

Town of Haysi
Minutes of Regular Town Council Meeting
December 5, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m.

On December 5, 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:
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. Mayor Yates welcomed Ashley Huffman, the town's Community Builder to the Haysi Town Council Meeting.

ITEM # IV - APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

At this time Mayor Yates asked for any changes to the agenda. Motion was made by Council Member Susan Tiller seconded by Council Member Michael Harris 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 7, 2017 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 November 7, 2017 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, 2017 through November 30, 2017 Financial Report listing: beginning balance, revenue, expenditures and ending balance.
- November 1, 2017 through November 28, 2017 itemized listing of expenditures including checks # 14149-14170 & deposits
- November 1, 2017 through November 28, 2017 Profit & Loss Report
- Current payables to date for review

Mayor Yates asked Ashley Huffman to introduce herself. Ms. Huffman stated that she is working as a Community Builder for the towns of Haysi and St. Paul. Ms. Huffman advised that she will be working on economic development, community development, and town revitalization. Ms. Huffman is employed by Opportunity Southwest Virginia and the University of Virginia’s College at Wise. The term of the position is one year.

Mayor Yates asked for any questions regarding the financial report. Motion was made by Council Member Susan Tiller seconded by Council Member Michael Harris 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 – OLD BUSINESS

Discussion of the Russell Fork Trail Center

Mayor Yates said that nothing had changed and he still thinks the town should wait until January to see if the Virginia Tobacco Region Revitalization Commission will open a round of grant funding. Mayor Yates commented that his preference was a grant rather than a loan.

Russell Fork Splashdam Property – Dean Hill

Mayor Yates advised that none of the Council Members had visited the Splashdam Property since the last meeting, so he asked if anyone might want to look at the property again. No comment was made, so Mayor Yates asked for direction. Council Member Carter Branham suggested that Mr. Dean Hill get a plat to present to the town. Council Member

Branham also stated that he thought Mr. Hill purchasing the property would be a “good thing” and would help the town. Mayor Yates asked if the Haysi Town Council wanted him to request Mr. Dean Hill start on a survey. Motion was made by Council Member Susan Tiller seconded by Council Member Carter Branham to authorize Mayor Yates to have Mr. Dean Hill start on a survey of the Splashdam Property that he requested to purchase. Let the record show the motion on the floor was passed unanimously by verbal voting.

ITEM # X – UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

Chief George Wallace reported 22 calls for the month of November. Chief Wallace summarized a few of the calls including a crash on November 1, at Lick Creek where a lady was trapped in her vehicle. Chief Wallace explained that luckily she was not hurt because they worked for an hour with the fire department to get her out. Chief Wallace reported that the suspicious vehicle at the car wash on November 7, which the Mayor and Council Member Carter Branham had asked about was the same on November 8. At the time of the call on November 21, involving a drunk person at the clinic, Chief Wallace was in court, so the state police handled it. On November 28, the call at the Haysi Rescue Squad building has varying stories and no cameras, but nothing was taken. All the personnel at the rescue squad were laid off, two were called back, but it’s possible that one of them wanted to get inside the building to collect their personal belongings. Chief Wallace reported that the rescue squad had a dire financial situation. Council Member Branham asked about the employment situation of the rescue squad. Assistant Chief Bobby Edwards replied that the rescue squad operates under its own 501c(3). A general discussion was held about the Haysi Rescue Squad. Assistant Chief Edwards stated that there had been issues at the rescue squad for a while and he wasn’t sure about their future. Council Member Branham commented about the good efforts of Terry Bartley. Assistant Chief Edwards advised that Terry Bartley had stepped down for a period of time, but has recently taken back over authority. Mayor Yates asked if the accident on November 21, involved an ATV. Chief Wallace answered that it did not, the crash involved two vehicles that were moved and he couldn’t determine who was at fault. Mayor Yates asked about the call located at Vicey Mountain. Assistant Chief Edwards said that the incident took place at the base of the mountain on the highway. Assistant Chief Edwards explained that VA-KY Communications had the truck to install the equipment purchased with the grant. Mayor Yates advised that the town had made its first payment on the loan for the new truck. Assistant Chief Edwards stated that he is waiting on the contract between Dickenson County and the Virginia Department of Emergency Management to be signed in order to begin the purchasing process. He explained that the town will not be handling money, paperwork, or administering the grant, but the approved grant states that the ATV will be in the Town of Haysi for response to Spearhead Trails. Dickenson County is one hundred percent responsible for the grant including audit, because the town doesn’t have an emergency management department. Council Member Carter Branham asked about storage for the ATV. Assistant Chief Edwards answered that it will be housed on a sixteen foot enclosed trailer that was also purchased with the grant funds. Mayor Yates asked about

