

Town of Haysi
Minutes of Regular Town Council Meeting
January 2, 2018 @ 7:00 p.m.

On January 2, 2018, 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
Tim Wallace
Carter Branham

ABSENT: Susan Tiller
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.

ITEM # IV - APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

At this time Mayor Yates asked for any changes to the agenda. Motion was made by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood seconded by Council Member Tim Wallace 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:

- December 5, 2017 Regular Town Council Meeting

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood and seconded by Council Member Tim Wallace to approve the minutes of the meeting on December 5, 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:

- December 1, 2017 through December 29, 2017 Financial Report listing: beginning balance, revenue, expenditures and ending balance.
- November 29, 2017 through December 27, 2017 itemized listing of expenditures including checks # 14171-14235 & deposits
- November 29, 2017 through December 27, 2017 Profit & Loss Report
- Current payables to date for review

Mayor Yates advised that the town had closed out 2017. Mayor Yates explained that under new business the town had the audit conducted, but the report will be presented in February. The town should receive a draft of the audit later this week. Mayor Yates stated that he needed to point out once again that the town does pay bills between meetings. Clerk Amanda Perrigan noted that the checks issued that are unseen by the council members are highlighted on the check register in the board packs.

Mayor Yates asked for any questions regarding the financial report. Motion was made by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood seconded by Council Member Carter Branham to approve the financial report. Let the record show the motion on the floor was passed unanimously by verbal voting.

ITEM # VIII - NEW BUSINESS

Audit Report from Thrower, Blanton, & Associates, P.C.

Mayor Yates thanked Vice Mayor Rocky Wood for help on the audit from the Fire Department.

Future Plan for the Ford Crown Victoria Police Cruiser

Mayor Yates explained that the Ford Crown Victoria Police Cruiser was just sitting in the parking lot because it was being used as a spare since the part time employees are now using the Ford Explorer. Mayor Yates recommended that the town declare the vehicle surplus property and get rid of it. Mayor Yates asked if anyone knew someone that would need or want the vehicle. Mayor Yates asked Assistant Chief Bobby Edwards if was going to strip the equipment from the car. Assistant Chief Edwards explained that the town could list the car as a police vehicle for sell with the equipment or strip the equipment and sell as a car. Assistant Chief Edwards added that the equipment was mostly outdated and didn't think it would be wanted. Motion was made by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood seconded by Tim Wallace to strip the police equipment from and auction the Ford Crown Victoria Police Cruiser. Let the record show the motion on the floor was passed unanimously by verbal

voting. Mayor Yates noted that the vehicle was a good car for the police department while in service.

ITEM # IX – OLD BUSINESS

Discussion of the Russell Fork Trail Center

Mayor Yates said that nothing had changed and he is still waiting to see if the Virginia Tobacco Region Revitalization Commission will open a round of grant funding. Mayor Yates advised that the pre-application was done.

Russell Fork Splashdam Property – Dean Hill

Mayor Yates stated that he would prefer for the town to keep the property on the left at the gate, which may aid in getting water to the property if Mr. Dean Hill didn't need it. Mr. Dean Hill said that he didn't need it, but wanted it to look nice. Mr. Hill noted that nothing could be built on the property, it would be primarily river access. Mayor Yates agreed. Mr. Hill reported that he had gotten the property surveyed and left out the area on the left at the gate. Mr. Hill noted that the property is twenty-one acres instead of the twenty-six originally thought in the beginning. Mr. Hill gave the Haysi Town Council the paperwork to review. Council Member Carter Branham expressed his concern about the property the town was considering to retain hindering the look of Mr. Hill's property. Mayor Yates said that it wouldn't do that. Council Member Branham asked about cleaning up that portion of the property and didn't want it to be an eye sore. Mr. Hill stated that he will fix up the road, but hadn't had the time to fix/clean up or really determine the placement of the road. Council Member Branham stated that the town's property needs to be cleaned up if kept. Council Member Branham asked if Mr. Hill might buy the remaining property after water is obtained. Mr. Hill again stressed that the property couldn't be built upon and he needed the town to help get water and he needed water to get a pool at the campground. Mr. Hill advised that he is waiting to hear back from CSX on blueprints for the waterline under the train trestle. Mayor Yates said in conversations with representatives from The Lane Group and Thompson & Litton that he thinks the issue with CSX can be resolved. Mr. Hill pointed out that the town would give up the right of way to the lower portion of the property. Mayor Yates advised that it would not be needed. A general discussion was held about CSX property, right of way, and flooding conditions. Mayor Yates mentioned that Mr. Hill has the resources to keep the property "pretty." Mr. Hill stressed that he needed public water or he would be limited in what he could accomplish. Mr. Hill added that if he was able to get public water then he wouldn't have to deal with waterworks from Abingdon and corresponding regulations. Mayor Yates said that the town would have to schedule a public hearing and develop an ordinance. Mayor Yates mentioned that Spearhead Trails is scheduled to make a big announcement on Thursday. Mr. Hill said that something had to be done especially if the school leaves and he was trying to make it better, but progress takes time.

