

Minutes of Monthly Town Council Meeting
April 2, 2013 @ 7:00 p.m.

On April 5, 2013, 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.

Present: Mayor Larry Yates
Vice Mayor Rocky Wood
Council Member Mike Harris
Council Member Barry Whitt
Council Member Rocky Wood
Council Member Tim Wallace
Council Member Wm. "Billy" Counts
Council Member Susan Tiller

Absent: None

ITEMS # I, II, III

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Larry Yates at 7:05 p.m. and the Invocation was held by Chief George Wallace and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ITEM # IV – APPROVAL OF AGENDA

At this time Mayor Yates asked Council for any additions or changes to the agenda. Mayor Yates said the following items needed to be added to New Business - Donation Request-Haysi Little League and Donation Request – Haysi High School Baseball Team. Also, Mayor Yates requested item XII be Executive Session Pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711 A-3 Property, Item XIII Certification of Executive Session, Item XIV Open Session, and Item XV Adjourn. The motion was made by Council Member Rocky Wood and seconded by Council Member Billy County to approve the agenda with the 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 the following prepared minutes:

March 5, 2013	Monthly Town Council Meeting
March 13, 2013	Hiring Committee

With no corrections or changes to the March 5 2013 or March 13, 2013, minutes the motion was made by Council Member Billy Counts and seconded by Council Member Susan Tiller to approve the March minutes. Let the record show the motions 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 April 2013.
- March 2013 Financial Report listing: beginning balance, revenue, expenditures and ending balance.
- March 2013 itemized listing of expenditures including checks # 11438-11501, & deposits
- March 2013 Profit & Loss Report

With no further comments or changes to the financial report the motion was made by Council Member Rocky Wood and seconded by Council Member Tim Wallace to approve the financial report as presented. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting.

ITEM #VII PUBLIC COMMENT

None

ITEM # VII- NEW BUSINESS

Donation Request-Haysi Tiger Marching Band

Mayor Yates mentioned the town had never donated to the Haysi Band before.

Ms. Katie Elswick-Band Director came before the council seeking funding for the Haysi Tiger Marching Band. She stated for the first time in many years the band played at the homecoming football as well as other events such as the Town's Tree Lighting Ceremony. Ms. Elswick explained the band is in need of \$2000.00 to make repairs to equipment and purchase new equipment. She had available for review the drums which need repairs and estimated the cost of \$800.00 to repair them. She said the band members have mailed flyers to local businesses seeking donations, and the members have or will participate in the following fundraisers: waiter for a day at Pizza Plus, selling Krispy Kreme Donuts, and holding a car wash in town.

Mayor Yates asked is there a cost to the individual to be in band.

Ms. Elswick replied the school board gives the band \$300.00 per school to operate. We try to hold on to this money as much as possible for repairs and supplies, if anything is leftover, then we try to purchase trophies or medals to award the band members for their success.

Mayor Yates asked, but the students don't have to pay a fee to participate.

Ms. Elswick said she does anything and everything so the students don't have to pay a penny. She said the t-shirts the band wears at the football games I purchase myself, if anyone needs a meal after school before a football game I provide it for them.

Mayor Yates asked does it cost about \$300.00 a piece to get the bass drums repaired and about \$100.00 each to get the snare drums repaired.

Ms. Elswick said, "Yes."

Mayor Yates asked so \$800.00 will fix the bands drums.

Ms. Elswick replied, "Yes."

Mayor Yates asked did anyone have any questions for Ms. Elswick.

Council Member Barry Whitt asked how much funds has the band raised and how much more do you think you will need.

Ms. Elswick said the band will continue to do fund raisers until their goal is met. One of the fund raisers we are planning on is a car wash in town.

Mayor Yates said he would like to offer the town's parking lot for the carwash to assist the band in their fund raiser.

Council Member Susan Tiller commented she would like to see the town donate at least enough money to cover the cost of the drum repairs.

With no further discussions the motion was made by Council Member Susan Tiller and seconded by Council member Billy Counts to donate \$800.00 to the Haysi Tiger Marching Band for drum repair. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed with all voting yes except for Council Member Tim Wallace voting No.

