

Town of Haysi
Minutes of Regular Town Council Meeting
April 4, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m.

On April 4, 2017, 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

Council Members:

William "Billy" Counts

Barry Whitt

Tim Wallace

Michael Harris

ABSENT: Vice Mayor Rocky Wood
Susan Tiller

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 Council Member Tim Wallace and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ITEM # IV - APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

At this time Mayor Yates asked the Council to add under New Business, Department of Veteran's Affairs. Motion was made by Council Member Billy Counts seconded by Council Member Barry Whitt to approve the agenda as amended. 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:

- March 7, 2017 Regular Town Council Meeting

Motion was made by Council Member Billy Counts 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 # VII – FINANCIAL REPORT

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

- March 1, 2017 through March 31, 2017 Financial Report listing: beginning balance, revenue, expenditures and ending balance.
- March 1, 2017 through March 30, 2017 itemized listing of expenditures including checks # 13799-13836 & deposits
- March 1, 2017 through March 30, 2017 Profit & Loss Report
- Current payables to date for review

Motion was made by Council Member Billy Counts 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 # VIII - NEW BUSINESS

Audit Report from Thrower, Blanton, & Associates, P.C.

Mr. Charles Lawson introduced himself and stated that he was presenting the Town of Haysi's Audit Report for year ended June 30, 2016. Copies of the Audit Report were given to the Haysi Town Council before the meeting began. Mr. Lawson explained that on page four, the "Independent Auditor's Report", the town received a good report and everything was in good order. Mr. Lawson moved to page six, "Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and On Compliance" He informed the Town Council that the only way to change that portion of the report is to hire more people where separation of duties can be implemented. Mr. Lawson said that it was the town's usual deficiency and nothing was out of order. Mr. Lawson gave a summary of page nine "Statement of Net Position" and pointed out that the town had \$1,154,420.00 in assets. Liabilities reflect \$258,736.00 debt to Virginia Retirement System and the number cannot be changed since it comes from the actuarial study. The town's overall net position is \$878,732.00. He also gave a summary of page ten, which detailed the amounts of expenses, grant money, and the taxes, page eleven, which contained the same numbers in a cash basis format, and page twelve, which showed the difference in expense versus capital. Mr. Lawson explained that the remainder of the report was foot notes, schedules, and budget comparisons. Mr. Lawson advised that there was a separate letter with findings that detailed the separation of duties. Mr. Lawson noted that the town had a small staff and it would be impossible to comply and understood that it may not be feasible to hire new employees. Mr. Lawson pointed out that accounts receivable was not reconciled, but that three findings had been corrected including budgetary controls and risk assessment monitoring. Mayor Yates asked about reconciling accounts receivable. Mr. Lawson said that the auditors probably had to post interest on the

taxes at year end. Clerk Amanda Perrigan added that it had to do with Dickenson County collecting some of the taxes. Council Member Tim Wallace asked about net pension liability. Mr. Lawson said that it is “a moving figure calculated by actuaries based on what everyone is supposed to get right now”, so it keeps changing. The number is affected by new employees, retirees, deaths, and the stock market. Mayor Yates pointed out that the town had improved the number for employee’s paid time off since 2010. Mr. Lawson advised that in the past employers used it as short term disability. Mayor Yates said that it had dropped to around \$8,000.00 from around \$60,000.00 in 2009. Mayor Yates thanked Mr. Lawson for the report.

