

Town of Haysi
Minutes of Regular Town Council Meeting
January 14, 2025 @ 7:00 p.m.

On January 14, 2025, 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
Debbie Wood

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 Attorney Josh Evans and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ITEM # IV – APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

At this time Mayor Yates asked for any changes, additions, or corrections to the agenda. Motion was made by Council Member Carter Branham seconded by Council Member Debbie Wood 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 – APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

- December 3, 2024 Regular Town Council Meeting

Motion was made by Council Member Tim Wallace seconded by Vice Mayor Michael Harris to approve the minutes of the regular town council meeting on December 3, 2024 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:

- November 29, 2024 through December 31, 2024 Financial Report listing: beginning balance, revenue, expenditures and ending balance.
- November 27, 2024 through December 31, 2024 itemized listing of expenditures including checks # 17476-17526 & deposits
- November 27, 2024 through December 31, 2024 Profit & Loss Report
- Current payables to date for review

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

ITEM # VIII - NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Yates advised that the Dickenson County Industrial Development Authority has announced an EPA Grant for a climate resiliency hub of three-thousand-five-hundred square feet to be constructed on the old Haysi High School property. Mayor Yates said work on the sewer and water infrastructure would need to take place first. The hub will serve as an emergency shelter, but currently has not been designed. Council Member Carter Branham asked if the grant would help develop the property. Mayor Yates answered that it would serve as a catalyst to draw attention and interest in private investment. Council Member Debbie Wood said she had seen complaints about job creation, but saw the project as a “stepping stone.” Mayor Yates said the grant would not cover the utility infrastructure cost, just the facility cost. A general discussion was held about property changes in town.

Mayor Yates mentioned that the Groundbreaking Ceremony for Haysi’s new Municipal Building will be held on January 23, 2025 at one o’clock in the afternoon.

ITEM # IX – OLD BUSINESS

None.

ITEM # X – UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Police Department Monthly Report-Chief James Stanley (See Attachment)

Chief Stanley reported seventeen calls for the month of December, including one traffic stop and a couple of breaking and entering and vandalism calls, which he is currently

investigating. Chief Stanley reported that the town police department had new radios and they are functioning better now. Council Member Carter Branham asked if they were like the star system. Chief Stanley answered that they were not, it is a new system that included boosters for their vehicles. Chief Stanley explained how the radio system needed vehicle repeaters to improve communications, citing a previous call. Chief Stanley researched the vehicle that hit the lamp post in town using the Flock Camera system and was able to identify him and send him notification. Chief Stanley also explained how a tag number can be researched on the Flock Camera system using all the Flock Cameras in operation. Council Member Tim Wallace asked about the breaking and entering calls. Chief Stanley answered that a radio was missing from the Haysi Rescue Squad, but reappeared when he began the investigation. Belcher Insurance Agency had their window broken, but failed to notify the police department in time to research the town cameras. Chief Stanley advised the department has only received one quote for the camera grant.

ITEM # XI - MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Yates advised that progress is coming along well on the theater building.

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 Tim Wallace 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.

Larry D. Yates, Mayor

Attest:

Clerk