

Town of Haysi
Minutes of Regular Town Council Meeting
December 4, 2018 @ 7:00 p.m.

On December 4, 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
Vice Mayor Rocky Wood

Council Members:
William "Billy" Counts
Susan Tiller
Michael Harris
Tim Wallace

ABSENT: Carter Branham

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 Mr. Richard Edwards and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ITEM # IV - APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

At this time Mayor Yates asked for changes to the agenda as presented. Motion was made by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood seconded by Council Member Billy Counts 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:

- November 6, 2018 Regular Town Council Meeting

Motion was made by Council Member Billy Counts and seconded by Council Member Michael Harris to approve the minutes of the meeting on November 6, 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:

- November 1, 2018 through November 30, 2018 Financial Report listing: beginning balance, revenue, expenditures and ending balance.
- November 1, 2018 through November 28, 2018 itemized listing of expenditures including checks # 14645-14679 & deposits
- November 1, 2018 through November 28, 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 Billy Counts to approve the financial report. Let the record show the motion on the floor was passed unanimously by verbal voting.

Mayor Yates suggested using the alternate meeting date for the month of January, since the regular meeting fall on January 1, which is an employee holiday. Mayor Yates asked that Clerk Amanda Perrigan make Council Member Carter Branham aware of the change.

Mayor Yates mentioned the good turnout and comments from the community on the parade held on Friday night. Mayor Yates also mentioned the quality of the floats and thanked everyone who worked to make the event a success.

ITEM # VIII - NEW BUSINESS

Resolution for Work Ready Communities

Mayor Yates said that he had been working on the program during the past and attended training with Denechia Edwards to gain interest of business based on a benchmark test of skills from those in the community including high school students. Mayor Yates read the following resolution:

WHEREAS, since January of 2018, a Steering Committee consisting of representatives from government, education, industrial development and the Chamber of Commerce has been working with Southwest Virginia Workforce Development Board and the Center for Advanced Manufacturing to certify Dickenson County as a Work Ready Community.

WHEREAS, two members of the Steering Committee, Larry Yates and Denechia Edwards, have completed the Work Ready Community training and a training of local partners has been conducted.

WHEREAS, the WRC initiative serves as an economic development and recruitment tool, and

WHEREAS, the WRC helps attract and maintain businesses in Dickenson County and the region, and

WHEREAS, the WRC links education and workforce together, and

WHEREAS, the WRC aligns workforce development with economic development needs of the region and community, and

WHEREAS, the WRC enables community leaders to rally behind the concept of a ready-to-work workforce, and

WHEREAS, the WRC creates a team approach to workforce development, and

WHEREAS, the WRC is a third party validation that the county has the qualified workforce to support business/industry recruitment

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that The Town of Haysi does hereby support the efforts of the WRC Steering Committee in the effort to establish Dickenson County as a certified Work Ready Community for the betterment of citizens of the community.

Mayor Yates said that an announcement was planned for the Dickenson County Chamber of Commerce Banquet that the benchmarks had been met and the program is ready for launch.

Motion was made by Council Member Billy Counts seconded by Council Member Michael Harris to approve the resolution as presented. Let the record show the motion on the floor was passed unanimously by verbal voting.

ITEM # IX – OLD BUSINESS

Donation Request from Haysi Little League Basketball

Mayor Yates welcomed Ryan Wallace to present the donation request from the Haysi Little Basketball program. Mr. Wallace introduced himself as the Director of the program and presented a “thank you” card to the Haysi Town Council for last year’s donation. Mr. Wallace said the program had seventy-five kids participating this year including both boys and girls from Pre-K through Fifth grades. Mr. Wallace continued that twenty of those children are new players. Mr. Wallace stated that he had received a lot of assistance from the community as volunteers. Mr. Wallace explained that the scoreboard at Sandlick Elementary School is no longer functional and maintenance has not been able to repair it. Mr. Wallace said that the league had to purchase a portable electronic scoreboard, new basketballs, new uniforms for new players if their parents didn’t want to purchase one, concessions, and t-shirts. Mayor Yates asked if the league had a registration fee. Mr. Wallace answered that the fee was twenty dollars. Mayor Yates asked what the registration fee was last year. Mr. Wallace answered that the registration fee last year was ten dollars. Mr. Wallace continued that the league had a good turnout and had played Clintwood at Ridgeview High School. The season is currently half way completed. Mayor Yates asked about the cost for uniforms. Mr. Wallace answered that the cost is thirty dollars for a new uniform and they tend to hold up well. A general discussion was held about possible funding from other sources including the Dickenson County Board of Supervisors. Council Member Susan Tiller asked about trophies for the children. Mr. Wallace answered that every child gets one trophy. Mayor Yates asked Mr. Wallace about his experience. Mr. Wallace replied that he has worked with the Haysi Little League Basketball program for five years and plans to continue for two more years for his son. Mayor Yates asked how much the council donated last year. Council Member Susan Tiller stated that she thought the amount donated last year was three hundred and fifty dollars. Motion was made by

