

Town of Haysi
Minutes of Regular Town Council Meeting
July 3, 2012, @ 7:00 p.m.

The July 3, 2012, regular meeting of the Haysi Town Council was held in the Council Chambers of the Haysi Town Hall Municipal Building located at 322 Main Street, Haysi, Virginia.

The following were present:

Mayor Larry Yates
Vice Mayor Michael Harris

Council Members: Wm. "Billy" Counts
 Tim Wallace
 Susan Tiller
 Rocky Wood
 Barry Whitt

ITEMS # I & II

Mayor Yates called the meeting to order and asked Chief Wallace to offer invocation.

ITEMS # III- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ITEM # IV – ANNUAL REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Mayor Yates noted an organizational meeting for the coming year was required to set a date, alternative date for rescheduled meetings, time and place for the monthly council meetings, and to appoint a vice-mayor. Mayor Yates stated the floor was open for motion on date, alternate date, time and place. Upon motion made by Council Member Rocky Wood, and seconded by Council Member Barry Whitt to set the date, time and place for the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Let the record show the motion was passed unanimously by verbal vote.

Upon motion made by Council Member Wm. "Billy" Counts and seconded by Council Member Rocky Wood to set the alternative date for the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. to be conducted at the Haysi Town Council Chambers. Let the record show the motion was passed unanimously by verbal vote.

Mayor Yates asked for a motion on appointment of a vice-mayor. Upon motion made by Council Member Barry Whitt and seconded by Council Member Wm. "Billy" Counts to appoint Council Member Rocky Wood as Vice-Mayor. Let the record show the motion was passed unanimously by verbal voting.

ITEM # V - APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

At this time Mayor Yates asked for any additions or changes to the agenda. He said he would like to add Item XIII-Executive Session 2.2-37-11A Property and Personnel. Council Member Rocky Wood requested to adding Funding for Fire Department to New Business. With no further additions or changes the motion was made by Council Member Rocky Wood and seconded by Council Member Barry Whitt to accept the Agenda with changes. Let the record show the motion was passed unanimously by verbal vote.

ITEM # VI – APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mayor Yates asked for a motion to approve the following minutes:

May 8, 2012- Public Hearing-Amendment to Animal Control Ordinance.
June 5, 2012- Public Hearing FY 2012-2013 Budget
June 5, 2012- Regular Council meeting.

A motion was made by Council Member Rocky Wood and seconded by Council Member Susan Tiller to approve the minutes. Let the record show the motion was passed unanimously by verbal vote.

ITEM # VII – FINANCIAL REPORT

At this time the Council was presented for approval the following:

- Current listing of payables due for July 2012
- June 2012 financial Report listing: beginning balance, revenue, expenditures and ending balance.
- July 2012 itemized listing of expenditures including checks # 11019-11027
- June 2012 Profit & Loss Report
- Expenditure from the Revitalization account.

After inspection of the June 2012 financial report, a motion was made by Council Member Rocky Wood seconded by Council Susan Tiller to accept the revenue and expenditures financial report as presented. Let the record show the motion on the floor was passed unanimously by verbal voting.

ITEM # VIII – NEW BUSINESS

A. Matt Owens, Discussion of Private Property at 223 Main Street, Haysi

Matt Owens came before the council to present a proposal for property located at 223 Haysi Main Street, and the adjoining vacant lot. He said before reaching out to the public, he wanted to officially offer to the Town of Haysi the property. He said his suggestion for the property would be a park area similar to the Wise Big Glades Park designed by Thompson and Litton. The 2 lots could be easily adapted to offer the same amenities to host weekly events and a deck or on the river walk could be used for a resting point or a rentable kiosk space for a BBQ vendor on the new proposed river walk area. He said if the property was sold to a private individual the outcome of what could be done with the space is unknown and could potentially bring negative visual elements to the area for example a garage for vehicle repairs. In his conclusion Mr. Owens offered the property to the town for \$50,000.00 and is willing to allow the town to pay for the property of a 5 year period at interest free.

B. Relay for Life-Donation

Becky Hackney came before the council to request funds for the 7th Annual Relay for Life Event.

Becky Hackney mentioned last year the council donated \$500.00 to relay for life, this year the relay for life is asking again for additional funds to help with the Survivor Dinner. The Splashdam Church provides the meat for the event, but other side items along with drinks are another expense.

After a general discussion the motion was made by Council Member Rocky Wood and seconded by Council Member Susan Tiller to donate \$500.00 to the American Cancer Society and \$300.00 to the Survivor Dinner. Let the record show the motion on the floor was passed unanimously by verbal voting.

C. Donation Committee

Mayor Yates said the council had discussed a couple a months ago to put together a committee of council members to work with him and the town clerk in developing an official town policy on donations and request for financial assistances from the town.

Council Member Rocky Wood commented he thought the council needed a committee to establish a policy.

Mayor Yates said he thought there should at least be three persons on the committee and he would be willing to sit in on the meeting and observe or be on the committee. He explained if there are three or more members on the committee then it would be considered an official meeting and minutes would need to be taken.

Mayor Yates asked for volunteers.

The following Council Members volunteered to serve on the committee, and also town Clerk Ramona Duncan.

