

Town of Haysi
Minutes of Special Called Town Council Meeting for Budget Workshop
April 29, 2014 @ 6:00 p.m.

On April 29, 2014, a special called 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:
Michael Harris
Barry Whitt
Tim Wallace
William "Billy" Counts
Susan Tiller

ABSENT: None

ITEMS # I, II, & III

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Yates at 6:00 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

Mayor Yates requested an addition to the agenda as "Item #VI" for Old Business. Under Old Business a Closed Session pursuant to VA Code Section 2.23711 for Property Matters, which would move Adjourn to "Item #VII." At this time Mayor Yates asked Council for any other additions or changes to the agenda. Motion was made by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood seconded by Council Member Billy Counts to approve the agenda with the requested changes by Mayor Yates. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting.

ITEM # V - NEW BUSINESS

2014-2015 Budget Workshop

The purpose of the Budget Workshop is to work to balance the budget for the 2014-2015 fiscal year. Mayor Yates started the discussion with a summary of the draft of the revenues for the 2014-2015 budget. Mayor Yates didn't recommend raising taxes. Mayor Yates said that he thought that the Town of Haysi would see an increase in the Meals Tax Revenue and Sales Tax Revenue, but didn't project the increase at this time.

Mayor Yates continued with a summary of the draft of the expenditures for the 2014-2015 budget. Mayor Yates explained that the draft budget had a deficit and asked Clerk, Amanda Perrigan to explain the two columns with different amounts on the expenditures. Mrs. Perrigan explained that the column on the left included a three percent raise with the Hazardous Duty Coverage (line item 7015) for the Police Department and the column on the right left out the raise, but included the Hazardous Duty Coverage for the Police Department. A general discussion of the Hazardous Duty Coverage was held. Hazardous Duty Coverage will remain in the budget, but the three percent raise will not be included.

Mayor Yates mentioned that the Town of Haysi was currently paying for internet and phone service at the Trail Center. Mayor Yates suggested that money could be saved by cutting those services during construction of the building. Services and expenditures will be cut to reflect the change (line item 5106).

Mayor Yates discussed the compensation agreement for Chief of Police George Wallace (line item 4425). Mayor Yates also noted that the amount of compensation paid to Chief Wallace during the 2013-2014 fiscal year had not been recovered from the savings account. Mayor Yates said that amount could be transferred in addition to the 2014-2015 amount and reflected in the revenues for transfer. The revenue will be increased by \$4,306.26 by Transfer from Savings.

Vice Mayor Rocky Wood said that he thought the expenditure amount for donations was too high (line item 5023). A general discussion of the donation policy, organizations requesting funds, and donation amounts was held. The donation line item also includes membership to the Virginia Municipal League and economic development investment in the work of the Southwest Virginia Cultural Heritage Foundation, which will remain. Mayor Yates will contact the Health Wagon upon direction from the Council Members to request their services in the Haysi town limits once a month for a five hundred dollar donation. Council Member Barry Whitt requested that it be noted that the donation made to the Haysi High School Senior Trip was to be used for fuel and Council Member Tim Wallace was told it was used to give each student nine dollars. Rocky Wood suggested that the donations be cut to \$5,000. The expenditure amount will be cut by \$2,000 from donations.

Mayor Yates said that the Virginia Municipal League Conference this year is to be held in Roanoke and he did not believe he would attend, so Travel and Training (line item 5018) could be cut in half. The expenditure amount will be cut by \$1,500 from Travel and Training.

Mayor Yates said that he thought Advertising (line item 5015) could be cut in half. The expenditure amount will be cut by \$2,300 from Advertising/Public Notices/Promo Products.

Vice Mayor Rocky Wood suggested that the Transfer from Savings (line item 4425) be increased to balance the expenditures. The Transfer from Savings will be increased to balance the 2014-2015 Budget.

ITEM # VI – OLD BUSINESS

Executive Session

Motion was made by Council Member Billy Counts and seconded by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood to adjourn into Executive Session pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711 for the discussion of Property Matters. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting.

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

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood and seconded by Council Member Billy Counts for Attorney Derrick Yates to send a letter to Donner Services about the work performed at Splashdam. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting.

ITEM # VII – 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 Barry Whitt 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