

Town of Haysi
Minutes of Regular Town Council Meeting
September 4, 2012 @ 7:00 p.m.

On September 4, 2012, 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 Yates
Vice Mayor Rocky Wood

Council Members:
William "Billy" Counts
Michael Harris
Barry Whitt
Tim Wallace
Susan Tiller

ABSENT: None

ITEMS # I CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Yates.

ITEM # II & ITEM III INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Rocky Wood gave the invocation, and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

ITEM # IV - APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

At this time Mayor Yates asked Council for any additions or changes to the agenda.

Mayor Yates added the minutes of the August 13, 2012, meeting of the Donation Committee. With no further changes to the agenda the motion was made by Council Member Rocky Wood, seconded by Council Member Barry Whitt 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:

- August 7, 2012 Regular Town Council Meeting
- August 13, 2012 Donation Committee Meeting

With no further discussion the motion was made by Council Member Rocky Wood seconded by Council Member Susan Tiller to approve the minutes.

ITEM # VI – FINANCIAL REPORT

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

- Current listing of payables due for September 2012
- August 2012 Financial Report listing: beginning balance, revenue, expenditures and ending balance.
- August 2012 itemized listing of expenditures including checks # 11019-11054
- August 2012 Profit & Loss Report

With no further discussion the motion was made by Council Member Rocky Wood seconded by Council Member Barry Whitt to approve the financial report. Let the record show the motion on the floor was passed unanimously by verbal voting.

ITEM #VII-NEW BUSINESS

Update on Donation Policy

Council Member Rocky Wood report the committee meet on August 13, 2012. He said one of the biggest discussions was when funds from the town were donated; the town did not ever receive any type of clarification on how the money was used. He said this and other item would be addressed in the donation application. He said the committee discussed trying to keep all business local, such as for by hats, shirts, etc. He said after the council reviewed the minutes of the committee is there any questions.

Ramona Duncan, Clerk mention another item discussed was donations made to spring sports on the high school level. The reason this sports receive a donation is they do not generate enough funds during their season to operate.

Council Member Susan Tiller state high school baseball is another sport which doesn't generate enough funds, and should if possible be added to the list.

Council Member Barry Whitt stated the most important part of this policy is the application must be filed with the council.

Mayor Yates mentioned a donation application should be submitted at least one month prior to funds being used. This would allow the council to review and vote on the application.

Mayor Yates asked how does the committee planning on distinguishing what sports are school sponsored.

Ramona Duncan, Clerk said the committee discussed donating one lump sum to the Haysi Little League Booster to be divided equal between all boys and girls sports sponsored by the school.

Mayor Yates suggested to allocated specific amount of money for each individual on the team, for example if you have a baseball/softball team has 12 members, then sent and "X" amount of money for this type of team.

Council Member Rocky Wood stated the problem seems to be with teams which are not associated with the schools, such as traveling teams. This is where the committee is going to have to come up with a number for those types of teams. He added he thinks it important for the council to know what the organization has done to help themselves, through fund-raisers.

Ramona Duncan, Clerk suggested adding to the application a line which would ask "What have doing to help your organization."

Council Member Barry Whitt mentioned setting a limit on the Senior trip for example \$500.00 if the class only need \$300.00, then this amount would be the amount of the donation, if the class needed \$700.00, then \$500.00 would be the maximum received.

Mayor Yates suggested adding language to the policy a maximum of \$500.00 donation, continuant upon availability of funds.

With no further discussion the Donation Committee agreed to meet Wednesday, September 12, 2012 at 7:00 PM.

ITEM # VIII – OLD BUSINESS

A. Police Report-Chief Wallace (See Attachment)

Patrolman Edwards reviewed the August police report, and asked if there were any questions.

Mayor Yates asked the damage done by the tractor and trailer was this damage called in by the property owner.

Patrolman Edwards replied the damage was called in by a wrecker services. I have contacted the property owner with the insurance information, and the property owner said he would take it from there.

Mayor Yates asked the domestic disturbance on Tater Knob was this at a residence.

Patrolman Edwards replied it was a t residence.

Mayor Yates said the mobile home which broke down at the Haysi Funeral Home, these folks contacted Chief Wallace before getting to town for assistance, do you know why they broke down.