Ms. Elswick said she likes to keep in contact with those who donate to the band, and will keep the town updated on things the band is involved with.

Donation Request-Hayisi High School Senior Class

Mayor Yates stated the senior class is asking for a donation of \$500.00 to help fund the senior trip. He said last year the town donated \$600.00 to the senior trip.

Ms. Lavade Muncy came before the council seeking funding for the Haysi High School Senior Class. She said this year the seniors are visiting Cincinnati, Ohio. She said the students will have an opportunity to go to a Major League Baseball game, see a Broadway Show, a riverboat cruise, visiting the Cincinnati Art Museum, Cincinnati Zoo, and the Aquarium, and Kings Island. She said the senior class has participated in the following fund raisers: Knickerbocker Pictures, 31 gifts, Cheesecake sales, NWA wrestling, and working concession stands at home basketball games. In total, since August the Senior Class has raised over \$20,000.00, however, there are still some kids who have outstanding balances and any donation the town could give would be appreciated toward the price of fuel. The school system is allowing the senior class to use two buses, but the fuel has to be purchased by the class. She said she estimates it will cost approximately \$600.00 in fuel for the trip.

Council Member Barry Whitt asked the \$600.00 you are asking for will be specifically be for fuel, not to help the students with outstanding balances.

Ms. Muncy replied I can put the donation in the pot and disperse it, if this is what the council wants me to do with the donation.

Mayor Yates said it is very obvious the senior class has worked had to raise money for their trip. He asked has the trip been approved by the school board.

Ms. Muncy replied, "Yes."

Council Member Barry Whitt asked, Mayor Yates how much do you think fuel would cost for the trip.

Mayor Yates replied about \$800.00.

Council Member Barry Whitt asked if the Council decided to give you \$800.00 for fuel would you put it directly toward fuel.

Ms. Muncy replied if this is what the council wanted me to do I would.

Mayor Yates said if the town donated the funds for fuel the town would need receipts showing the money was spent on fuel for auditing purposes.

Council Member Susan Tiller suggested donating \$600.00 to the senior class same as last year.

With no further discussion the motion was made by Council Member Susan Tiller and seconded by Council Member Barry Whitt to donate \$600.00 to the Haysi High School Senior Class for fuel. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed with all voting yes except Council Member Tim Wallace voting No.

Donation Request-Kids Fishing Day

Mayor Yates stated the Dickenson County Kids Fishing Day is asking for a donation of \$250.00. He said last year the town donated \$360.00 to the event. He said this organization is a non-profit organization.

Mr. Joe Sperow came before the council to asking for funding for the Dickenson County Kids Fishing Day. He said the event will be held on May 4, 2013, starting at 8:00 AM. He said all children fifteen and under are invited to attend and kids eat free, adult pay\$3.00 to eat. The event serves approximately 3000 people, and has been an event in Dickenson County for 25 or more years. He said the funds will be used to purchase food and prizes and the prizes will be outdoor equipment such as tents, fishing reel, and bikes. He said the organization has participated in the following fund raisers: Motorcycle rides, t-shirt, yard, and bake sales, and ask local businesses for donations.

Mayor Yates asked approximately what does the event cost.

Mr. Sperow replied he doesn't know the exact cost they have spent in the last few years because he has not been actively involved, but he said he knows it expensive due to having the fish stocked.

With no further discussion the motion was made by Council Member Rocky Wood and seconded by Council Member Barry Whitt to donate \$250.00 to the Dickenson County Kids Fishing Day. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed with all voting yes except Council Member Tim Wallace voting No.

Donation Request-Father's Day Weekend Cumberland Plateau Regional Housing Authority.

Mayor Yates stated last year the town gave a \$200.00 gift certificate to this event.

