

Town of Haysi  
Minutes of Regular Town Council Meeting  
December 3, 2024 @ 7:00 p.m.

On December 3, 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

ABSENT: Susan Tiller  
Debbie Wood

### **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 Police Chief James Stanley 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 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 – 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:

- November 19, 2024 Regular Town Council Meeting

Motion was made by Council Member Billy Counts seconded by Vice Mayor Michael Harris to approve the minutes of the regular town council meeting on November 19, 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 1, 2024 through November 29, 2024 Financial Report listing: beginning balance, revenue, expenditures and ending balance.
- November 1, 2024 through November 26, 2024 itemized listing of expenditures including checks # 17450-17475 & deposits
- November 1, 2024 through November 26, 2024 Profit & Loss Report
- Current payables to date for review

COUNCIL MEMBER SUSAN TILLER ENTERED THE MEETING.

Motion was made by Council Member Carter Branham 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**

None.

**ITEM # IX – OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**ITEM # X – UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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

Intern Koen Powers reported fourteen calls for the month of November and advised hours worked.

Haysi Volunteer Fire Department Monthly Report

None.

**ITEM # XI - MAYOR COMMENTS**

Mayor Yates brought up the Town Christmas Dinner for discussion. It will tentatively be held on December 19, 2024, at 7 o'clock in the evening at Main Street Country Kitchen.

Mayor Yates reported the following:

- The construction started on the Haysi Municipal Building yesterday. He and Clerk Amanda Perrigan went to the pre-construction meeting two weeks ago. The completion date is September 28, 2025. The contractor would like to schedule a ground breaking ceremony.
- He had an interview with PBS today on the history of the town and its economy.

**ITEM # XII - COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Council Member Tim Wallace asked if the railroad going toward Prater was abandoned. Mayor Yates stated that it was inactive not abandoned. Mayor Yates explained that as long as the railroad tracks were in place the status would remain inactive. Mayor Yates said he has tried to get CSX to abandon the tracks for about fifteen years because it would make a fantastic trail. A general discussion was held about the past discussion and possibilities with CSX.

Council Member Carter Branham asked if the Haysi Kiwanis got the bleachers from the former Sandlick Elementary School site. Mayor Yates answered that they hadn't to his knowledge because the quote came back higher than they could afford. Council Member Carter Branham stated that it would be nice to leave the bleachers in their present location.

Mayor Yates invited everyone to the Annual Haysi Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting on Friday night.

**ITEM # XIII – 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 Carter Branham 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