

Town of Haysi
Minutes of Regular Town Council Meeting
January 5, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m.

On January 5, 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
Susan Tiller
Barry Whitt
Tim Wallace

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

Vice Mayor Rocky Wood requested that an item under Old Business be added under the title Gas Detectors Haysi Volunteer Fire Department/Haysi Police Department. Motion was made by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood 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:

- December 1, 2015 Regular Town Council Meeting
- December 7, 2015 Special Called Town Council Meeting

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood and seconded by Council Member Tim Wallace 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:

- November 25, 2015 through December 28, 2015 Financial Report listing: beginning balance, revenue, expenditures and ending balance.
- November 25, 2015 through December 28, 2015 itemized listing of expenditures including checks # 13076-13129 & deposits
- November 25, 2015 through December 28, 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

None.

ITEM # IX – OLD BUSINESS

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

Chief Wallace reported thirty-three calls for the month of December and briefly described some of the calls on the December Monthly Report. One call was a kid with a new cell phone that called 911 repeatedly and hung up. Another was an issue between a tenant and landlord at Splashdam which got resolved. There was a child at Sandlick Elementary School who committed an assault and threaten someone. As a result the child was expelled and the parents took the child to Gatlinburg. There was a fire on Big Ridge, a hit and run that got solved by using Facebook, Town Ordinance violations were issued and only two are unresolved, and a domestic violence issue at the Dollar General Store between a husband and wife over keys to a vehicle. Other calls included a credit card problem, dog problem, traffic control for the new streetlight at the Old Hardware, and a package of missing ammo that was delivered by Fedex to the wrong location.

Gas Detectors Haysi Volunteer Fire Department/Haysi Police Department

Vice Mayor Rocky Wood stated that they still needed gas detectors. The grant applications submitted were not successful. Vice Mayor Wood advised that they received enough money from former Sandlick Supervisor Delano Sykes to purchase one set. Vice Mayor Wood requested that the town purchase the other set needed, which would cost around eight hundred dollars. The Haysi Volunteer Fire Department would share the gas detector with the Haysi Police Department. Mayor Yates called the town council's attention to page four line 7049 and 7050 on the updated budget handout. Mayor Yates said that the purchase could come from the Police Department's budget since there were enough funds available. Motion was made by Council Member Tim Wallace seconded by Council Member Michael Harris to approve the purchase of a gas detector from the Haysi Police Department budget. Let the record show the motion on the floor was passed unanimously by verbal voting.

ITEM # X - MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Yates reported the following:

- Mayor Yates advised that a copy of the updated budget had been given out for review. He said that the VRS expenditures were over, but knew that would be the case. The budget overall is doing well and there are no immediate concerns. He reminded the town council that winter can be a lean time for the bank account balance, but the balance this year is doing better than it ever has in the past.
- Mayor Yates advised that a copy of the updated sick and vacation time spreadsheets for full time employees had been given out for review as well.
- Mayor Yates reminded the town council that 2016 was an election year. The date for the town elections is May 3, 2016. The deadline to submit candidacy is March 1, 2016. He advised that more information on the election could be found on the state election website.
- Mayor Yates stated that he hoped everyone enjoyed the Christmas Party. The town donated two hundred dollars to the Dickenson County Food Bank on behalf of Dean Hill for use of the facility.
- Mayor Yates met with Kitty Barker on December 17, 2015, since she is the new Director for Heart of Appalachia.
- Mayor Yates met with the John Flanagan Board at the Breaks Interstate Park on December 18, 2015 to discuss water control and downstream recreation. He believes that progress is being made with the Corp of Engineers and that the new description has lots of supporters.
- On December 8, 2015 the Department of Housing and Community Development held their final compliance review at the town hall. The review only took one day instead of the two scheduled at the town hall. Mayor Yates said that he had not received the final letter yet, but David Adams was well pleased.
- Mayor Yates plans to meet with Chris Strugill from Spearhead Trails later this week. The Southwest Regional Recreation Authority hopes to submit an application for funding to Virginia Coalfield Economic Development Authority in

February. At the SRRA meeting on December 11, 2015 the board was hopeful that construction would start within ninety days.

- New Streetlights are being installed and may be completed by tomorrow.
- Mayor Yates expects to receive the final design for Haysi's Russell Fork Trail Center by March 1, 2016, so the project can be bid in the spring. Construction should begin in the summer.

ITEM # XI - COUNCIL COMMENTS

Vice Mayor Rocky Wood invited the town council to the Annual Haysi Volunteer Fire Department Dinner on January 30, 2016 at six o'clock in the evening at Spring Branch Farm.

Council Member Tim Wallace said that he noticed that the fire department and rescue squad had been traveling by his house a lot and it made him think about how the community needed to show appreciation for their services. Council Member Wallace asked if the town would consider doing something as a gesture of gratitude. A general discussion was held about workers versus volunteers and some options. Mayor Yates asked if any action needed to be taken. Council Member Michael Harris suggested that the topic be revisited next month. Council Member Wallace requested that the town council think about it. Mayor Yates said that it would be added to the agenda for next month and asked Vice Mayor Wood to get the number of volunteers.

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 Tim Wallace 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