

Town of Haysi
Minutes of Regular Town Council Meeting
June 8, 2012 @ 7:00 p.m.

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:

Mayor	Larry Yates
Vice Mayor	Michael Harris
Council Members:	Diana Reedy
	Rocky Wood
	Johnnie Branham
	Susan Tiller
	Barry Whitt

ITEMS # I – Call to Order & II-Pledge of Allegiance

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Yates, and the Pledge of Allegiance was said.

ITEM #III-Invocation

Chief Wallace gave the invocation.

ITEM # III – Approval of the Agenda

At this time Mayor Yates added the following:

Discussion on the council meeting date for July.

With no other additions or changes made to the agenda the motion was made by Council Member Rocky Wood and seconded by Council Member Johnnie Branham to approve the agenda. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting.

ITEM # V – Approval of Minutes

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

- May 8, 2012 Regular Town Council Meeting

Mayor Yates entertained a motion for approval. A motion was made by Council Member Rocky Wood, and seconded by Council Member Barry Whitt to approve the minutes as presented. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting.

ITEM # VI – Financial Report

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

- Current listing of payables due for June 2012
- May 2012 financial Report listing: beginning balance, revenue, expenditures and ending balance.
- May 2012 itemized listing of expenditures including checks # 10322-10356
- May 2012 Profit & Loss Report

After inspection of the May 2012 financial report, a motion was made by Council Member Rocky Wood, and, and seconded by Council Member Barry Whitt to accept the revenue and expenditures financial report as presented. Let the record show the motion on the floor was passed unanimously by verbal voting.

ITEM #VII- NEW BUSINESS

Proclamation-Virginia Father’s Day & Fatherhood

Mayor Yates said he had been contacted by Keith Viers, Executive Director, of Cumberland Plateau Regional Housing Authority. Mr. Viers asked if the Town of Haysi would consider passing a proclamation for Virginia Father’s Day & Fatherhood. He said the purpose of the proclamation is to show support for Fathers and father figures in their efforts to reconnect and stay connected with their families through Public Housing Authorities.

Mayor Yates read the proclamation. (See Attachment)

With no further discussion the motion was made by Council Member Johnnie Branham and seconded by Council Member Diana Reedy to approve the proclamation. Let the record show the motion on the floor was passed unanimously by verbal voting.

VRS (Virginia Retirement System) Resolution

Mayor Yates reported the Virginia Retirement System was in need of a resolution from the town to change the employer rate. The rate certified by the VRS Board of Trustees for the 2012-2014 biennium’s; is 12.74% effective July 1, 2012. Mayor Yates read the resolution (see attachment)

With no further discussion the motion was made by Council Member Barry Whitt and seconded by Council Member Diana Reedy to adopt the resolution.

Mayor Yates asked for a roll call vote. Votes are as follows:

Johnnie Branham	Yes	Mike Harris	Yes	Diana Reedy	Yes
Susan Tiller	Yes	Barry Whitt	Yes	Rocky Wood	Yes

Motion carried.

Annual Budget Request-The Health Wagon

Mayor Yates said the town had received a letter from the Health Wagon requesting annual funding of \$1000.00. He said this is an organization the town has funded in the past.

With no further discussion the motion was made by Council Member Diana Reedy and seconded by Council Member Susan Tiller to fund the Health Wagon \$1000.00. Let the record show the motion on the floor was passed unanimously by verbal voting.

Annual Budget Request-Southwest Regional Recreation Authority (Spearhead Trails)

Mayor Yates said the town had received a letter from the Southwest Regional Recreation Authority asking for their annual appropriation of \$500.00. Mayor Yates said an eighty mile trail system in the Virginia City area of Wise County is getting ready to open, and the Dickenson County IDA is diligently working on extending the trails to Haysi.

With no further discussion the motion was made by Council Member Barry Whitt and seconded by Council Member Johnnie Branham to fund the Southwest Regional Recreation Authority \$500.00. Let the record show the motion on the floor was passed unanimously by verbal voting.

Annual Budget Request-Friends of Southwest Virginia Cultural Heritage Foundation (Heartwood, the Crooked Road, Round the Mountain Artisan Trails)

Mayor Yates said the town had received a letter from the Friends of Southwest Virginia Cultural Heritage Foundation requesting an annual appropriation of \$1000.00; this foundation consists of the Heartwood, The Crooked Road, and The Round the Mountain Artisan Trails.

With no further discussion the motion was made by Council Member Johnnie Branham and seconded by Council Member Diana Reedy to fund the Friends of the Southwest Virginia Cultural Heritage Foundation. Let the record show the motion on the floor was passed unanimously by verbal voting.

Donation Request-Centennial Heights Assembly of Tenants, Fatherhood Events

The Centennial Heights Assembly of Tenants requested donations to help with the “Father’s Day/Reconnecting Families & Dads” event planned for Saturday, June 16th at Centennial Heights playground. The committee is a non-profit organization and any funds not used will be applied to the kids Christmas Fund.

Tammy Donner said the Haysi Partners have items they could donate.

After a general discussion the motion was made by Council Member Diana Reedy and seconded by Council Member Johnnie Branham to open a \$200.00 line of credit at E & S Grocery, for The Centennial Heights Assembly of Tenants to help purchase supplies for the "Father’s Day/Reconnecting Families & Dads.” Let the record show the motion on the floor was passed unanimously by verbal voting.