Mr. Keith Viers, Executive Director, Cumberland Plateau Planning District came before the council seeking funding for the 2nd Annual Father's Day event to be held at Centennial Heights Apartments in June during Father's Day weekend. He said this is a national event, and Virginia led the states with the most events held. The focus of this even is family, trying to reunite fathers with their children. He said the money raised will be spent on food, prizes and gifts for the fathers and children. He said it is a one day event for kids and dads to spend together.

Council Member Rocky Wood asked how many attended last year's event.

Mr. Viers replied, approximately 200 in attendance.

Mayor Yates commented he received several positive remarks about last year's event.

With no further discussion the motion was made by Council Member Rocky Wood and seconded by Council member Billy Counts to donate \$150.00 to the Father's Day Weekend event sponsored by the Cumberland Plateau Regional Housing Authority. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed with all voting yes except Council Member Tim Wallace voting No.

Donation Request-Haysi Little League

Mayor Yates stated the Haysi Little League service 150 kids and is asking for a donation of \$1500.00 to purchase equipment, uniform hats, and food for the concession stand. He said last year the town donated \$1000.00 to the Little League.

Mr. Michael Deel, Vice President, Haysi Little League, came before the council seeking donation for the Haysi Little League. He said the program serves about 150 children. The money the town has donated in the past has helped provide equipment and necessary items needed to run the program.

Council Member Rocky Wood asked where the league purchased the hats and uniforms from last year.

Mr. Deel replied, the hats last year some was purchase at P & C Variety and some of the baseball from Sports Wise.

Council Member Susan Tiller asked what about the uniforms are the all purchased at P & C or some them special ordered for certain teams. What I am trying to ask are the girls and boys treated equal. Do they get the same type of uniform?

Mr. Deel replied, what happen last year was the baseball the parents purchase the shirt, pants and socks from P & C Variety. The softball parents decided to purchase their child an official uniform. These could not be purchased from P & C Variety. This year the league has asked them not to do this, due to the cost and there being four teams this year. We have asked them to go back to using the t-shirts and shorts, and use the better uniforms for All-Stars.

Council Member Susan Tiller commented the registration fee raised, what if a child cannot afford to pay the registration fee, is it turned away

Mr. Deel replied no child is turned away. The price of registration did go up due to district fees.

Mayor Yates said the Haysi Little League has been in established for many years, why has this organization not moved forward in having a tax exempt, non-profit status.

Mr. John Sykes, past President of Haysi Little League commented when he was president he inquired about the tax exempt status. He said he had even spoken with past president David Yates concerning the status. He said he was informed when it was passed from president to president it was there. He said he never saw the number.

Mayor Yates stated if the Haysi Little League has a Non-Profit status they are open to apply for funding through other sources. Does the Little League have a finance committee?

Mr. Deel replied the league does not have anything in place as of now.

Mayor Yates stated the league runs its finances shotgun year to year.

Council Member Susan Tiller said she thought years ago there was a committee in place.

Mayor Yates said, the Town of Haysi wants to help the Haysi Little League and the town always has.

Mr. Sykes replied there has been no greater supporter of the Haysi Little League while I was involved than the Town of Haysi.

Mayor Yates said the town wants to continue to help the little league and other organization, but it is getting to the point now with the auditor's need a good explanation of where the town spends their funds, and it's hard to find funding.

Council Member Rocky Wood commented I just have a problem if official baseball hats are being purchased for kids. I know these look nice, but when you low of funding, I think the money could be spent more economically.

Mr. Sykes commented when he was president he purchased the replication hats not the official hats which cost the leagues \$5.00 to \$6.00 per hat, but I don't know what the purchase now.

Council Member Barry Whitt asked the 150 kids that participate in the program are these boys and girls.

Mr. Deel replied, yes, T-ball up to little league.

Council Member Barry Whitt asked out of the 150 participants how many parents are not capable of paying the \$30.00 fee for them to play.

Mr. Deel replied, as of today there is approximately 15 kids who have not paid.

Mayor Yates said so about 10% cannot pay.

Council Member Barry Whitt asked what is the registration fee used for.

Mr. Deel said the money goes toward district dues, which is paid annual.