ITEM # X – UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

Chief George Wallace reported 25 calls for the month of December. Chief Wallace summarized a few of the calls including mail theft on December 12, which turned out to be a false accusation. A debit card was reported left in the ATM at BB&T on December 7. A disabled vehicle on December 12, which took an hour to get out of the road. Calls that involved an issue with stolen cinder blocks, a shoplifter at FasMart, and hazmat issue with sewage in the river were pointed out. Mayor Yates asked about the calls to the Haysi Rescue Squad. Chief Wallace said it was “a mess.” The Haysi Rescue Squad had received a stainless steel sink as a donation, then it was stolen by someone with a key to the building. Chief Wallace explained that after officers went to the members’ homes for questioning, two sinks showed up at the rescue squad building the next day. Chief Wallace stated that the Haysi Rescue Squad has personnel problems. Vice Mayor Rocky Wood asked if Terry Bartley was still the captain. Assistant Chief Bobby Edwards answered that John Stanley is the captain now. Assistant Chief Edwards said the police department had received a lot of new equipment, including an ATV, rescue trailer, and truck, which still needs the light bar and radar. The enclosed sixteen foot trailer will be arriving soon. Assistant Chief Edwards welcomed the town council to look at all of them. The Virginia Department of Emergency Management awarded over thirty-five thousand dollars in a grant for the ATV and equipment, which will be used and located in Haysi. Assistant Chief Edwards said the police department will be responding to calls all across the county with it if needed. The graphics have been ordered, but Assistant Chief Edwards advised that there isn’t much space on the ATV for graphics. Mayor Yates commented on what a great job Assistant Chief Edwards did on the work for the grant including writing it. Mayor Yates pointed out that no match was required for the grant. Assistant Chief Edwards asked to remedy eligibility in the future with an emergency management department designation. Mayor Yates replied that he would look into the matter. Assistant Chief Edwards advised that there were no charges for the designation only paperwork with the state.

Haysi Volunteer Fire Department Monthly Report-Chief Rocky Wood

Chief Rocky Wood stated that there were four calls for December including two structure fires. Mrs. Willis’ house fire resulted from smoking with oxygen in use and Terry Owens house fire was caused by a clothes dryer. Chief Wood reported that both houses were saved by the fire department. There was also a call for med flight and one non-reportable. Chief Wood reported that he found the water line froze and busted in the ceiling at the fire department when he stopped to do some paperwork. Mayor Yates asked about the new truck. Chief Wood replied that the fire department was well pleased with it.

ITEM # XI - MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Yates reported the following:

- Mayor Yates advised that December had been a busy month and the town had a great Christmas Dinner this year.

ITEM # XII - COUNCIL COMMENTS

Vice Mayor Rocky Wood commented about the good food at the town Christmas Dinner. Mayor Yates agreed. Vice Mayor Wood again stressed that the food was really good. Mayor Yates said that he liked the venue and advised that he would pass the compliments on the food to Judy Compton, who had worked on a lot of dinners in the county for Christmas. Mayor Yates added that the Annual Haysi Christmas Parade was good and so was the holiday. Vice Mayor Wood thanked Clerk Amanda Perrigan for her work on the Christmas Dinner.

ITEM # XIII – 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 Carter Branham 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