Town Council Meeting-July

The Mayor said in the month of July the town must conduct its annual reorganization meeting. At this meeting the council sets their regular meeting date and time, their alternative date and time, and appoints a Vice Mayor. The council meeting next month is scheduled for July 3rd, he said he knows this is a holiday week and wanted to make sure there would be a quorum present to conduct business, if not then the council can reschedule to their alternative date of the following Tuesday July 10th.

In a general discussion the council said they could be present for the regular meeting held July 3rd.

ITEM IX-OLD BUSINESS

Police Report (see attachment)

Chief Wallace stated the Police Department was fairly busy in the month of May. He said one of the cases the department has been working on is a hit and run, and feels confident this is going to be solved. Chief Wallace asked if there were any questions.

Mayor Yates asked Chief Wallace to update the Council on the upgrading of radios.

Chief Wallace reported the county is in the process of changing the entire emergency communication system for the county. The county received a grant to upgrade the system to digital. He said after January the town’s police officers will be capable of communicating with dispatchers, but will not be able to communicate with deputies. Chief Wallace said he is hoping the county includes the towns in their grant application to cover the cost to upgrade the town, so all departments can be upgraded at the same time. If the county does not include the towns, then the towns will be responsible for the upgrades.

Adoption of the 2012-2013 Town of Haysi Annual Budget

Mayor Yates asked if there were any questions or comments concerning the 2012-2013 annual budget as presented and discussed at public hearing. With no questions or comments the motion was made by Council Member Rocky Wood, seconded by Council Member Johnnie Branham to approve the 2012-2013 annual budget as presented.

Mayor Yates asked for a roll call vote to adopt the 2012-2013 annual budget.

Johnnie Branham	Yea	Mike Harris	Yea	Diana Reedy	Yea
Susan Tiller	Yea	Barry Whitt	Yea	Rock Wood	Yea

Motion carried.

ITEM X-MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Yates reported Richard Edwards, Circuit Court Clerk, had offered to come to Haysi Town Hall to swear in the newly elected council members, the re-elected council member and Mayor. After discussion all present agreed to ask Mr. Edwards to Haysi for the swearing of Mayor and Council Members on the afternoon of June 14, 2012.

Mayor Yates also reported the following:

Splashdam Project—An archeological study for native or prehistoric artifacts, and possibly endangered species study may be needed on the property. Also, a long term easement agreement will be needed for the project. Lonesome Pine Soil and Water Conservation District has agreed to hold the easement. He said he did not think construction for the project would start this year, but maybe by the Spring 2013.

National Trials Day- Was celebrated the first weekend of June along with the Town’s Annual Town Wide Yard Sale, etc..., thank you to the Haysi Partners for all their work during this event.

Railroad Crossing- The railroad crossing located at the Haysi Fire Department was recently repaired and would like to extend a thank you to the Haysi Volunteer Fire Department and The Haysi Police Department in helping with this repair.

Heartwood Center-The Heartwood Center recently held Dickenson County Days. The county had three local bands to perform at the event along with several local Artisans.

Patrick Hughes, Hill Studios-Mr. Hughes will attend the Haysi Partners meeting on June 7, 2012 to discuss the Draft Feasibility Study for the Old Haysi Theater Building.

VML Meeting-Mayor attended the VML Legislative Session in Marion on May 11, 2012. The purpose of the meeting is to update towns on any changes in legislation following the 2012 session of the Virginia General Assembly.

Food Bank- The Dickenson County Chamber of Commerce accepted Governor McDonald’s challenge to be part of a state wide food drive to fill up local food banks. The county schools and Haysi community collect 55 banana boxes of food for the local food bank.

ITEM XI-COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilwoman Diana Reedy stated it has been a privilege and an honor to serve on The Haysi Town Council. I have enjoyed working with everyone, and wish the best to the new council members Tim Wallace and Billy Counts.

Councilman Johnnie Branham said serving on The Haysi Town Council has helped him overcome his nervousness in front of the public. I appreciate the fact I got to serve, and maybe someday I would consider serving again. “I appreciate everyone.”

Mayor Yates expressed his appreciation to Council Members Diana Reedy and Johnnie Branham.

Council Member Rocky Wood asked once Haysi High School is closed after consolidation, who will own the property?

Mayor Yates replied, the county.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kay Owens extended a thank you to Tammy Donner and the Haysi Partners for all the hard work they did over the weekend during National Trail Days.

Tammy Donner reported the Haysi Partners hope to host different events in the town which will boost economic development. She said while working in town she had visitors questioned her how to access the rocks in the river

Council Member Johnnie Branham said the only access would be the road on the other side of the river opposite the Town Hall.

Mayor Yates expressed interest in building a peer from the side nearest town.

Council Member Johnnie Branham said his thoughts would be a walkway would be better.

Mayor Yates said this might be something to annex in to the proposed Riverfront Trail.

Joe Boyd asked about fireworks in the town for the 4th of July.

Tammy Donner mention instead of fireworks having an Irish/Scottish Highlander event or heritage day.

ITEM # XI – ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to be brought before the Council, the motion was made by Council Member Diana Reedy, seconded Council Member Barry Whitt Branham to adjourn the meeting. Let the record show the motion was passed unanimously by verbal voting and the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m

Larry D. Yates, Mayor

Attest:

Clerk