Mr. Sykes said the district Haysi is in is expensive the insurance runs between \$1300.00 to \$1500.00 per year, and then there are district dues which cost \$1200.00 per year and before Brian Stanley put a stop to it they were charging a \$500.00 travel fee for administrators in the district to travel to little league tournaments on.

Council Member Susan Tiller said do kids get anything from the registration money. Last year they didn't a trophy or a picnic.

Mr. Deel said he didn't know a lot about last year finances, but he knew there were some financial problems last year. Hopefully, this year there will be trophies and a picnic for the players. He added the league is looking at changing to district due to the cost.

Mr. Sykes said it took Clinch River two years to get out of District 13.

Council Member Rocky Wood stated parents are paying \$30.00 plus supplying the uniforms all league is supply the players are hats.

Mr. Deel said the league supplies helmets, bats, balls, and catching gear for both girls and boys minor league up to little league.

Mayor Yates said if the town donated \$1500.00 and all participants but 10% paid the \$30.00 which would be \$4050.00 this would be a total of \$5550.00 out of this amount how much goes to dues for an entire season.

Mr. Sykes replied between \$3000.00 and \$3200.00 per year.

Mayor Yates said so the Town would be donating money to the league to pay guys not to treat you right.

Council Member Barry Whitt asked, what can the Little League do to get out of the District 13?

Mr. Deel replied there is nothing can be done this year, and it took Clinch River two years to be removed. The problem is if we don't pay the fees to the district then, your kids can't play in the all-star tournament.

Mr. Sykes stated don't take away from the kids because of the District they are stuck in.

Council Member Barry Whitt asked how much does the league spend on equipment per year.

Mr. Sykes said he could not answer, because he was not involved with the Little League last year, but I do know equipment is expensive. I personally purchased my son's catching gear when he played from Little League to Junior League. The catcher's helmets alone are \$160.00. He said just to purchase baseballs and softballs will cost \$1000.00 per year.

Council Member Rocky Wood said he is not trying to take nothing away from the kids, but it seems like parents are paying for everything, but there is no proof of where any other money is being used. I am not

saying funds are being misused, but nobody ever comes back to the town and says here is what we purchase with the funds the town donated.

Mr. Sykes said this is why when I was President I used a check card and had receipt for all items purchased with Little League funds.

Mayor Yates said he would like to see the Little League with more organization as far as tax status and the long term plan in the program. I think the organization needs a board of directors.

Council Member Rocky Wood asked what happened to the Board of Directors.

Mr. Sykes replied, lack of interest and participation.

Council Member Rocky Wood stated he thinks the Board of Directors needs to be back in place. He suggested next year before coming to the town seeking a donation the Little League have the Board of Directors in place.

Mayor Yates asked does anyone have any other questions or discussion for the Haysi Little League representation.

The motion was made by Council Member Barry Whitt and seconded by Council Member Rocky Wood to donate \$1000.00 to the Haysi Little League to be spent on equipment only and receipts must be produced to the town showing equipment was purchased. The money cannot be used for dues, and/or food for concession. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed with all voting yes except Council Member Tim Wallace voting No.

Council Member Rocky Wood asked what happens with the concession stand money.

Mr. Deel replied it goes into the general fund to replenish the stand and last year any funds left over was divided between the all-star teams to help with purchase of uniforms.

Council Member Barry Whitt asked what does Ira Gotte paid to umpire a ballgame.

Mr. Sykes replies absolutely nothing, other than a hot dog. All umpires, coaches, etc... is volunteer work at the Little League field.

Donation Request-Haysi High School Baseball Team

Mr. John Sykes representative for the Haysi High School Baseball Team came before the council asking for a donation for the Haysi High School Baseball Team. He said the baseball as well as the softball was listed from the school board as self-sufficient. He said the baseball and softball teams are not self-sufficient because of the equipment cost and umpire cost at times a baseball or softball does not make enough money at the gate to pay official. He said ever two years the baseball field has to be re-sanded due to the weather conditions. The cost to re-sand the field is \$1100.00. He said the head coach asked the school board to help with funding of the sand the school board asked three members of the Board of Supervisors to help with the funding and they donated \$900.00 toward payment for the sand. He said catching gear is need and is approximately \$400.00. He said a safety rule came in place require all bats to be replaced. To replace a bat cost approximately \$250.00 to \$329.00. He said everything has hit at once and the baseball team needs assistance in purchasing equipment.

