

Town of Haysi
Minutes of Monthly Town Council Meeting
January 8, 2013 @ 7:00 p.m.

On January 8, 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 Michael Harris
Council Member Susan Tiller
Council Member Barry Whitt
Council Member Rocky Wood
Council Member Mike Harris
Council Member Wm. "Billy" Counts

Absent: None

ITEMS # I, II, III

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

ITEM # IV – APPROVAL OF AGENDA

At this time Mayor Yates asked Council for any additions or changes to the agenda. He said he would like to add an item "C" to Old Business-Discussion on the Russell Fork Trail Center/Old Theater Building and acquisition payment, and bank transfer. With the following change made the motion was made by Council Member Rocky Wood, and seconded by Council Member Barry Whitt to approve the agenda. 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:

- December 4, 2012 Monthly Town Council Meeting
- December 21, 2012 Special Called Meeting

With no corrections to the December minutes the motion was made by Council Member Rocky Wood and seconded by Council Member Billy Counts to approve the December 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 January 2013.
- December 2012 Financial Report listing: beginning balance, revenue, expenditures and ending balance.
- December 2012 itemized listing of expenditures including checks # 11277-11323 & deposits
- December 2012 Profit & Loss Report

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

ITEM # VII - PUBLIC COMENTS

Tammy Donner, Chairperson, Haysi Partners, came before the council requesting financial support. She said as the town moves into Phase II of the DHCD Block Grant much more will be required of the Haysi Partners, due to grant requirements and overall economic development and project goals. Also, the grant investment and opportunities that will arise from the revitalization of the town should spur the Haysi Partners to be moving forward more assertively. This will require certain important tools to initiate the partners' efforts. She said the partners are requesting funding for the following: \$1128.00 Website and logo design, \$850.00 Fee for 501(3)c application, and \$500.00 funds for marketing and advertisement of events in April.

Council Member Barry Whitt asked if the town gives the Partners this funding, after this will they be self-sufficient.

Ms. Donner replied hopefully this will get the Partners up and running and give the boost they need.

Council Member Barry Whitt asked is this the bare minimum.

Ms. Donner replied "yes".

Mayor Yates stated the town is working in the 2012-2013 FY budget and if the council fully funds this request, it will deplete this line item(local donations). Of course, this does not make this any less of important. Mayor Yates added he feels in the Partners annual fund raising efforts the organization should look at requesting appropriations from other entities, such as the group in Clintwood which receives funding from Dickenson County. With this said I'll leave it up to the council.

Council Member Rocky Wood asked who will design the Website and Logo.

Ms. Donner replied, "Mikki Barker(Web Concepts) the same person who did the towns."

With no further discussion the motion was made by Council Member Rocky Wood and seconded by Council Member Barry Whitt to donate \$2500.00 to the Haysi partners to cover the Website and Logo design, Fee for 501(3)c application, and funds for marketing and advertisement of upcoming events in April. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously.

ITEM # IX- NEW BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTION: 2013-01 "The Crooked Road National Heritage Area Destination"

Mayor Yates said a copy of the resolution should be in the council packets. Along with the resolution there were two enclosures "The Crooked Road National Heritage Area Designation and The Crooked Road Frequently Asked Questions."

After a reading of the resolution Mayor Yates commented he attended the public hearing in Dickenson County where there was no local opposition but there were some opposition on this by a group of landowners in the region. He stated benefits of being designated a National Heritage Area Destination were being eligible for a 50/50 match from the National Heritage Area/ National Park Service, on certain parts of the Crooked Road Annual Budget. The Crooked Road annual budget runs approximately \$250,000.00 annually so potentially they could receive \$125,000.00 in funding from U. S. Congress. They're two of many reasons why the administration and Board of Directors of The Crooked Road have

decided to pursue this designation, one is because of the funding opportunities, and two it designates our area as being a National Heritage Area.

With no further discussion the motion was made by Council Member Rocky Wood and seconded by Council Member Barry Whitt to approve the Resolution 2013-01 "The Crooked Road National Heritage Area Destination." Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously.

B. PHYSICAL & ECONOMIC BLIGHT POLICY

Mayor Yates said at our December 21, 2012, meeting it was briefly discussed about physical and economic blight. He said at this meeting the council received information on physical and economic blight. He asked does the council have any questions, and does the council feel the town needs an ordinance to address physical and economic blight.

Council Member Rocky Wood said with being under contract with DHCD to correct physical and economic blight, he feels an ordinance is needed.

With no further discussion the council agreed for the Mayor to start working on a physical and economic blight policy ordinance and upgrading the current town's litter control ordinance.

