

Town of Haysi
Minutes of Regular Town Council Meeting
February 2, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m.

On February 2, 2016, 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
William "Billy" Counts
Barry Whitt
Tim Wallace

ABSENT: Susan Tiller

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 Council Member Billy Counts seconded by Council Member Barry Whitt 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:

- January 5, 2016 Regular Town Council Meeting

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood and seconded by Council Member Billy Counts to approve both sets of the minutes as amended. 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:

- December 29, 2015 through January 27, 2016 Financial Report listing: beginning balance, revenue, expenditures and ending balance.
- December 29, 2015 through January 27, 2016 itemized listing of expenditures including checks # 13130-13174 & deposits
- December 29, 2015 through January 27, 2016 Profit & Loss Report
- Current payables to date for review

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood 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.

ITEM # VIII - NEW BUSINESS

Donation Request from Haysi-Clinchco Lions Club

Mayor Yates called for a representative from the Haysi Clinchco Lions Club to present the request. Brenda Ramey, President of the Haysi Clinchco Lions Club asked if the Town of Haysi would sponsor the 5th Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt. Mrs. Ramey said that the 2015 Community Easter Egg Hunt saw participation from 350-400 children and no one left without a gift. Mrs. Ramey said that she expects 500 children this year since the event has grown every time. Mayor Yates asked if they wanted the town to be a major partner. Mrs. Ramey agreed that was the intention. Vice Mayor Rocky Wood asked how much the town donated last year. Mrs. Ramey replied five hundred dollars. Donnie Harrison said the other three sponsors were Haysi-Clinchco Lions Club, Haysi Kiwanis, and the Town of Clinchco. The VFW dropped their sponsorship last year, so the Town of Clinchco took their place. Dianah Harrison said that they need financial assistance and volunteers to work. Mayor Yates invited them to ask the Haysi Partners. Vice Mayor Rocky Wood asked for the date of the event. Mrs. Ramey said that the 2016 Community Easter Egg Hunt will be held on March 26, 2016. Council Member Billy Counts asked about the "Spring Breakers." Mayor Yates explained that they were scheduled to be in Haysi early March. Mayor Yates asked if the Haysi-Clinchco Lions Club was partnering with the Breaks Interstate Park again this year. Mrs. Ramey stated that Superintendent Austin Bradley was invited to attend their next scheduled meeting and Matthew Owens had been working mediate between the organizations. Donnie Harrison said that Belcher Insurance had given away fifty dollars every year for all four age groups. In order to be eligible to win the fifty dollars; participants must get the first portion of a phrase from the Breaks Interstate Park Egg Hunt. The Ridgeview Track Team and possibly the Beta Club will offer assistance with games. Donnie Harrison said that they plan to fill five thousand eggs. Motion was made by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood seconded by Council Member Billy Counts to approve the donation

request for five hundred dollars from the Haysi-Clinchco Lions Club for the 2016 Community Easter Egg Hunt. Council Members Barry Whitt, Billy Counts, Michael Harris, and Vice Mayor Rocky Wood voted aye and Council Member Tim Wallace voted nay. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed by verbal voting.

Fire Department/Rescue Squad Appreciation Project

Council Member Tim Wallace asked if the council had thought about it anymore. Mayor Yates said that he agrees with doing something to recognize them. Council Member Tim Wallace noted that the all the money received for parking cars goes to the Fire Department. Mayor Yates suggested that the town provide a meal four times a year, once each quarter, to the Haysi Volunteer Fire Department and Haysi Rescue Squad. Vice Mayor Rocky Wood stated that the fire department meets on the first Monday of each month at seven o'clock. Mayor Yates said that the meal didn't need to be the same every quarter and that Vice Mayor Wood and Terry Bartley could work with Town Clerk, Amanda Perrigan to get everything handled. Motion was made by Council Member Tim Wallace seconded by Council Member Billy Counts to approve the Town of Haysi to furnish a meal to the Haysi Volunteer Fire Department and Haysi Rescue Squad once a quarter. 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 reported twenty-six calls for the month of January and briefly described the calls on the January Monthly Report. On January 4, a Trash Ordinance Violation was given for a mattress thrown out on Sandlick Road and the issue was resolved within the fourteen day period. Mayor Yates advised that a Trash Ordinance Violation may need to be issued to Dollar General. On January 5, a custodian at Sandlick Elementary School accidentally pulled the fire alarm. On January 8, there were multiple vehicle accidents due to black ice. On January 12, an ambulance wrecked near Vacey Mountain, but luckily had not picked up the patient at the time of the accident. On January 12, there were multiple calls relating to the same individuals involved in a domestic violence issue on Haygar Mountain Loop. On January 16, two dogs got loose and killed a dog of another owner on the front porch. The owner of the attacked dog shot one of the dogs. An ultimatum was given for the other dog owner to get rid of the dog or face charges since the danger was not being properly contained, the problem with the dog has been resolved. In 2015 Chief Wallace reported the Police Department handled 420 calls, worked 4,563 hours, drove 20,571 miles, had 196 stops, wrote 156 tickets, handled 34 crashes, and assisted motorists 81 times. Assistant Chief Bobby Edwards gave a demonstration of the new surveillance system. Assistant Chief Edwards said that he was interested in expanding the system in the future with additional cameras. He noted that \$1,000 of the \$1,700 purchase price of the system was paid for by the VML Risk Management Grant.

ITEM # X - MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Yates reported the following:

- Mayor Yates met with the new Sandlick District Supervisor, Ron Peters. Mayor Yates said he believes that Mr. Peters is a good advocate for the town.
- Mayor Yates attended the Southwest Regional Recreation Authority meeting on January 11, 2016 and thought it was productive. SRRRA has an application in with Virginia Coalfield Economic Development Authority and hopes to hear back later this month.
- Mayor Yates attended Legislative Week in Richmond in January where he had the opportunity to meet with government officials including Delegate Todd Pillion, Senator Ben Chaffin, and Governor Terry McAuliffe and agencies such as United States Department of Agriculture's Rural Development, Department of Housing and Community Development, and Department of Conservation and Recreation.
- Mayor Yates announced that a concert would be held at the Haysi Kiwanis again this year as part of the Mountains of Music Homecoming in June.
- Mayor Yates advised for anyone interested that People, Inc. would host a Ebay and Etsy workshop at the Haysi Town Hall on March 31, 2016.

ITEM # XI - COUNCIL COMMENTS

Vice Mayor Rocky Wood advised that the Haysi Volunteer Fire Department was able to find a better deal on the gas detector purchase by going another route, which reduced the cost to about seven hundred twenty dollars. Mayor Yates stated that he spoke with Enervest and they plan to drill thirty-five new wells. Vice Mayor Wood said that he was in the process of getting the gas detector ordered.

ITEM # XII – 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 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