

Town of Haysi
Minutes of Regular Town Council Meeting
May 7, 2019 @ 7:00 p.m.

On May 7, 2019, 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:
Susan Tiller
William "Billy" Counts
Tim Wallace

ABSENT: Michael Harris
Carter Branham

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 changes to the agenda as presented. Mayor Yates requested that an item for Haysi Kiwanis Club Water Line Extension Application under new business. Motion was made by Council Member Billy Counts seconded by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood to approve the agenda as amended. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting.

ITEM #V – PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Yates asked Town Clerk Perrigan to read the following Public Comment Policy out loud:

A Public Comment Period will be held during the regular Town Council monthly meetings, during Special Called meetings, and Public Hearings. The Public Comment period will be on the Agenda for the meeting. The Town Council asks that speakers only comment on the items listed on the Agenda for the Town Council meeting or Special Called meeting and only comment on the specific reason for the Public Hearing. All comments made during the Public Comment period shall be subject to the following procedures:

- 1.) Anyone who wishes to make a statement during the Public Comment period will register on a sign-up sheet available 30 minutes before the start of the meeting.

- 2.) Persons who have signed the register to speak shall be taken in the order in which they are listed.
- 3.) Persons addressing the Town Council are asked to limit their comments to 3 minutes.
- 4.) Speakers will be acknowledged by Mayor Larry Yates in the order in which their names appear on the sign-up sheet. Speakers shall stand at their seat to address the Council and not approach the Mayor or Town Council members. Speakers will start their comment by stating their name and address.
- 5.) Speakers will direct comments at the Town Council as a whole and not to individuals. Public Comment is not intended to require the Town Council to provide any answer to the speaker right away. Discussions between speakers and members of the audience will not be allowed.
- 6.) Speakers will be courteous in their language, tone, and presentation.
- 7.) Only one speaker will be acknowledged at a time. If a large number of people are present to register concerns about the same subject, it is suggested that they might be acknowledged as a unified group and a designated speaker will cover the various points.
- 8.) In the event that there are more people who wish to speak than can be accommodated in the 30 minutes set aside for public comment, the Town Council may extend the period, delay it until the rest of the agenda has been completed, or continue it to the next regular council meeting.

The first person signed up for Public Comment was Gary and Shannon Owens of Grace Fellowship in Haysi, Virginia. Gary Owens introduced himself as the new Pastor of Grace Fellowship Baptist Church and wanted to mention a couple of items the church wanted to pursue to get involved in the town. The first item that Mr. Owens discussed was an outdoor movie night. Mr. Owens explained that they already had a screen and wanted to show a Christian movie and he wanted to give a short sermon at the beginning. Mr. Owens said they would look to ask local businesses for donations. The second item that Mr. Owens discussed was setting up pressure washers to clean ATVs for donations. Mr. Owens said that he wanted to check with the town about any concerns that may arise such as EPA regulations. Mr. Owens stated they could use straw to catch sediment run off. Shannon Owens said that they wanted to get involved in a community outreach and not charge anything, but show love. Mrs. Owens advised that they would be set up at New Peoples Bank for Trails Day giving away items that been donated and bottled water. Mrs. Owens added that they wanted to show a movie several nights throughout the summer simply to provide free entertainment. Mrs. Owens said they have a popcorn machine, but would need to use electricity. Mayor Yates asked if anyone knew of any issues with their request. Interim Chief Edwards expressed concerns about the car wash. Attorney Stephen Mullins asked where they planned to have the car wash. Mr. Owens answered the old Rockhouse Grocery is the preferred location and they planned to get the water from the Haysi Volunteer Fire Department. Attorney Mullins said that he didn't see an issue with the request. Mayor Yates asked if they were showing the movies at Thunder River Campground. Mrs. Owens replied that they would prefer to use the town shed if possible.

Mayor Yates stated that it was free for use, but let Clerk Amanda Perrigan check the town calendar for date availability and reservations.

CARTER BRANHAM ENTERED THE MEETING.

Mrs. Owens asked if the parking lot could be blocked off. Interim Chief Edwards requested advance notification to get it done. Mayor Yates offered assistance in spreading the word via social media by contact Clerk Perrigan to share the events. Mr. Owens added that any donations were welcome and they could be arranged via Facebook.

ITEM # VI – APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

- April 9, 2019 Regular Town Council Meeting

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood and seconded by Council Member Tim Wallace to approve the minutes of the meeting on April 9, 2019 as presented. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting.