Rocky Wood
Tim Wallace
Barry Whitt

D. Funding Haysi Volunteer Fire Department

Rocky Wood, Chief, Haysi Volunteer Fire Department said approximately three weeks ago the department had the pumps tested on the fire trucks and one of the engines failed, and the department was under the impression the cost was going to be approximately \$5000.00 which they could cover and authorized the truck to be fixed. Once the vender got into repairing the truck the cost jumped from \$5000.00 to \$18,300+. He said he attended the last Board of Supervisors meeting and they have agreed to give the department \$12000.00 and the department is going to pay the rest of the cost to repair the truck. What the department is requesting from the town is \$800.00 is to cover the orginial pump test on the two trucks.

Mayor Yates asked if the fire department could provide the town with an invoice for the test.

Chief Wood replied, yes.

Mayor Yates asked how often are this test required.

Chief Wood replied once a year.

With no further discussion the motion was made by Council Member Susan Tiller seconded by Council Member Tim Wallace to pay for the original pump test for the fire department. Let the record show the motion on the floor was passed unanimously by verbal voting.

IX. Old Business

Police Report (See Attachment)

Chief Wallace gave an oral summary of the calls for service and investigation for the month of June. He reported in June the department answer about 26 calls and various from a combative male to a suspicious vehicle Pizza Factory. The employee's at the Pizza Factory spot a vehicle drive by and the people in the vehicle have a mask on, he employees in the Pizza Factory lock the door, because they are afraid of being robbed. Chief Wallace stopped the car, and the dad and son said they were doing it for fun. Chief Wallace stated another incident happened in town which is not on the police report was the tobacco store was broken into this morning, and approximately 100 packs of potpourri incents (synthetic marijuana) was stolen. He said he has spoken with one of the workers and said they were receive around 500 calls per day for this product.

Ramona Duncan, Clerk asked what the cost per pack.

Chief Wallace replied 1gram is \$15.00 and 3 gram is \$25.00

Chief Wallace asked could the town consider banding this item from being sold within the corporation limits of town.

After a general discussion a motion was made by Council Member Rocky Wood and seconded by Council Member Barry Whitt to ask Town Attorney Kerry Hay to write a letter to Haysi Discount Tobacco in regards to the potpourri incents. Let the record show the motion on the floor was passed unanimously by verbal voting.

Mayor Yates asked Chief Wallace to brief the Council on the radio situation.

Chief Wallace report the Department is still guaranteed by Board of Supervisor Member Gary Hall two of the mobile radios will be purchased for the department. But, the assistant of the 911 office stated the portable radios will not be purchased. Chief Wallace said Supervisors Hall feels the portable radios should also be purchased, because since the presentation two years ago it was believe the radios would be purchased.

Chief Wallace added all the golf cart signs have been installed in the corporation limits of town, so now it is legal ride golf cart in town.

ITEM #X – MAYOR’S COMMENTS

Mayor Yates reported the following:

- Virginia Tourism Corporation reported a 17% increase in tourism in Southwest Virginia this year up to date.
- June 20th-Met with Todd Christian
- Splashdam Project needs Phase I Artlogical Study done to look for Native American Pre Historical Artifact. If these are found, then a Phase II has to be conducted etc....., Ecosystems are still working on this as of now it doesn't look good for the project.
- Merrill will be reconditioned at the Fuller Store next week.
- Two River Multi Media Corp will meet with him on Friday on the community video to be shown at the Heartwood Center.
- Participated in a hearing with VDOT, Lemon Kendrick, Dickenson County Engineering on the Cransnest Trail Phase I, construction should start late summer, also about the same time construction should start on Phase II-Pound River Section of the trail which starts at the Spillway and goes down stream to the Pound River. Phase III-Haysi to Breaks section.
- Continuing to work with Hill Studios with Revitalization Project and Theatre Building.

Mayor Yates asked if there were any questions.

ITEM # XI – COUNCIL COMMENTS

None

ITEM # XII – PUBLIC COMMENTS

Traci Wallace asked what are the stipulations to ride a golf cart in town.

Chief Wallace reported they have to have a valid driver's licenses; they cannot be on the road 30 minutes before or after day light unless equipped with lights, can only be on designated highways posted by signs and adopted by local governing body, and the golf cart has to have a slow moving vehicle symbol on it.

Mayor Yates added they must have proof of insurance and must obtain a golf cart permit from the town.

ITEM # XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At this time Mayor Yates entertained a motion to convene into Executive Session. At 8:15 p.m., a motion was made by Council Member Susan Tiller and seconded by Council Member Rocky Wood to convene in Executive Session pursuant to code section 2.2-3711 A-1, of the Code of Virginia, let the record show the motion on the floor was passed unanimously by verbal voting.

XIV. Certification of Executive

We certify that:

Only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under this chapter, and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the meeting by the public body.

Mayor Yates asked for a roll call vote to certify the statement:

Susan Tiller Yes
Wm. "Billy" Counts Yes
Barry Whitt Yes
Tim Wallace Yes
Mike Harris Yes
Rocky Wood Yes

XV. Open Session

Upon motion made by Council Member Susan Tiller and seconded by Council Member Rocky Wood the council was now convened in Open Session at 8:35 PM. Let the recorded show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal vote.

After a brief discussion a motion was made by Council Member Susan Tiller and seconded by council member Wm "Billy" Counts to instruct the Mayor to write a letter pertaining to items discussed in Executive Session. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting.

ITEM # XVI – ADJOURNMENT

With no further discussion the motion was made by Council Member Susan Tiller and seconded by Council Member Mike Harris to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Larry D. Yates, Mayor

Attest:

Clerk