Council Member Susan Tiller seconded by Council Member Billy Counts to donate three hundred and fifty dollars to the Haysi Little League Basketball. Let the record show the motion on the floor was passed by verbal voting, with Council Members Susan Tiller, Billy Counts, Michael Harris, and Vice Mayor Rocky Wood voting aye and Council Member Tim Wallace voting nay. Mr. Wallace thanked the Haysi Town Council for their decision.

ITEM # X – UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

Chief George Wallace stated that he was pleased to welcome Synthia Viers to the Haysi Police Department and noted that a police officer was a noble profession. Chief Wallace reported twenty-two calls for the month of November offered to answer any questions about the police department report. Council Member Billy Counts asked if the tree theft was the same situation or if it was different. Assistant Chief Bobby Edwards answered that a deputy saw a person dragging the tree up Frying Pan Road. Assistant Chief Edwards stated that tree theft had become a big issue lately and noted that Officer Mike Stidham taking another case to grand jury this week. A brief discussion was held about the wanted individual and his location. Mayor Yates asked about the counterfeit money. Chief Wallace answered that a man tried to use the bill when it was discovered as counterfeit, but had received it so long ago that he didn't remember where he got it. Mayor Yates asked about the amount. Chief Wallace replied fifty dollars. Assistant Chief Edwards added that there was a counterfeit twenty dollar bill discovered the month before last at FasMart. Mayor Yates stated that he appreciated the police department and everything they do. Assistant Chief Edwards mentioned that the police department has received a grant for a bullet proof vest for Officer Viers and an alcohol sensor. The grantor, United States Deputy Sherriff Association in return, requested that photos be posted on our social media and sent to them for their website. Assistant Chief Edwards also mentioned that the department purchased three firearms. Mayor Yates asked if the firearms were on order. Assistant Chief Edwards replied that they should arrive any day. Mayor Yates added that the police department tried to purchase them locally, but the price was much less when ordered.

Haysi Volunteer Fire Department Monthly Report

Chief Rocky Wood reported that the Haysi Volunteer Fire Department had a busy month; three fires and one occurred during the Annual Haysi Christmas Parade. One house fire was Jason Barton's home. Council Member Billy Counts asked if the fire was suspicious. Chief Wood replied that it was electrical. Council Member Susan Tiller asked when it happened. Chief Wood answered Thursday. Chief Wood said that the house fire during the parade was a total loss as well. Mayor Yates asked if the department worked the house fire on Rose Ridge. Chief Wood replied yes.

ITEM # XI - MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Yates reported the following:

- Mayor Yates reported that he had a follow up meeting with the Corp of Engineers, where they asked a lot of questions. Mayor Yates said that they are working on the requirements to have the police department certified.
- Mayor Yates advised that the Virginia Department of Health met in the Haysi Town Hall last week.
- Mayor Yates said that he met with Ken’s Construction about the sidewalk from Jones and Counts Pharmacy to Bridge Street and is waiting to receive a quote. Mayor Yates noted that the cost would fall under the small purchase policy.
- Mayor Yates reported that meetings continue on the Riverwalk project, including one in November and one coming up on December 19, 2018.
- Mayor Yates also reported that he met with Ballad Health again. Plans are in the making for working with Ballad Health, Belcher Insurance Agency, and the Haysi Partners to offer free wellness tests, such as blood pressure checks.
- Mayor Yates stated that he continues to attend the Dickenson County School Board Meetings.

ITEM # XII - COUNCIL COMMENTS

None.

ITEM # XIII – EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Council Member Susan Tiller and seconded by Council Member Billy Counts to adjourn into Executive Session pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711A1 for the discussion of personnel. 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
Rocky Wood	Yes		

Upon motion made by Council Member Billy Counts and seconded by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood the Council was now convened in Open Session. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting. Motion was made by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood seconded by Council Member Susan Tiller to raise Assistant Chief Bobby Edwards to the amount discussed. Let the record show the motion was passed unanimously by verbal voting.

ITEM # XIV – 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 Susan Tiller 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