

Town of Haysi
Minutes of Regular Town Council Meeting
July 2, 2024 @ 7:00 p.m.

On July 2, 2024, 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 Michael Harris

Council Members:
Carter Branham
William “Billy” Counts
Tim Wallace
Susan Tiller

ABSENT: Debbie Wood

ITEMS # I, II, & III

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Larry D. Yates at 7:03 p.m., and the Invocation was held by Council Member Susan Tiller and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Mayor Yates welcomed new interns for the town under the Haysi Police Department, Elijah Stallard and Koen Powers.

ITEM # IV - APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

At this time Mayor Yates asked for changes to the agenda as presented. Motion was made by Council Member Billy Counts seconded by Vice Mayor Michael Harris to approve the agenda as presented. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting.

ITEM #V – 2024-2025 RE-ORGANIZATION

Mayor Yates stated that the purpose of the annual re-organization was to choose the Vice Mayor, set the meeting date and time, and alternate meeting date and time. Motion was made by Council Member Susan Tiller seconded by Council Member Billy Counts to continue Council Member Michael Harris’ appointment as Vice Mayor. 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 Susan Tiller to continue to hold the Town Council Meetings on the first Tuesday of the month at seven o’clock in the evening and to hold 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.

ITEM #VI – PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ITEM # VII – APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

- June 4, 2024 Regular Town Council Meeting
- June 17, 2024 Public Hearing for the 2023-2024 Budget Amendment
- June 17, 2024 Public Hearing for the 2024-2025 Budget
- June 17, 2024 Continuation of the June Monthly Council Meeting

Motion was made by Council Member Susan Tiller and seconded by Council Member Billy Counts to approve the minutes of the June 4, 2024 meeting, both June 17, 2024 public hearings, and the June 17, 2024 meeting continuation 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, 2024 through June 28, 2024 Financial Report listing: beginning balance, revenue, expenditures and ending balance.
- May 31, 2024 through June 26, 2024 itemized listing of expenditures including checks # 16235-16251 & deposits
- May 31, 2024 through June 26, 2024 Profit & Loss Report
- Current payables to date for review

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Michael Harris 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

Donation Request from the Dickenson County Fair

Mayor Yates welcomed Gilda Rose to present the donation request. Ms. Rose stated that she started working with the Dickenson County Fair Committee last year. Ms. Rose stated that the Haysi Town Council approved a seven-hundred-fifty dollar donation last year for the Dickenson County Fair and this year's fair has big plans, so they were asking for another donation. Clerk Amanda Perrigan clarified that the town had appropriated seven-hundred-fifty dollars into the 2024-2025 budget for the Dickenson County Fair line item. Motion was made by Council Member Carter Branham to donate seven-hundred-fifty dollars to the Dickenson County Fair. Donna Fields stated that the town's donation would be put towards the sensory day on September 19th. Ms. Fields advised that the fair committee had gotten enough stuffed animal donations for each child to receive a stuffed animal. Mayor Yates asked about their fundraising efforts. Ms. Fields answered that they had planned a bike ride that will conclude at the Main Street Country Kitchen in Haysi this month and a raffle for a recliner. The motion on the floor was seconded by Council Member

Billy Counts to donate seven-hundred-fifty dollars to the Dickenson County Fair. Let the record show the motion on the floor was passed unanimously by verbal voting.

ITEM # X – OLD BUSINESS

None.

ITEM # XI – UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Police Department Monthly Report (See Attachment)

Chief Bobby Edwards reported fifteen calls for the month of June. Chief Edwards read the hours worked and stated that there was nothing big on the police report. Chief Edwards explained that the department had received a grant for youth involvement with a long term recruitment goal, which allowed for the hire of two youth interns, introduced at the beginning of the meeting. The grant period will last for sixteen months and they will work twenty hours a week during the summer, four a week during the school year and will also assist with town events. Chief Edwards said they will be trained in basic law, supervise community service workers and be treated like employees. He added that they answered their first call today. Council Member Susan Tiller asked about uniforms. Chief Edwards answered that they will have polo shirts that say “Public Safety.” Mayor Yates commented that there were other applicants, but Mr. Stallard and Mr. Powers were looking to pursue a career in law enforcement. Mr. Powers stated that he was a Junior at Ridgeview High School, lived in Clintwood, and wanted to either work for the Federal Bureau of Investigation or become an attorney. Mr. Stallard stated that he was a Junior at Ridgeview High School, lived in Clintwood, and wanted to work for the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Chief Edwards advised that the department would be receiving three license plate reading cameras as a grant award from the Department of Criminal Justice Services. One will be located on J&M Belcher Drive and he is still in the process of deciding the other two locations. Chief Edwards advised that the town was awarded a twenty-five thousand dollar grant from Virginia Outdoors Foundation for improvements to the Splashdam Property. The first step in the process will be to obtain a permit, which is estimated to be a three month process. The improvements will include handicap access to the river, an enhanced playground area, three picnic areas with grills, and a fire pit. Council Member Billy Counts asked about the digital speed limit sign. Chief Edwards answered that the order is ready to be placed.

Haysi Volunteer Fire Department Monthly Report

None.

ITEM # XII - MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Yates reported the following:

- He attended the Dickenson County Industrial Development Authority Meeting on the first of the month.
- Haysi’s Riverfront Trail Project achieved substantial completion on June 5.
- He attended the Dickenson County Chamber of Commerce Meeting on June 10.

- He attended the Stone Mountain Health Board of Directors Meeting on June 10.
- The town is waiting on the architectural and engineer drawings to start the construction on Haysi's Russell Fork Trail Center.
- He gave a presentation of Haysi's Riverfront Trail Project to the Friends of Southwest Virginia's Board on June 13.
- Clerk Amanda Perrigan attended a Virginia Municipal Clerks Association Meeting on June 18.
- He attended the Virginia Coalfield Economic Development Authority Board Meeting on June 20, where the town was awarded an additional two-hundred-thousand dollar grant for Haysi's Russell Fork Trail Center.
- He submitted a grant to T-Mobile last week for Haysi's Russell Fork Trail Center.

Council Member Susan Tiller asked for an update on the naming of the bridge. Mayor Yates answered that the bridge name was approved as the "Rocky S. Wood Memorial Bridge." Signs have been ordered and a request to expedite that order was also made. Work continues on the fire hall improvements.

ITEM # XIII - COUNCIL COMMENTS

None.

ITEM # XIV – ADJOURN

There being no other business to be brought before the Council, a motion was made by Council Member Billy Counts seconded by Vice Mayor Michael Harris 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