Department of Veteran’s Affairs

Mayor Yates passed out a sample memorandum of understanding to the Haysi Town Council Members. Mayor Yates said that he was contacted about two months ago by a gentleman who wanted to come once month to offer counseling to veterans. The gentleman currently does counseling for the veterans at the VFW post the first Monday of each month, but wanted to find a new location and asked if the town would consider letting him use the Council Chambers. Mayor Yates said that Attorney Stephen Mullins had reviewed the MOU and didn’t have any issues with it. The gentleman would like to use the Council Chamber beginning in May. Council Member Barry Whitt said that he thought they were already using it. Mayor Yates explained that this was a separate request. The request is for counseling for PTSD, etc. and the representative that comes once a month now helps veterans sign up for services. Council Member Billy Counts asked who the representative was. Mayor Yates said that the gentleman was named Scott Rasnick. Council Member Billy Counts said that he had met Mr. Rasnick before. Mayor Yates said that it was a good service and he thought it was for profit at first, but has since been assured that it is not. Mr. Rasnick didn’t want a key and that helps keep down his liability. Mayor Yates said he made sure that the veterans didn’t bring guns. Motion was made by Council Member Billy Counts, seconded by Council Member Barry Whitt to allow Mr. Scott Rasnick to use the Haysi Town Council Chambers one day each month. Let the record show the motion on the floor was passed unanimously by verbal voting.

ITEM # IX – UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Police Department Monthly Report-Assistant Chief Bobby Edwards (See Attachment)

Assistant Chief Bobby Edwards showed the Haysi Town Council the seven first aid kits that he received from military surplus. Assistant Chief Edwards stated that each kit was valued at two hundred dollars, but the town got all seven for fifty dollars, which was the cost of shipping. One kit will be given to each officer and each vehicle. Mayor Yates had Assistant Chief Edwards to explain what was inside each of the kits. Council Member Tim Wallace asked if each officer knew the supplies and how to use them. Assistant Chief Edwards said that he is certified and so is Officer Brent Wallace. Assistant Chief Edwards said that he will be going to instructor training in the future, but will show the other officers what he knows now. Mayor Yates advised that the town didn’t take on any additional liability. Assistant Chief Edwards said that the kits were for use on officers. Assistant Chief

Edwards said that there were nothing notable on the report except for a motor vehicle accident on March 28, where someone went “four-wheeling” and jumped a truck toward the river. The accident was not reported to the insurance. Assistant Chief Edwards said that there was a fifty percent increase in calls from last month. Mayor Yates asked about the loose cows on March 10. Assistant Chief Edwards said that the cows were from Vance Mountain Farm. Mayor Yates asked why Officer Garrett had zero miles for the time worked on the report. Assistant Chief Edwards said that Officer Garrett was using his county vehicle.

Haysi Volunteer Fire Department Monthly Report-Chief George Wallace

Mayor Yates asked Assistant Chief Bobby Edwards if he had any information on the Haysi Volunteer Fire Department report since Chief George Wallace was absent. Assistant Chief Edwards said that he did not have any information on the fire department.

ITEM # X - MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Yates reported the following:

- Mayor Yates reminded everyone that the official ribbon cutting for Haysi’s Ridgeview ATV Trail is April 8, 2017 at one o’clock. He advised that he rode the trails on Saturday with WCYB and Delegate Todd Pillion. He commended Spearhead Trails and Heart of Appalachia for their work. Mayor Yates stated that he hoped to keep the ceremony around fifteen minutes.
- Mayor Yates said that the theater building construction was going to be re-bid. There was an issue with Davis Bacon Law, but it should be advertised by the end of the week.
- Mayor Yates mentioned that he attended the Industrial Development Authority and Breaks Interstate Park meetings.
- Mayor Yates announced that the town was hosting an Entrepreneur Express Workshop next week, instructed by Sandy Ratliff.

Assistant Chief Edwards asked if there was an update on the Haysi High School property. Mayor Yates said that the Industrial Development Authority voted to have Leman Kendrick work on the information for demolition and an application would be submitted to Virginia Coalfields Economic Development Authority for a grant in May along with Clintwood High School. Assistant Chief Edwards asked about the recent request for proposals that had been advertised. Mayor Yates said that they did not receive any replies to it.

ITEM # XI - COUNCIL COMMENTS

None.

ITEM # XII – 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 Tim Wallace 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