

Town of Haysi  
Minutes of Monthly Town Council Meeting  
February 5, 2013 @ 7:00 p.m.

On February 5, 2013, 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.

Present: Mayor Larry Yates  
Vice Mayor Rocky Wood  
Council Member Mike Harris  
Council Member Barry Whitt  
Council Member Rocky Wood  
Council Member Tim Wallace  
Council Member Wm. "Billy" Counts

Absent: Council Member Susan Tiller

**ITEMS # I, II,**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Larry Yates at 7:05 p.m. and the Invocation was held by Chief George Wallace and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**ITEM # III – APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

At this time Mayor Yates asked Council for any additions or changes to the agenda. With no further additions or changes to the agenda the motion was made by Council Member Rocky Wood and seconded by Council Member Billy Counts. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting.

**ITEM # IV – APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

- January 8, 2013 Monthly Town Council Meeting

With no corrections or changes to the January minutes the motion was made by Council Member Rocky Wood and seconded by Council Member Barry Whitt to approve the January minutes. Let the record show the motions on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting.

**ITEM # V – FINANCIAL REPORT**

At this time the Council was presented for approval the following:

- Current listing of payables due for February 2013.
- January 2013 Financial Report listing: beginning balance, revenue, expenditures and ending balance.
- January 2013 itemized listing of expenditures including checks # 11324-11384, & deposits
- January 2013 Profit & Loss Report

With no further comments or changes to the financial report the motion was made by Council Member Barry Whitt and seconded by Council Member Billy Counts to approve the financial report as presented. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting.

**ITEM #VI PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**ITEM # VII- NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**ITEM # VIII – OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Police Department Report – Chief Wallace report the police department answered approximately 40 calls. He said the missing student at HHS on January 28 was found with four others skipping school at the river behind the band building. He elaborated the child missing on January 14<sup>th</sup> had been located by the dad. CSX needed help with traffic control to so blasting could be done to remove slide on railroad tracks. The animal complaint on January 10<sup>th</sup> is a resident in Splashdam. The dog at this residence had bitten Snake Woods. Patrolman/School Resource Officer Bobby Edwards gave the home owners a ticket and they owners have pre-paid the ticket.

Mayor Yates said once the dog has showed aggressive behavior, this animal is now labeled as aggressive or vicious animal, and the owner can be fined up to \$500.00 according to the town ordinance. He suggested a copy of the ordinance be supplied to the owners making them aware of their responsibilities.

Mayor Yates stated at our last meeting it was reported Officer Bobby Edwards was in the schools full time now, as a result of this how do you think it has in effected the coverage in town.

Chief Wallace replied, with Officer Edwards being in the schools full-time, our part-time officers are working more.

Mayor Yates asked has the department received their equipment from the DMV grant.

Chief Wallace replied, yes they had received their hand held radars.

B. Update on Special Projects/Façade Manager position Phase II CDBG

Mayor Yates reported Phase II budget contract is sign and ready. He said David Adams, DHCD, (Joy Rumley's replacement) and I have been working on the job description, and hopefully it will be ready for advertisement next week. He said the person hired would work approximately 24 hours per week for \$12-\$13 per hour.

C. Update Haysi Theatre Building

Mayor Yates reported the town is still waiting on the drawdown. The town received conformation this morning the drawdown has been approved. He said Kerry Hay, Town Attorney, has been working on the deed, and there are some back taxes owed on the property which needs to be worked out. Hopefully, this will be closed on in a week to ten days.

D. Update on Blighted Properties

Mayor Yates said with the information from VML nobody uses an ordinance for blighted properties, simply because so many of the section of codes are self-executing, and some are not. It is based on which section of code would be used pertaining to the property an ordinance may or may not be used. He said it was to his understanding if you use a section of the code that is not executable, and then an ordinance would be passed for that particular piece of property. He said a lot of section of code does not require an ordinance to be executed.

Council Member Rocky Woods commented if the town came upon a piece of property that didn't fall under the code section, then you would need an ordinance.

Mayor Yates replied, yes.

Mayor Yates said if a piece of property is blighted, and the property taxes is delinquent for five years or more the building inspector can condemn an start the process of taking the property, and this is what may have to be done with the property on Bartley Street.

Council Member Rocky Wood asked will the county condemn the property.

Mayor Yates replied no, because they have to many properties on the book. Once the town takes the property over they can sell it as is.

Attorney Kerry Hay asked if the council takes the proper over by eminent domain does the property have to be used for a public purpose.

Mayor Yates replied no, not according to the codes I have read, and it fits the description of blighted property.

Council Member Rocky Wood asked if properties are condemned, does the property owner have an opportunity to fix it.

Mayor Yates replied the owner is put on notice, but I do not know the specifics. Mr. Mills' the property owner on Bartley Street has been notified by the town and has not replied back. He said the town needs to move forward on this project.

#### **ITEM #XI – MAYOR COMMENTS**

Mayor Yates mentioned the Town of Clinchco borrowed the bucket truck and when it was returned the windshield was broken and the Town of Clinchco has agreed to pay to replace the windshield.

Chief Wallace said also, the choke on the bucket tuck needs to be repaired by the Town of Clinchco.

Mayor Yates said the Richmond trip was in some way successful and some ways not successful. He said Rural Development is working on a three year back log on grant funds, and there is no money available. He said there is money to barrow at low interest but no grant funds.

Council Member Rocky Wood said this is basically the information he has received.

Mayor Yates reported on the following:

- Splashdam Project is still being worked on waiting on response from DMME.
- Music project for the county is moving forward. There is a possibility for funding. The classes will be held two times per month after school.
- Working with Board of Supervisors and Feeding America to start a food pantry in Haysi at the Splashdam Church. The food is tentatively scheduled for the third week of each month. As for now there is funding available for three months.
- Pine Mountain Trail is being developed.

Council Member Rocky Wood mentioned Grace Fellowship Baptist Church is working on a grant to get food for the Haysi area this might be something the town and church can work together on since both entities is working to do the same thing.

**ITEM # X- COUNCIL COMMENTS**

NONE

**ITEM # X – ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business to be brought before the Council, a motion was made by Council Member Barry Whitt and 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 at 7:45 PM

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Larry D. Yates, Mayor

Attest:

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Clerk