until after their first full year of service per current policy.

*Motion* Jim Stang to authorize the 80 hours of vacation time for Landon Gudim effective as of his date of hire, second Jeff Meyer and carried unanimously.

Councilor Jarnot thanked the police department and fire department for their work on several recent events in Avon.

**Water/Wastewater** Jon Forsell provided a written report. Forsell gave the council some information on a potential grant opportunity. He will look into it further and update council.

**STRATFORD HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION – NOISE BARRIER**

Gabe Jarnot, Deb Schulzenberge, and Scott Mclachlan were present representing the Stratford Homeowners Association Noise Barrier committee. Mclachlan gave some historical background on the project. Gabe Jarnot stated that while the city has received a $1.5M grant from MNDOT, a 10% match is required. Mayor Grutsch stated that he had been given some information within the past few days and permission to announce that Blattner Energy has agreed to pay the 10% match for the Noise Barrier Wall. Much praise and thanks was given to Blattner Energy for their continued support of the Avon Community.

**Other Issues by Council**

Reminder of meeting date/time changes.
April meeting will start at 6:00 pm for Local Board of Appeals and Equalization
July Meeting will be held on Monday, July 10th at 6:30 pm.

Councilor Stang thanked Mike Kosik for his positive representation of the City of Avon he offers in the Albany Enterprise.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

*Motion* by Jim Stang to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm; Second by Councilor Meyer and carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jodi Austing-Traut City Clerk/Administrator