the bucket truck since he saw it at New Road Trade Center. Chief Wallace advised that the bucket truck doors wouldn't open, so clips were placed on the side, but the clip came off on the driver's side, so the clip is being fixed. Assistant Chief Edwards informed everyone that there was an incident in the bucket truck, in which the truck hit the awning at Back Porch Treasures while hanging the Christmas decorations in town. Mayor Yates said he estimated the damage to cost between one and two hundred dollars. Assistant Chief Edwards reported that he had contacted Verizon and American Electric Power to request a bucket truck. Mayor Yates suggested that he also check with Nichols Construction and Bristol Virginia Utilities. Assistant Chief Edwards said he was also going to check with Dominion Power Company. Mayor Yates explained that the town was hoping to get a bucket truck donated, something smaller and less complicated to operate. Council Member Susan Till advised that her brother-in-law is the Vice President at Nichols Construction, so she will ask him to contact the police department.

Haysi Volunteer Fire Department Monthly Report-Chief Rocky Wood

None.

ITEM # XI - MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Yates reported the following:

- Mayor Yates advised that the town has applied for ATV use seven days a week on approved VDOT routes in town Mayor Yates said he thinks it is about to happen, but hasn't received anything official yet. Mayor Yates hopes to get information regarding the land use permit for it later this week.
- Mayor Yates attended the Southwest Regional Recreation Authority Board's meeting last night at the Haysi Town Hall. Mayor Yates reported that while one member was missing, several counties were represented. Also in attendance were representatives from Virginia Tourism Corporation, Thrower, Blanton, and Associates, and Heart of Appalachia. Mayor Yates said that during the meeting an economic impact study was presented, which revealed seven million dollars in economic impact in the seven counties, with \$800,000 of that total in Dickenson County. Mayor Yates commented on well Spearhead Trails had grown and expanded over the past five years. Assistant Police Chief Edwards commented that the public wants more signage especially on the connector trail. Mayor Yates advised that a bear had been pulling up signs on the Ridgeview Trail because it was caught on the trail camera.
- Mayor Yates announced that the town's Christmas Dinner is December 15, at six o'clock in the evening at the Dickenson Center for Education and Research. Mayor Yates stated there would be gifts for the children and invited the Haysi Town Council Members and employees to bring their families.

Chief George Wallace mentioned meeting with Sandlick District School Board Member Rocky Barton regarding the situation brought up Mr. Stapleton last month. Mayor Yates agreed that the meeting needed to be arranged and include Mr. Burl Mooney as well.

- Mayor Yates announced that Jason Deel took over ownership of the Fuller Store, which is now Haysi Supply Company. Mayor Yates added that he was Mr. Deel's first ceremonial customer.
- Mayor Yates said there would be a "Tri-Board" (Dickenson County Board of Supervisors, Dickenson County School Board, and Dickenson County Industrial Development Authority) Meeting tomorrow at five o'clock in the evening at the Dickenson Center for Education and Research. The meeting will be a question and answer session regarding grant management of the Corp of Engineers Project.

ITEM # XII - COUNCIL COMMENTS

Haysi Police Chief George Wallace stated that he had received a lot of good comments about the Haysi Christmas Parade and commended Clerk Amanda Perrigan for her work on it. Mayor Yates echoed Chief Wallace's statement and added that his family and Mrs. Perrigan's family delivered extra treat bags to Heritage Hall. Mayor Yates explained that next year he would like to plan on getting volunteers for the cleanup process. While there were very few issues concerning public safety, candy thrown inside the white lines on the road needs to be addressed more clearly. Mayor Yates thanked all the volunteers for their efforts involved with the event.

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 Michael Harris 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