ITEM # VII – FINANCIAL REPORT

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

- April 1, 2019 through April 30, 2019 Financial Report listing: beginning balance, revenue, expenditures and ending balance.
- April 1, 2019 through April 30, 2019 itemized listing of expenditures including checks # 14867-14902 & deposits
- April 1, 2019 through April 30, 2019 Profit & Loss Report
- Current payables to date for review

Mayor Yates noted that work on the upcoming budget was ongoing since there were a few items to tweak. Mayor Yates asked if the Haysi Town Council was interested in scheduling a budget workshop to complete the work on the 2019-2020 budget. Council Member Carter Branham suggested that Mayor Yates and Clerk Amanda Perrigan finalize and then send copies for review. Mayor Yates replied that he and Clerk Perrigan would balance the budget and send out copies as soon as possible. Mayor Yates advised that Senator Tim Kaine is to hold a remote town hall at the Haysi Town Hall tomorrow from ten o'clock in the morning until noon. Motion was made by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood 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 # VIII - NEW BUSINESS

Retirement of Chief George Wallace

Chief George Wallace stated that he had brought all his stuff back and thanked the Haysi Town Council for allowing him to work for twenty-three years and their support of the Haysi Police Department. Chief Wallace said he had pride in working for his hometown, relating to the community, and being dependable for them. Mayor Yates thanked Chief Wallace and read the following document:

The Town of Haysi would like to commend Haysi Police Chief George Wallace for his 23 years of service to the Town of Haysi and its citizens. During his years of service Chief Wallace was the finest example of a Law Enforcement Officer always displaying integrity, honor, professionalism, and devotion to God. Pursuant to the Code of Virginia § 59.1-148.3 it's the pleasure of the Town of Haysi to offer Chief George Wallace his Glock 23 service weapon Serial # BCXU558 for the price of \$1.00. We wish Chief Wallace a long and joyful retirement, and thank him for his service and dedication. Recognized this 7th day of May 2019 at the Haysi Town Council Meeting in Haysi, Virginia.

Chief Wallace thanked Mayor Yates and the Haysi Town Council Members.

Haysi Kiwanis Club Water Line Extension Application

Mayor Yates explained that he had been approached by the Haysi Kiwanis Club to partner with them on a grant application for a waterline extension to supply water and sewer to their campground. Mayor Yates said that the Cumberland Plateau had suggested the partnership for the application. The pool of funds is split between four counties. Council Member Tim Wallace asked about the cost to the town. Mayor Yates replied that there was no cost, just man hours, but no match. Motion was made by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood seconded by Council Member Billy Counts to partner with the Haysi Kiwanis Club on their grant application for a waterline extension to supply water and sewer to their campground. Let the record show the motion on the floor was passed unanimously by verbal voting.

ITEM # IX – OLD BUSINESS

None.

ITEM # X – UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Police Department Monthly Report-Interim Chief Bobby Edwards (See Attachment)

Interim Chief Bobby Edwards reported forty-eight calls for the month of April and read off the hours worked on the report. Mayor Yates commented that there were a couple of unusual calls. Interim Chief Edwards advised that he had to take a week of school to be able to submit paperwork to the state. Council Member Billy Counts asked about the stolen signs. Interim Chief Edwards answered that they were political signs. Interim Chief Edwards summarized a few calls including the UTV rescue, lost gun, and intoxicated person at the FasMart. Mayor Yates advised that the Dodge Charger had reported issues,

so he drove the vehicle and is having it assessed by a mechanic before paying to have it towed, but hopes to have it back in service soon.

Haysi Volunteer Fire Department Monthly Report

Chief Rocky Wood reported that the Haysi Volunteer Fire Department had two trees down with a power line, one car fire, one rock slide, and two motor vehicle crashes. Chief Wood advised that the county has an Emergency Response Team comprised of twenty certified members made up of fire department, rescue squad, and community volunteers. Chief Wood said another training class will be held in a couple of months and they want to get more citizens from the community involved. The training will consist of certification in CPR, blood stop, AED, and Narcan. Mayor Yates offered to have Clerk Amanda Perrigan assist in publicizing it. Chief Wood also advised that there is a lot of Hepatitis A breaking out and the vaccine is highly recommended. Mayor Yates asked about a Hepatitis A booster. Chief Wood answered that he wasn't sure about a booster, but recommend getting the shot. Chief Wood stated that he attended a regional tabletop scenario for preparedness earlier in the day. A general discussion was held about disasters preparedness and mine portals.

ITEM # XI - MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Yates reported the following:

- Mayor Yates advised that the United States Army Corp of Engineers had completed enough work to begin negotiations in January and is not accepting any more sites for consideration.
- Mayor Yates reported that when Kids Central moved from their previous location beside C & C Farm Supply they gave the town the playground equipment and fence. Mayor Yates has organized a group of volunteers willing to help move the equipment to the town's property at Splashdam. The Dickenson County Building Inspector doesn't require the town to obtain any permits for this project. The property owner did request that the town leave the fence, so the Mayor agreed since the fence was needed. Council Member Susan Tiller questioned using the playground equipment at Riverview Park. Mayor Yates replied that there wasn't any room available and the current items there are in good shape. Mayor Yates added that the town also has two "spring riders" that can be placed at Splashdam as well.

ITEM # XII - COUNCIL COMMENTS

None.

ITEM # XIII – ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to be brought before the Council, a motion was made by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood seconded by Council Member Carter Branham to adjourn the

meeting. Let the record show the motion was passed unanimously by verbal voting and the meeting was adjourned.

Larry D. Yates, Mayor

Attest:

Clerk