

Town of Haysi
Minutes of Regular Town Council Meeting
August 7, 2018 @ 7:00 p.m.

On August 7, 2018, 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:
Susan Tiller
Michael Harris
Tim Wallace
Carter Branham

ABSENT: Vice Mayor Rocky Wood
William "Billy" Counts

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 Chief George Wallace and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ITEM # IV - APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

At this time Mayor Yates asked to strike Item V from the agenda. Motion was made by Council Member Susan Tiller seconded by Council Member Carter Branham to approve the agenda as amended. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting.

ITEM #V - PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Yates asked Town Clerk Perrigan to read the following Public Comment Policy out loud:

A Public Comment Period will be held during the regular Town Council monthly meetings, during Special Called meetings, and Public Hearings. The Public Comment period will be on the Agenda for the meeting. The Town Council asks that speakers only comment on the items listed on the Agenda for the Town Council meeting or Special Called meeting and only comment on the specific reason for the Public Hearing. All comments made during the Public Comment period shall be subject to the following procedures:

- 1.) Anyone who wishes to make a statement during the Public Comment period will register on a sign-up sheet available 30 minutes before the start of the meeting.

- 2.) Persons who have signed the register to speak shall be taken in the order in which they are listed.
- 3.) Persons addressing the Town Council are asked to limit their comments to 3 minutes.
- 4.) Speakers will be acknowledged by Mayor Larry Yates in the order in which their names appear on the sign-up sheet. Speakers shall stand at their seat to address the Council and not approach the Mayor or Town Council members. Speakers will start their comment by stating their name and address.
- 5.) Speakers will direct comments at the Town Council as a whole and not to individuals. Public Comment is not intended to require the Town Council to provide any answer to the speaker right away. Discussions between speakers and members of the audience will not be allowed.
- 6.) Speakers will be courteous in their language, tone, and presentation.
- 7.) Only one speaker will be acknowledged at a time. If a large number of people are present to register concerns about the same subject, it is suggested that they might be acknowledged as a unified group and a designated speaker will cover the various points.
- 8.) In the event that there are more people who wish to speak than can be accommodated in the 30 minutes set aside for public comment, the Town Council may extend the period, delay it until the rest of the agenda has been completed, or continue it to the next regular council meeting.

The first person signed up for Public Comment was Janie Sutherland of 969 Splashdam Road, Haysi, Virginia, 24256. Mayor Yates acknowledged Ms. Sutherland to present her comments. Ms. Sutherland introduced herself and said she was there to speak about Spearhead Trails. Ms. Sutherland stated that she lives on the trail and reported ATVs riding before daylight and after dark in addition to driving faster than the speed limit and taking more than their share of the road. Ms. Sutherland clarified that she lives in the last house before turning up to Splashdam Freewill Baptist Church. Ms. Sutherland explained that in the case of horse shows and truck pulls, unlike the ATV use they are scheduled and she can plan accordingly. Mayor Yates asked what type of ATV seemed to cause her the most aggravation. Ms. Sutherland answered four wheelers and dirt bikes and added that the riders are not wearing helmets. Ms. Sutherland asked what the speed limit was on the road at her house. Mayor Yates answered twenty-five miles per hour. Ms. Sutherland stated that there were only two speed limit signs that she knew of for her road. Assistant Chief Edwards added that one of the signs is almost covered by the kudzu. Mayor Yates called the situation a public safety issue. Ms. Sutherland advised that she has had trouble with people throwing trash into her yard and has even considered moving. Mayor Yates replied that he didn't want her to have to move and he will speak to the police department regarding the issue. Mayor Yates said that he will address the matter next month at the Southwest Regional Recreation Authority Meeting and the Haysi Police Department will patrol more.

ITEM # VI – APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Prior to the meeting council had received for consideration of approval a copy of the following prepared minutes:

- July 10, 2018 Regular Town Council Meeting

Motion was made by Council Member Susan Tiller and seconded by Council Member Michael Harris to approve the minutes of the meeting on July 10, 2018 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, 2018 through July 31, 2018 Financial Report listing: beginning balance, revenue, expenditures and ending balance.
- July 1, 2018 through July 31, 2018 itemized listing of expenditures including checks # 14484-14521 & deposits
- July 1, 2018 through July 31, 2018 Profit & Loss Report
- Current payables to date for review

Mayor Yates asked for any questions regarding the financial report. Motion was made by Council Member Susan Tiller seconded by Council Member Carter Branham to approve the financial report. Let the record show the motion on the floor was passed unanimously by verbal voting.

2017-2018 Budget Review

Mayor Yates asked Clerk Amanda Perrigan to summarize the 2017-2018 budget since the fiscal year has ended. Clerk Perrigan noted that the revenue amount was higher than the expenditures for the fiscal year, which was good and should reflect well in the audit. Clerk Perrigan explained how to read the spreadsheets and gave a brief summary of the information.

ITEM # VIII - NEW BUSINESS

None.

ITEM # IX – OLD BUSINESS

None.

ITEM # X – UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Police Department Monthly Report-Chief George Wallace (See Attachment)

Chief George Wallace reported 45 calls for the month of July. Chief Wallace said it was a busy month and offered to answer any questions. Chief Wallace stated that when Janie Sutherland called he tried to address the issue. Chief Wallace added that he had radared there today and Assistant Chief Edwards has been radaring in the vicinity. Chief Wallace said that her neighbor had complained too and reported that his mailbox was hit. Chief Wallace advised that it hasn't produced any results yet, but he will continue to patrol the area. A general discussion was held about Splashdam Road and conditions. Assistant Chief Edwards mentioned that the town was going to apply for a one year School Resource Officer Grant and almost has it ready to submit. Assistant Chief Edwards advised the grant has an estimated \$10,000-\$12,000 match, which is the reason there has been a delay on scheduling hours for the part time officers. A general discussion was held about the grant program and police coverage in town. The grant announcements should be made in September.

Haysi Volunteer Fire Department Monthly Report

None.

ITEM # XI - MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Yates reported the following:

- Mayor Yates reported that he is still working on the Russell Fork Trail Center and the Riverwalk Project.
- Mayor Yates advised the town had held several workshops over the past month.
- Mayor Yates also reported that the Corp of Engineers visited on July 11 to discuss what the town needed/wanted in a new municipal building. The Corp has returned a few other days to finish surveying and set pins. Council Member Susan Tiller asked if there would be a new town hall here. Mayor Yates explained that the lot would be given to the Corp and nothing could be built in its place, but the property could be used for parking. Council Member Tiller asked about the location for the new town hall. Mayor Yates replied that several sites in town have been shown to the Corp. Council Member Michael Harris asked about building in the flood zone. Mayor Yates answered that construction could take place in the flood zone, but the building would have to be at least one foot above the 1977 flood elevation.
- Mayor Yates announced that the connection to the Breaks on Haysi's Ridgeview Trail was opened yesterday.
- Mayor Yates advised that planning and work is taking place on the Haysi's Russell Fork Autumn Fest.

ITEM # XII - COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Tim Wallace said that someone had told him that this is the best the town has ever looked, but expressed concern about the sidewalk in front of the Pizza Factory and the side of the Pizza Factory building. Mayor Yates advised that the town has

funds for some sidewalk construction and almost ready to post a request for proposals, but the look of the outside wall on the Pizza Factory would be the business owner's responsibility. However, Mayor Yates will pass along the comment to the business owner.

ITEM # XIII – ADJOURNMENT

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