

Town of Haysi  
Minutes of Regular Town Council Meeting  
August 2, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m.

On August 2, 2016, 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  
Vice Mayor Rocky Wood

Council Members:  
William "Billy" Counts  
Tim Wallace  
Barry Whitt

ABSENT: Susan Tiller  
Michael Harris

### **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 Barry Whitt and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### **ITEM # IV - APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

At this time Mayor Yates asked for any changes or additions to the agenda. Motion was made by Council Member Billy Counts seconded by Council Member Tim Wallace to approve the agenda as presented. 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:

- July 5, 2016 Regular Town Council Meeting

Motion was made by Council Member Barry Whitt and seconded by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood 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:

- July 1, 2016 through July 27, 2016 Financial Report listing: beginning balance, revenue, expenditures and ending balance.
- July 1, 2016 through July 27, 2016 itemized listing of expenditures including checks # 13425-13456 & deposits
- July 1, 2016 through July 27, 2016 Profit & Loss Report
- Current payables to date for review

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood seconded by Council Member Billy Counts to approve the financial report. Let the record show the motion on the floor was passed unanimously by verbal voting.

**ITEM # VIII - NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**ITEM # IX – UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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

Assistant Chief Edwards reported forty-three different calls for the month of July and said he would point out a few calls on the July Monthly Report. On July 12, there was an attempted murder at the Robbins residence. Assistant Chief Edwards said that the town assisted the county by answering other calls in the county since they were focusing all their employees on that particular situation. On July 21, the homeless man in town, Michael Scott Charles contacted about reporting a murder, but it was out of jurisdiction and Assistant Chief Edwards referred him to the North Carolina State Police. Assistant Chief Edwards reported that he has since found a place to stay and is no longer loitering in town. Assistant Chief Edwards advised that Mr. Charles has a criminal background. Vice Mayor Rocky Wood said that he talked with him earlier in the day. Mayor Yates advised using caution when dealing with him, but he was to be treated like anyone else. Assistant Chief Edwards explained that he was working to update the loitering ordinance and would like to get one for the council to approve by next month's meeting. The current loitering ordinance was passed in 1977. Assistant Chief Edwards said that he assisted the Virginia Health Department with a situation involving tattooing in town at the end of the month. The Haysi Police Department hired Jeremy Fleming to work on Wednesdays. He has already completed twelve hours of work for the town, ten of which for the DMV Grant.

Assistant Chief Edwards stated that he would be working on Officer Fleming's radar certification. Council Member Tim Wallace asked about the trespassing on Swinging Bridge Lane. Assistant Chief Edwards said that he didn't know any details of that call because he didn't work it. Mayor Yates asked about the alarm at Jones and Counts Pharmacy. Assistant Chief Edwards said that the employees are slow to hit the button. Mayor Yates asked about the call at the library. Assistant Chief Edwards said that basically the library wanted to scare some individuals off by having an officer patrol the parking lot. Mayor Yates said that the library gets a lot of Wi-Fi usage. Council Member Billy Counts mentioned the Pokemon Go game that is currently popular. Assistant Chief Edwards said that the game posed a possibility of danger. Mayor Yates asked about the MVA entrapment on July 1, on Lazarus Branch. Assistant Chief Edwards explained what happened in the accident and the gentleman didn't get hurt. Mayor Yates asked where Poker Flats is located. Assistant Chief Edwards said that it is located on Brushy Ridge, but the issue was handled by phone. Mayor Yates asked about the shoplifting on July 22, at the Dollar General. Assistant Chief Edwards said that there weren't any cameras to use for conviction.

Assistant Chief Edwards said that the police department was awarded the EMS Grant to purchase AED units for each vehicle. He explained that the paperwork has been completed and the next step was getting the eVA vendor to call back. A general discussion was held about what to do with the old ones. Mayor Yates agreed for Assistant Chief Edwards to see if the Haysi Community Library needed one.

Mayor Yates explained that it may be necessary for the town to hold public hearings on noise, loitering, and tattooing ordinances in September. Each hearing will be scheduled for at least ten minutes each, so the September meeting may begin at 6:30pm. The public hearings will need at least two weeks advertising.

#### Heat pump Extended Warranty

Mayor Yates said that Vice Mayor Rocky Wood wanted the town to purchase an extended warranty on the newly installed heat pump. Mayor Yates advised that the heat pump came with a five year warranty. Vice Mayor Rocky Wood commented that it was just a parts warranty. Mayor Yates said it was one year labor and five year parts warranty. Mayor Yates explained that Darrell Thacker didn't recommend the purchase of an extended warranty and noted that it did not cover refrigerant. Vice Mayor Wood stated that the extended warranty should cover ten years parts and labor. Mayor Yates said that no shipping is covered and neither are items such as filters, refrigerant, and the dryer. Mayor Yates said that Mr. Thacker explained to him that it seems like there is controversy over getting things covered in claims that has a lot to do with commercial units versus residential units, but didn't say how it was registered. Vice Mayor Wood said that he didn't know why he couldn't give the town the information on how the unit was registered. Mayor Yates advised the charge for the extended warranty is seven hundred eighty dollars. A general discussion

was held about warranties, heat pump performance, and regulation changes. Vice Mayor Wood said that the town needed to find out how the heat pump was registered before moving forward. Mayor Yates tabled the topic for discussion at a later meeting after more information could be collected.

#### **ITEM # X - MAYOR COMMENTS**

Mayor Yates reported the following:

- Mayor Yates mentioned that the Town of Haysi toured the Town of Pocahontas and the Town of Pocahontas toured the Town of Haysi as part of the Rally Southwest Virginia Grant Program.
- Progress continues on the ATV Trail, Mayor Yates stated that about twelve to fifteen miles has been worked so far and about three to four miles on the equestrian trail. Assistant Chief Edwards asked about the width of the equestrian trail. Mayor Yates said that it would be about eight feet wide complying with forest service standard. Assistant Chief Edwards asked about county funding for security of the new trails. Mayor Yates stated that Spearhead Trails will be providing security and recently hired Michael Cumbo as conservator of the peace. A general discussion was held about the security of the trails. Mayor Yates also noted that a new trail connector between St. Paul and Coeburn has just recently opened. Mayor Yates expressed his hope for a fall opening of Haysi's Ridgeview Trail. Assistant Chief Edwards asked about the opening of the trail around Haysi's Russell Fork Autumn Fest. Mayor Yates said that "it would be nice."
- Mayor Yates noted that he was still working with Appalachian Voices on the Splashdam Project.
- The town received the Coal Severance Funds as expected and deposited them to the rainy day savings account, which has a total balance around eighty thousand dollars now.
- Mayor Yates advised that he has received 95% construction drawings on the trail center. He will be involved in a conference call on construction estimates next week. Funding is still needed for furnishings. Assistant Chief Edwards asked if the trail center could be rented out as a restaurant. Mayor Yates explained that the plan was to have a concessioner manage the café/snack bar. Mayor Yates said that he hopes to bid the construction within the next thirty days.
- The fence has been replaced near the Stone Mountain Clinic and the old fence was removed by Dean Hill.
- Demolition of the supporting buildings below Haysi High School will take place later this month.

#### **ITEM # XI - COUNCIL COMMENTS**

None.

**ITEM # XII – ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business to be brought before the Council, a motion was made by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood seconded by Council Member Barry Whitt to adjourn the meeting. Let the record show the motion was passed unanimously by verbal voting and the meeting was adjourned.

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Larry D. Yates, Mayor

Attest:

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Clerk