

Town of Haysi  
Minutes of Regular Town Council Meeting  
July 5, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m.

On July 5, 2016, the 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 members were present:

PRESENT: Mayor Larry D. Yates  
Vice Mayor Rocky Wood

Council Members:  
Michael Harris  
William "Billy" Counts  
Tim Wallace  
Susan Tiller  
Barry Whitt

ABSENT: None.

### **ITEMS # I, II, & III**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Larry D. Yates at 7:00 p.m., and the Invocation was held by Chief George Wallace and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### **ITEM # IV - APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

At this time Mayor Yates asked for any changes or additions to the agenda. Motion was made by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood seconded by Council Member Barry Whitt to approve the agenda as presented. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting.

### **ITEM #V - PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

### **ITEM # VI - 2016-2017 RE-ORGANIZATION**

Mayor Yates stated that the purpose of the annual re-organization was to set the meeting date and time and choose the Vice Mayor. Motion was made by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood and seconded by Council Member Billy Counts to hold the Town Council Meetings on the first Tuesday of the month at seven o'clock in the evening with the alternate meeting on the second Tuesday of the month at seven o'clock in the evening. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting. Mayor Yates opened the floor for discussion regarding the annual Vice Mayor appointment. Motion was made by Council Member Barry Whitt and seconded by Council Member Billy Counts to continue Council

Member Rocky Wood's appointment as Vice Mayor. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting.

**ITEM # VII – APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Prior to the meeting council had received for consideration of approval a copy of the following prepared minutes:

- June 7, 2016 Regular Town Council Meeting

Motion was made by Council Member Billy Counts and seconded by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood to approve the minutes as presented. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting.

**ITEM # VIII – FINANCIAL REPORT**

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

- June 1, 2016 through June 30, 2016 Financial Report listing: beginning balance, revenue, expenditures and ending balance.
- June 1, 2016 through June 30, 2016 itemized listing of expenditures including checks # 13370-13424 & deposits
- June 1, 2016 through June 30, 2016 Profit & Loss Report
- Current payables to date for review

Motion was made by Council Member Barry Whitt seconded by Council Member Billy Counts to approve the financial report. Let the record show the motion on the floor was passed unanimously by verbal voting.

**ITEM # IX - NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**ITEM # X – OLD BUSINESS**

Police Department Monthly Report-Chief George Wallace (See Attachment)

Chief Wallace reported thirty-eight different calls for the month of June and asked if anyone had questions about the calls on the June Monthly Report. Mayor Yates asked Chief Wallace about the Business Escort on June 27. Chief Wallace said that was following his wife to work because she got there before anyone else. He also said he checks the speed limit signs. Mayor Yates asked about the Stolen Item Report on June 3. Assistant Chief Bobby Edwards said that a weed eater was stolen from a building with an unlocked door

at the Sewer Plant, but nothing else was disturbed. Mayor Yates also asked about the ATV Complaint on June 29. Chief Wallace explained that there is a “make shift track on the island” in Fork Bottom, but the only way to get there is to travel the highway. Assistant Chief Edwards issued warnings and there have been no complaints since. Mayor Yates asked for the ages of the ATV drivers. Assistant Chief Edwards said they were between nineteen and twenty years old. Chief Wallace said that they could create their own road the track without use of the highway and asked about alley ownership. Mayor Yates said he would research the alley system in Fork Bottom. Assistant Chief Edwards explained that he gave a presentation in December for an EMS Grant and received approval of the grant for around \$4,000.00. Assistant Chief Edwards informed the council that the DMV Grant has more hours left that need to be worked and the police department was looking to hire another part time officer. Assistant Chief Edwards said that the department was looking to “move up” one of the auxiliary officers, which would increase coverage from one day a week of free coverage to two. He also noted that Officer Brent Wallace and Officer Grant Garrett were not interested in taking on more hours than they are already working.

#### **ITEM # XI - MAYOR COMMENTS**

Mayor Yates reported the following:

- Progress is being made on the ATV Trail. Mayor Yates stated that he rode about eight miles last Friday. There were signs of the elk herd. Dean Hill is working on a campground at Splashdam. Mayor Yates said that they were working with the Dickenson County PSA on a new water line. Council Member Tim Wallace asked how many site were planned. Mayor Yates said that he was not sure. Council Member Wallace said that Mr. Hill could put in a tank. Mayor Yates said that a tank would be “plan B”, but they should be able to get the new line funded. Mayor Yates said that the equestrian trail is expected to be eight miles right now, but hope to extend the trail to Garden Hole under an application for Power Plus funds. The application also includes access to the Garden Hole for horse trailers and the elevated riverwalk in town. Vice Mayor Rocky Wood asked if the Breaks Superintendent would need to sign off on the project. Mayor Yates explained that the Breaks is included as joint applicant. Hill Studio is working to get an updated cost on the riverwalk for the application.
- There is a leak at the Russell Fork Trail Center and the Mayor is working to get it resolved. Construction Plan are coming along on the trail center and hope to bid the work later in the summer.
- There are new business ideas coming about in the community. Anyone interested in starting a new business should be directed to the town’s website or the town hall for more information.
- Voices of America filmed in town last month.
- Mountains of Music Homecoming was a success overall for 2016.

Council Member Tim Wallace asked about information in the newspaper regarding the Splashdam Project. Mayor Yates explained that Appalachian Voices, a company based in North Carolina, with local offices, is working on a grant for Power Reclaim funds. The Splashdam Project made the short list of projects to pursue further. Council Member Wallace asked if Mr. Potter would be “out” of the project. Mayor Yates said that Appalachian Voices would have to put the work out to bid if the grant was approved. Mr. Potter could submit a bid to Appalachian Voices and he has knowledge of the project that would assist with his bid. Mayor Yates emphasized that whoever won the bid would be required to work with the town and the town could set contract conditions/requirements, etc. since the town owns the property.

**ITEM # XII - COUNCIL COMMENTS**

None.

**ITEM # XIII – ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business to be brought before the Council, a motion was made by Council Member Barry Whitt seconded by Council Member Billy Counts to adjourn the meeting. Let the record show the motion was passed unanimously by verbal voting and the meeting was adjourned.

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Larry D. Yates, Mayor

Attest:

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Clerk