Mayor Yates asked, what was donated to the Haysi Softball Team.

Ramona Duncan, replied \$500.00.

Mayor Yates asked where there any questions regarding the Haysi High School Baseball program.

With no further discussion the motion was made by Council Member Barry Whitt and seconded by Council Member Billy Counts to donate \$500.00 to the Haysi High School Baseball Team to purchase equipment. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed with all voting Yes except Council Member Tim Wallace voting No.

ITEM # VIII – OLD BUSINESS

- A. Police Department Report – Chief Wallace report the police department answered 31 calls. He said the biggest call was the train derailment at Splashdam. He said on March 30th the department responded to a dog bite incident, but this is a separate incident than what was reported last month. This dog was located on the Breaks Park Road, and the owner of the dog agreed for the Animal Control Officer to take the animal. The animal bite last month came to court and the owner was fined \$2000.00, but 1500.00 suspended, and the Judge informed the owner if there were any more incidents with her dog she would be fined again plus have to pay the \$1500.00 that was suspended. Chief Wallace asked are there any questions on any of the calls.

Mayor Yates said on March 21, there was a Town Ordinance Violation, which ordinance was in violation.

Chief Wallace replied, this is in reference to tires at a resident's home in the corporation limits, and I am waiting on the Sherriff's Department to process some other paperwork.

No further discussion.

- B. Update on Special Projects/Façade Manager Position for Phase II CDBG

Mayor Yates stated early in tonight's meeting the council approved a set of minutes regarding the hiring of this position. He said the hiring committee recommended hiring Ms. Tammy Crandell for the position.

With no further discussion the motion was made by Council Member Rock Wood and seconded by Council Member Tim Wallace to hire Ms. Tammy Crandell to the position. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed with all voting yes.

- C. Update on Haysi Theater Building

Council Member Rocky Wood reported repairs on the theater building are being done on as needed bases. He said some minor repair needs to be done to the roof and minor repairs to the flooring and walls. He stated the building is solid and there is dirt behind the building which needs to be removed. He said he thought it was a good investment for the town.

Mayor Yates said by Friday of this week all utilities will be on.

ITEM #X – MAYOR COMMENTS

None.

ITEM # X- COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Rocky Wood asked everyone to contact their local Board of Supervisors concerning funding for the Fire Departments and Rescue Squads in FY 2013/2014 budget.

Council Member Barry Whitt thanked everyone for attend the meeting.

ITEM # XI – ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

At this time Mayor Yates entertained a motion to convene into Executive Session, At 9:30 PM a motion was made by Council Member Susan Tiller and seconded by Rocky Wood to adjourn into Executive Session pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711 A3 discussion of acquisition of disposition of public property. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed with all voting yes.

ITEM XII- CERTIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

We certify that:

Only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under this chapter, and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard discussed or considered in the meeting by the public body.

Mayor Yates asked for a roll call vote to certify the statement:

Wm. "Billy" Brice Counts	Yes	Michael Harris	Yes
Tim Wallace	Yes	Susan Tiller	Yes
Barry Whitt	Yes	Rocky Wood	Yes

ITEM XIII OPEN SESSION

Upon motion made by Council Member Rocky Wood and second by Council Member Barry Whitt the council was now convened in Open Session at 9:45 PM. Let the recorded show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting.

No other discussion brought before the council.

ITEM XIV ADJOURN

There being no other business to be brought before the Council, a motion was made by Council Member Rocky Wood and seconded by Council Member Susan Tiller to adjourn the meeting. Let the record show the motion was passed unanimously by verbal voting and the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 PM

Larry D. Yates, Mayor

Attest:

Clerk