Patrolman Edwards replied said he did not know Chief Wallace worked the incident.

Mayor Yates asked special details include what?

Patrolman Edwards replied special details are a catch all for example talking to someone on the street or any number of activities such as interviewing someone, etc...

Mayor Yates asked for an update on the B & E at the Tobacco Store.

Patrolman Edwards reported the evidence from the lab has not come back, but the fingerprints have come back and there is one valid fingerprint, as for the DNA it could take up to six months to receive information on it.

Patrolman Edwards elaborated on the DMV grant the town receives each year. He said he and Chief Wallace attend a DMV grant training on August 28th at the training there was an issue that came up. The issue was there are new stipulations on the grant money for salary employees, due to the town personnel policy stating the salary employees are not eligible for overtime, the grant would have to be forfeit unless the town is willing to change the personnel policy.

Mayor Yates stated basically the town is going to have to amend the personnel policy. The section which will need amending is the compensatory time issue and the number of employees within the department. I have spoken with VML and it should be a simple fix. What is needed from the council is authorization to work on the amendment to the personnel policy, so the grant can be applied for. Once the amendment is made, then the council can vote on the personnel policy.

Patrolman Edwards said the deadline to get the grant is September 30, 2012.

Mayor Yates said with this in mind once the language in place the council will need to have a special called meeting.

ITEM # IX MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Yates said the Autumn Fest is in the planning stages and anyone who can help with the festival it would be greatly appreciated.

Mayor Yates reported the following:

- The town's new web page is up and running. Have received a lot of positive feedback on the site.
- Relay of Life was a success.
- Attend Crooked Road Hearing on August 14; the purpose of the meeting was the possibility of designating the Crooked Road as a National Heritage Area.
- Nine members of the Haysi Partners attend the Dickenson County School Board Meeting extending their help and interest in the new school project.
- Senator Mark Warner awarded a grant to Around the Mountain Organization for \$825,000.00 to promote tourism in Southwest Virginia, and to help communities like ours to working on a revitalization project. Part of the grant will go to fund two positions to interact with communities doing the revitalization projects. This person will work as a go between the towns and the Southwest Virginia Culture Heritage Commission. This will be a plus for the revitalization project.
- Still working on the Phase II project of the revitalization project.

Mayor Yates asked if there were any questions.

ITEM # X- COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Barry Whitt commented on the park and ride area located on Route 83, at the end of the bridge. He said this area looks much better and was much needed.

Council Member Rocky Wood asked if lights would be installed at the park and ride.

Mayor Yates said this is not an official VDOT park and ride he said if VDOT will not install lights, then the town will try to install lights in this area.

ITEM # XI - PUBLIC COMENTS

Teresa Calo came before the Council to discuss the following items:

- One to discuss an event for the Autumn Festival called Running with the Dogs.
- Implementing an ordinance required animals in town be spade.

Ms. Calo said the event Running with the Dogs is an event held in other towns. The dog owners pay an entry fee of \$5.00 to walk their pet through town and the proceeds go to rescue animals. She said if the town agrees to hold the event she would ask each dog owner to donate food or money to help rescuing animals in the area. She said she is willing to help with the event. The other item I want to discuss with the council is considering passing an ordinance if a pet owner lives in the corporation limits of town they must have their animal spade or neutered. She said the Margret Mitchell Clinic provides this service for \$72.00. She said 90% of her animals are coming from the Town of Haysi.

Mayor Yates said let’s start with the first issue Running with the Dogs. He said he thought this was a great idea, and the town had something similar to this in June. He referred her to Ms. Katy Jo Powers, Chair, and Ms. Kay Owens, Co-Chair of the Autumn Festival. He said this needs to be organized with the festival committee. He said on the other issue of passing an ordinance to require pet owners within the town limits to have their pet spade or neutered, the town does have an Animal Control Ordinance in the town. He said by state code he does not think the town can require a pet owner within the town limits to have their pet spade or neutered. He said the town will help promote any spade/neuter programs you have.

Mayor Yates asked if there were any other comments.

Ms. Katy Jo Powers mentioned if anyone wants to participate in the Autumn Festival Parade to please contact her or Ms. Kay Owens.

ITEM # XII – ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to be brought before the Council, a motion was made by Council Member Rocky Wood 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