

Town of Haysi
Minutes of Regular Town Council Meeting
March 6, 2012 @ 7:00 p.m.

The March 6, 2012 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 Mike Harris

Council Members: Susan Tiller, Johnnie Branham, Barry Whitt, and Rocky Wood.

Absent: Diana Reedy

ITEMS # I & II

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Yates. Pledge of Allegiance.

ITEM # III-Invocation-Chief George Wallace

ITEM # IV - APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

Mayor Yates requested under Item VIII-Old Business, Animal Control be added. Council Member Rocky Wood requested under Item VII-New Business add the Haysi/Clinchco Lion's Club Easter Egg Hunt.

With no further additions or changes the motion was made by Council Member Rocky Wood, seconded by Council Member Barry Whitt to approve the agenda with additional changes. 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 them minutes for the, February 5, 2012, regular meeting of the Town Council Meeting. Mayor Yates entertained a motion to accept the minutes as presented. A motion was made by Council Member Rocky Wood and seconded by Council Member Susan Tiller to approve the minutes. 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 the following for approval:

- Current listing of payables due for March 2012
- February 2012 Financial Report listing: beginning balance, revenue, expenditures and ending balance (check-register)
- February 2012 Profit & Loss Report

After inspection of the February 2012 financial report, a motion was made by Council Member Johnnie Branham and seconded by Council Member Barry Whitt to approve the financial report as presented. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Donation for Haysi High Senior Class Trip to Chicago, Illinois

Ben Collins, Senior Class Sponsor, Austin Stanley, and Dakota Stanley, Senior Class representatives were present to seek a donation from the town to help fund the senior trip to Chicago, Illinois. The group discussed in detail what the trip would consist of, and how the senior class had been working since August to raise money for the trip. The trip will cost approximately \$600.00 per student.

Mayor Yates asked how many students would be attending.

Ben Collins replied 27 students.

Mayor Yates asked has the trip been approved by the Dickenson County School Board.

Ben Collins replied yes.

Mayor Yates reported last year the Senior Class received a \$500.00 donation from the town.

Council Member Johnnie Branham suggested donating \$600.00 the cost for one student.

With no further discussion the motion was made by Council Member Barry Whitt and second by Council Member Rocky Wood to donate \$600.00 to the senior class for the trip to Chicago, Illinois. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting.

Alternative Spring Break-Indiana State University Students

Mayor Yates reported the Indiana State University students arrived Sunday, March 4. They are a total of 13 students, and are working very hard. One of the projects the students have been working on is the marketing logo for the town. The logo will be painted on the wall next to the Haysi Funeral Home. Also, the students have been busy working at the Kiwanis Club building painting, cleaning, etc...

Haysi/Clinchco Lion's Club-Easter Egg Hunt

Brenda Ramey, representative from Haysi/Clinchco Lion's Club was present to discuss the start of an annual Easter Egg Hunt for the Town of Haysi. She said the club is present to seek a donation for the hunt. She said the hunt will be held at the Kiwanis Park, on April 7th at 2:00 PM.

Mayor Yates stated he has several ideas about promoting the egg hunt, such as adding it to the town's web site, Dickenson County Chamber of Commerce Newsletter, and WDIC-radio. He asked what expenses do you think there will be.

Brenda Ramey replied, purchases of eggs and prizes. She said she hoped to get a majority of the prizes donated.

Mayor Yates asked does this event conflict with any other event, such as Kids Fishing Day.

Brenda Ramey stated she did not know when Kids Fishing Day was scheduled.

Council Member Rocky Wood stated the Breaks Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for April 7th.

Brenda Ramey stated it is really hard not to have a scheduling conflict.

Mayor Yates asked will the Haysi/Clinchco Lion's Club be the major sponsors.

Brenda Yates replied yes.

Mayor Yates said he feels the town will participate in helping fund the event. He said he would leave it up to the council to make a decision tonight or wait until the club has their plans more developed, between now and the next council meeting.

Brenda Ramey said the club could come back to the next council meeting.

ITEM # VI – OLD BUSINESS

A. POLICE REPORT

Chief Wallace gave an oral summary of the calls for service and investigations for the month of February. (Report attached) He reported the month of February was busy, as you can see the calls ranged from unlocking vehicles to breaking and entering. He said a couple arrest were made for grand larceny, stealing metal pipe on a gas well. He asked if there were any questions.

Mayor Yates asked on February 13, the report state a domestic violence, advice given no assault. What does this mean?

Chief Wallace said what this means is there were no arrest made, no physical contact made.

Mayor Yates asked has the shop lifting crime at Klassy Korner been solved.

Chief Wallace replied yes.

ANIMAL CONTROL

Mayor Yates reported he received a complaint today on animal control in the Fork Bottom section of town again.

Chief Wallace reported the owner who was targeted by the complain has so many dogs he doesn't buy a licenses for each dog but he purchases a kennel licenses.

Mayor Yates asked are there any way the town can declare this a nuisance under our current ordinance or were the animals described in the complain being mistreated in any way.

Chief Wallace said it is possible if the other residents in the bottom are willing to testify in court. He said several years ago when he was a deputy sheriff for the county there was a similar problem in Clinchco, and the citizens in the community banded together and went to circuit court and it was declared a nuisance, and the court ordered him to reduce the number of animals and clean up his property. Chief Wallace asked could he have the pictures and letter the Mayor Yates received to show the county's animal warden and commonwealth attorney to get advice from them on how to handle the situation.

Council Member Johnnie Branham said the owners are not to allow their pets on another person's property.

Mayor Yates replied as long as the animal is within voice control, it is considered to be under control of the owner.

Mayor Yates asked under the kennel licenses is there a blanket permit for "X" amount of animals.

Chief Wallace replied this was his understanding.

Mayor Yates said he would look into what the kennel license covers.

Mayor Yates said he would get with the town's attorney and review the code section on how the ordinance could be strengthened.

Amanda Sammons asked are the animals in the kennel vaccinated. What about the health issues not only for the citizens in the bottom, but the other animals.

Council Member Rocky Wood mentioned when the council work on the ordinance before there was several gray areas the council had to deal with.

Mayor Yates said the council may have to review doing a leash law.

XI. MAYORS COMMENTS

Mayor Yates reported the following:

- Dickenson County Community Hospital is hosting a radio auction, Saturday, March 10.
- Haysi partners are working on beautifying the town for spring and summer.
- A meeting with Ecosystems, Forest Land, Kerry Hay, and himself will take place on March 8, to discuss the Splashdam Restoration project.

X. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Johnnie Branham asked what the status of the sidewalk and street entrance repairs.

Mayor Yates replied the Coal Severance Committee has committed of \$32000.00 to \$33000.00. The money will go toward the repairs of the sidewalks on the left side of the street.

IX-PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kay Owens mentioned the Haysi Town Yard Sale will be held the first Saturday in June.

XI ADJOURN

With no further business the motion was made by Council Member Rocky Wood, seconded by Council Member Johnnie Branham, to adjourn. Let the recorded show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal vote. Meeting closed at 8:35 PM

Larry D. Yates, Mayor

Attest: