

Town of Haysi
Minutes of Regular Town Council Meeting
December 1, 2015 @ 7:00 p.m.

On December 1, 2015, 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:

Michael Harris

Susan Tiller

Barry Whitt

Tim Wallace

William "Billy" Counts

ABSENT: None.

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

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood seconded by Council Member Billy Counts to approve the agenda as amended. 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 3, 2015 Regular Town Council Meeting

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

- October 29, 2015 through November 24, 2015 Financial Report listing: beginning balance, revenue, expenditures and ending balance.
- October 29, 2015 through November 24, 2015 itemized listing of expenditures including checks # 13039-13075 & deposits
- October 29, 2015 through November 24, 2015 Profit & Loss Report
- Current payables to date for review

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

ITEM # VIII - NEW BUSINESS

ARC Grant/Russell Fork Trail Center Buildout

Mayor Yates said that moving forward with the grant he would like to know what input the town council wants to have on the design phase. Mayor Yates suggested a design committee that included him, any interested town council members and someone from the Haysi Partners. Council Member Susan Tiller asked what it would entail. Mayor Yates said that the committee would meet with the architect a couple of times between now and spring. Council Member Billy Counts volunteered to serve on the Design Committee. Since there were no other volunteers, Mayor Yates stated he would bring the construction documents for the council to review when ready.

Route 80 Fence

Mayor Yates explained that the fence on Route 80 going toward Medical Center Boulevard is an eye sore. Mayor Yates said that there were some funds available that had been reimbursed to the town on the Community Development Block Grant and VDOT has given approval for the fence to be replaced. Security Fence already has the necessary supplies ready to complete the work. Mayor Yates stated that the cost would be somewhere between \$3,500.00 and \$4,000.00. VDOT specified for their approval that the fence is required to be the same height and strength. Motion was made by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood seconded by Council Member Billy Counts to approve the replacement of the Route 80 fence. Let the record show the motion on the floor was passed unanimously by verbal voting.

ITEM # IX – OLD BUSINESS

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

Chief Wallace thanked Attorney Derrick Yates for his assistance in getting the fence near the Haysi Volunteer Fire Department repaired. Chief Wallace reported nineteen calls for the month of November and briefly described some of the calls on the November Monthly Report. Chief Wallace advised there was lady hit in a parking lot by Garmon Owens, but he did not see it as reportable since she did not stop talking on her cell phone. There is larceny under investigation involving money over a vehicle. There was a second grade student with seizures at school, which Assistant Chief Edwards handled until the Haysi Rescue Squad arrived. It took twenty-five minutes for the rescue squad to arrive, the average time is nineteen minutes. Chief Wallace noted that the Haysi Rescue Squad was a paid organization, but if two people don't stay at the building they have to wait for a second person to arrive. The Haysi Police Department worked traffic control at the Santa Train. Chief Wallace said that the Santa Train had the largest crowd this year. There was an accident involving a Budget truck that ran over a hill. An arrest was made of a patient at the clinic. His demeanor changed after he was told that he would no longer be allowed as a patient due to his pill counts not being correct and he had failed drug tests, so the staff contacted the police. Assistant Chief Edwards advised that the new surveillance system had been partial installed. There is a camera pointing toward Jones & Counts Pharmacy, one pointing toward Splashdam, and the largest camera points toward the picnic shed and Veteran's Memorial. Assistant Chief Edwards said that he has yet to install one covering the back of the building and one for the council chambers, but may need to borrow a hammer drill to complete those installations. Mayor Yates stated that the surveillance system was good quality and encouraged the council members to review the system at their convenience. Assistant Chief Edwards noted that he would like to get a camera to cover the garage in the future. Mayor Yates said that he sent a letter to the Dickenson County School System requesting security equipment from Haysi High School, but received a reply that no equipment was available. However, the reply stated that the request would be filed and considered if something did become available.

Community Development Block Grant

Mayor Yates said that the old roof material determined not in great shape. Vice Mayor Rocky Wood said it was in bad shape. Mayor Yates asked if the material could be given away. Vice Mayor Wood said that he didn't think that there was any money to be made from selling it. Special Projects Coordinator, Kirsten Deel asked if it could be sold as scrap metal. Vice Mayor Wood said that it didn't work out in the town's favor. Mayor Yates said that Delmon Ramey and Wayne McCowan had both expressed interest in it and that it would take a crew to remove it. Vice Mayor Wood suggested giving it away to get it out of the town's way. Mayor Yates advised that the lights and poles are ready, but there is still

a wait on the fuses to be completed. The Department of Housing and Community Development will conduct a final review on December 8 and 9 of next week.

Mayor Yates also advised that the town has received a denial letter on the Riverfront Trail Grant from the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries. The town has another application submitted to ARC for the Riverfront Trail, but doesn't expect a response until Spring 2016.

ITEM # X - MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Yates reported the following:

- Mayor Yates advised that the Virginia Tech Community and International Outreach Department had recently filmed an episode of Save Our Towns in Haysi. He said that the episode would most likely be aired on their website in January 2016.
- Mayor Yates reminded the town council and employees that the Annual Christmas Dinner would be held at Spring Branch Farm on December 11, 2015 at six o'clock in the evening.
- Mayor Yates invited everyone to attend Haysi's Christmas Parade, Tree Lighting, and associated Christmas Events on December 4, 2015.

ITEM # XI - COUNCIL COMMENTS

Vice Mayor Rocky Wood said that the Haysi Volunteer Fire Department still needs gas detectors. He stated that they had been turned down on the grant applications that they had submitted. Assistant Chief Bobby Edwards said that they cost around seven hundred and eighty-one dollars each and the fire department needs two. Mayor Yates asked Vice Mayor Wood if the fire department had funds for a match. Vice Mayor Wood said that after spending around eleven thousand dollars on a heat pump that there were no funds for a match left. Mayor Yates asked if the fire department had asked the Dickenson County Board of Supervisors for funding. Vice Mayor Wood stated that he spoke with them, however, they would not give an answer because of the elections. Mayor Yates said that he would check with Jerry Grantham next week. Vice Mayor Wood stated that they receive gas related calls in the winter. Mayor Yates said that legislative week in Richmond is next month, so he recommended that the topic be tabled to the next regular meeting. Council Member Susan Tiller asked if they had any gas detectors now. Vice Mayor Wood said that the fire department did not have any.

ITEM # XII - EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Council Member Susan Tiller and seconded by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood 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
Barry Whitt	Yes	Rocky Wood	Yes

Upon motion made by Council Member Susan Tiller 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.

ITEM # XIII – ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to be brought before the Council, a motion was made by Council Member Barry Whitt seconded by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood 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