

Town of Haysi
Minutes of Regular Town Council Meeting
April 18, 2024 @ 11:00 a.m.

On April 18, 2024, a special called 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 Michael Harris

Council Members:

Tim Wallace
William “Billy” Counts
Debbie Wood

ABSENT: Carter Branham
Susan Tiller

ITEM # I

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Larry D. Yates at 11:00 a.m.

The Mayor requested to add Old Business for Haysi’s Russell Fork Trail Center as Item IV and move Adjournment to Item V. Motion was made by Council Member Billy Counts seconded by Council Member Debbie Wood to approve the agenda as amended. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting.

ITEM #II – PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ITEM # III – RESOLUTION FOR THE ROCKY S. WOOD MEMORIAL BRIDGE

Mayor Yates said the intent of the Resolution was to memorialize Former Vice Mayor Rocky Wood for his work by renaming the bridge. Mayor Yates explained that the Resolution has to come from the town, but is a joint effort with Dickenson County.

SUSAN TILLER ENTERED THE MEETING.

The Resolution has to go before the Commonwealth Transportation Board, which meets in May. The town is also working to rename the fire hall in Rocky Wood’s memory. Mayor Yates read the following Resolution:

The governing body of the Town of Haysi, consisting of six members, in a duly called meeting held on the eighteenth day of April, two-thousand and twenty-four, at which a quorum was present RESOLVED as follows:

WHEREAS, Rocky S. Wood served the Town of Haysi as Vice Mayor and Town Council Member for many years and;

WHEREAS, Rocky S. Wood served the Town of Haysi, the Haysi area, Dickenson County and all of Southwest Virginia as a Volunteer Firefighter and;

WHEREAS, Rocky S. Wood served many years as Chief of Haysi's Volunteer Fire Department and;

WHEREAS, Rocky S. Wood gave his life in the line of duty with the Virginia Department of Forestry on March 9, 2023.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that to commemorate and honor this life of service and the life of Rocky S. Wood, the Town Council of the Town of Haysi, Virginia does respectfully express profound gratitude toward the memory of Rocky S. Wood and respectfully requests the Commonwealth Transportation Board and the Virginia Department of Transportation to formally designate the bridge on State Route 80/83 which crosses over Russell Prater Creek in the Town of Haysi near the Haysi Volunteer Fire Department, as the "Rocky S. Wood Memorial Bridge."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County of Dickenson in Virginia will assume the costs for the fabrication, installation, and maintenance of signs for this naming.

ADOPTED this 18th day of April, 2024. This resolution is hereby entered into the permanent minutes of the meeting of the Haysi Town Council.

Council Member Debbie Wood thanked everyone. Mayor Yates asked if she was satisfied with the Resolution. Council Member Wood answered "absolutely." Motion was made by Council Member Billy Counts and seconded by Vice Mayor Michael Harris to approve the Rocky S. Wood Memorial Bridge Resolution as presented. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting.

ITEM # IV – HAYSI'S RUSSELL FORK TRAIL CENTER

Mayor Yates stated that he needed authorization to transfer seventy-seven thousand dollars from the town's savings account to a certificate of deposit as collateral for an increase in the town's line of credit with New Peoples Bank in accordance with the direction from the Haysi Town Council at meeting earlier in the month. Mayor Yates said that he also needed authorization from the council to execute the associated documents. Mayor Yates advised that the town's architecture and engineering firm had sent the Intent to Award Letter to the contractor today. Motion was made by Council Member Debbie Wood seconded by Council Member Billy Counts to approve the transfer of seventy-seven thousand dollars from the town's savings account to a certificate of deposit as collateral for an increase in the town's line of credit with New Peoples Bank. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting. Motion was made by Council Member Billy

Counts seconded by Council Member Debbie Wood to authorize Mayor Larry D. Yates to execute the associated documents with New Peoples Bank for the transfer of funds and the certificate of deposit. Let the record show the motion on the floor was passed unanimously by verbal voting.

Mayor Yates thanked everyone for their attendance.

Council Member Susan Tiller asked for an update on the meals tax question from Grant Belcher at a previous meeting. Clerk Amanda Perrigan said that she had discussed the matter with Mr. Belcher yesterday. Mayor Yates explained that the Business Professional and Occupancy License Tax is governed by Virginia Code and any changes would have to be made in the general assembly.

ITEM # V – ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to be brought before the Council, a motion was made by Council Member Billy Counts seconded by Council Member Debbie Wood 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