C. SPECIAL PROJECTS/FAÇADE MANAGER POSITION OF FOR PHASE II CDBG

Mayor Yates stated in the Phase II CDBG budget funding was available for a Special Projects/Facade Manager position with the town. It would be a part-time position which would be shared by the town and the Va. Department of Housing and Community Development. (See attachment for job description). Mayor Yates said he would like to condense the job description for advertising purposes. The funding for the position would be for approximately one year and the person would work between twelve and twenty hours per week. He said he would like to advertise for the job within the next two weeks. Mayor Yates asked for any volunteers to set on the interview panel.

The following volunteered to set on the interview panel: Mayor Yates, Rocky Wood, Susan Tiller and Barry Whitt.

ITEM # VII – OLD BUSINESS

Police Department Report – Chief Wallace reported the Haysi Police Department answered 36 calls in the month of December. One of the most important calls received was incident on December 18th, which caused the Department to feel there might be some harm done to one of the two local schools. Once a search warrant was issued and a search done on the subject home there was nothing showing this was going to be carried out. The other big call was Council Member Susan Tiller who's car was stolen from her drive way, the car was returned with no damage to it. Chief Wallace asked are there any questions on the report.

Mayor Yates reported the town has hired another part-time police officer, Brent Wallace.

Chief Wallace added Officer Wallace is a certified police officer within the town corporation limits as well as Dickenson County and graduated in November, first in his class.

Mayor Yates asked would Officer Wallace be interested in becoming SRO certified.

Chief Wallace replied Officer Wallace would be interested in any type of school the town wanted him to attend.

Chief Wallace informed the council Patrolman Bobby Edwards will be at the schools eight hours per day. This will let parents know there is an officer on site and there to protect students.

Chief Wallace also reported the used auto tires located at Mr. Eddie Fuller's home were being taken care of by the Dickenson County Litter Control Officer.

B. Donation Policy- Mayor Yates said the council had received in their packet a revised copy of the donation policy and asked are there any additions or comments.

Council Member Mike Harris was concerned if a school team qualified for state etc. How was the town going to handle this type of donation?

Mayor Yates said there is a clause in the policy that states "Any and all donation requests are subject to availability of funds and the Town of Haysi reserves the exclusive right to deny or approve all donation requests from any organization or individual for any reason other than stated herein." This should take care of any request.

With no further discussion the motion was made by Council Member Rocky Wood second by Council Member Barry Whitt to adopt the Donation Policy. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously.

Russell Fork-Trail Center Acquisitions and bank transfer.

Mayor Yates reported the town attorney Mr. Kerry Hay is having the deed and title search done on the theater building. He said in the original Phase I budget there was \$65000.00 appropriated to purchase the building. The town needs to pay an additional \$10,000.00 to purchase the building(total 75,000). He reminded the council when the town first went into contract with Va. Department of Housing and Community Development in Phase 1 of the downtown revitalization grant the town committed to invest \$25,000.00 of its own funds into the project. He said rather than doing a budget revision, the town can transfer funds from their rainy day account to cover the \$10,000.00 to finish paying for the building.

Council Member Rocky Wood said he agreed, since the town was committed to paying \$25000.00 on the project anyway, this would be \$10,000.00 already taken care of.

Mayor Yates said an additional \$6000.00 needs to be transferred from the rainy day account to cover two payments of \$3000.00 each for compensation to an employee regarding personal policy changes during Fiscal Years 2011 and 2012. This would make the total transfer of \$16000.00.

Council agreed to do the transfer of funds.

ITEM X-MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Yates reported he would be attending the legislative meetings in Richmond the week of January 14-18, 2013. He asked were there any special requests the Haysi Volunteer Fire Department or Police Department may have.

Council Member Rocky Wood stated the Fire Department can always use money for equipment especial New Fire Trucks.

Mayor Yates said in the past he had had some luck with funding for equipment, so he would try.

Mayor Yates said he is working on a project with the Dickenson County School Division and The Crooked Road. The project is a traditional music program for the county. This program will be held after school approximately two days per month. Students from grade school up will meet with instructors and learn tradition music. If anyone has an instrument to donate or ideas to help funding for the project please let me know.

Mayor Yates stated there is still money to loan in the downtown area with the town's Revolving Loan Fund. He said there is hope to expand the program to the entire town. He said new language in the DHCD 2013 Program Design recommends making loans for economic development/job creation in areas other than those targeted downtown areas.

Mayor Yates asked are there any questions.

ITEM # XI – COUNCIL COMMENTS

NONE

ITEM # XII – 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 8:45 PM

Larry D. Yates, Mayor

Attest:

Clerk