

Town of Haysi
Minutes of Regular Town Council Meeting
July 7, 2015 @ 7:00 p.m.

On July 7, 2015, 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

Barry Whitt

Tim Wallace

William "Billy" Counts

ABSENT: Council Member 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 Police Chief George Wallace and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

COUNCIL MEMBER SUSAN TILLER ENTERED THE MEETING.

ITEM # IV - APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion was made by Council Member Billy Counts seconded by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood 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 - 2015-2016 RE-ORGANIZATION

Mayor Yates stated that the purpose of the annual re-organization was to set the meeting date and time and choose the Vice Mayor. Motion was made by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood and seconded by Council Member Susan Tiller to hold the Town Council Meetings on the first Tuesday of the month at seven o'clock in the evening with the alternate meeting on the second Tuesday of the month at seven o'clock in the evening. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting. Mayor Yates opened the floor for discussion regarding the annual Vice Mayor appointment. Motion was made by Council Member Barry Whitt and seconded by Council Member Susan Tiller to continue Council

Member Rocky Wood's appointment as Vice Mayor. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting.

ITEM # VII – APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

- June 2, 2015 Regular Town Council Meeting

Motion was made by Council Member Billy Counts and seconded by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2015 Regular Town Council Meeting as presented. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting.

ITEM # VIII – FINANCIAL REPORT

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

- May 28, 2015 through June 30, 2015 Financial Report listing: beginning balance, revenue, expenditures and ending balance.
- May 28, 2015 through June 30, 2015 itemized listing of expenditures including checks # 12806-12880 & deposits
- May 28, 2015 through June 30, 2015 Profit & Loss Report
- Current payables to date for review

Mayor Yates explained that the financial report was lighter due to the close of the 2014-2015 fiscal year. Motion was made by Council Member Barry Whitt seconded by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood to approve the financial report. Let the record show the motion on the floor was passed unanimously by verbal voting.

ITEM # IX - NEW BUSINESS

Marsh Blood Drive

Mayor Yates asked for a representative from the Marsh Blood Drive. Mrs. Lavada Muncy introduced herself as a former Haysi High School Teacher and Ervinton Elementary Vice Principal and current Clintwood Elementary Vice Principal. Mrs. Muncy said that the Haysi High Students in 2009 wanted to do a blood drive at the high school, so she contacted Marsh and became the coordinator for the drive. Other ladies at Haysi High School coordinated the event after her promotion to Vice Principal at Ervinton Elementary. Marsh contacted her over the concern that the closure of the high school would cause current donors not to donate due to a longer drive to the new school. Mrs. Muncy requested that the Town of Haysi host a community blood drive in town. Ms. Debra Wampler would be the contact for Marsh that would work with the town. Mrs. Muncy explained that summer and around Christmas is a critical time for blood donations. Mrs. Muncy requested that the town host a summer drive once a year. The blood donations stay local and donors can direct their donations to family members. The direct donation can save families money if faced with that situation. Donors must be seventeen years of age or older. Marsh has a scholarship program as well. High school students that donate blood have a chance to win between five

hundred to one thousand dollars. Students are entered for a second chance to win if they donate during the summer drive. Marsh also awards honor cords to Seniors that donate blood. One donation can save up to three people's lives. Mrs. Muncy stated that Marsh is requesting the drive to be held on July 22, 2015 between noon and 4:30 pm. They will need access to the restroom and a place for bus registration. Vice Mayor Rocky Wood asked if blocking the parking lot across from the Haysi Town Hall is all that would be needed. Mrs. Muncy said that it was because they will bring the mobile unit. Mayor Yates asked if the town would have any liability for the drive. Mrs. Muncy said that she didn't think so, but they didn't have any issues at Haysi High School, so she would find out. Mayor Yates said that he would recommend that the town check with VMLIP about the liability as well. Mayor Yates asked if there would be any cost to the town. Mrs. Muncy said that there was no cost to the town. Marsh provides flyers, posters, and ads in the local paper. Mayor Yates suggested public service announcements on WDIC. Motion was made by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood seconded by Council Member Barry Whitt to support the Marsh Blood Drive contingent upon Mayor Yates checking on liability with VML. Let the record show the motion on the floor was passed unanimously by verbal voting. Mayor Yates thanked Mrs. Muncy.

Trophies from HHS

Mayor Yates stated that he had been contacted by Mr. David Yates about the trophies from Haysi High School. Mayor Yates explained that the town has been temporarily storing the trophies, but had been requested to provide floor space in the Russell Fork Trail Center, (Theater Building) to display the trophies in the high school's display case for the public. Mayor Yates noted that he would have to check with VMLIP on the liability and asked Attorney Derrick Yates if an agreement would be needed. Attorney Yates stated that an agreement would be needed. Vice Mayor Rocky Wood noted that the trophies were history of the town. Mayor Yates said that Mr. David Yates had suggested the 2nd level on the right hand wall, but he would continue to work on the project. Council Member Tim Wallace mentioned the Haysi Community Library as a location. Mayor Yates said that the library didn't have the necessary room available. Mayor Yates explained that the library could use additional space, but funding and approval would be an obstacle.

ITEM # X – OLD BUSINESS

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

Chief Wallace reported twenty-nine calls for the month of June and briefly described some of the calls on the June Monthly Report. The calls included a "DOA" in Splashdam above Jason Barton's property, an ATV complaint which resulted in one summons issued, and an unfounded complaint of assault of a teacher on a child. Mayor Yates asked about the result of the train incidents from last month. Assistant Chief Edwards stated that most were found guilty. Assistant Chief Edwards advised that the new police reporting software had been installed and used some, but he was working with the company to fix the glitches. Mayor Yates suggested that a letter be sent to Southern Software to formally cancel the service since the town had recently received an invoice. Assistant Chief Edwards stated that he had called Southern Software on July 2, 2015 to cancel the service, but he would send a letter as suggested. Mayor Yates asked about the status of the fence repair near the Haysi

Volunteer Fire Department that is owned by the town. Chief Wallace said that he took the notes to Attorney Derrick Yates for review. Attorney Yates said that the town would need to pursue the car owner's insurance for the cost of the damage. Mayor Yates encouraged Attorney Yates to work on the situation soon. Chief Wallace asked if the town should get a quote on the cost to repair the damages. Mayor Yates replied that he should get the quote and provide it to Attorney Yates. Chief Wallace said that he suspected the claim was rejected because the insurance company did not want to pay the AEP damage costs, which he thought would be very expensive. Assistant Chief Edwards also advised that the town had applied for a Haysi Town Hall surveillance system under this year's VMLIP Risk Management Grant. If approved, the grant would provide one thousand dollars toward the purchase of five cameras that work at night with face recognition and a two TB hard drive that should hold around thirty days' worth of video.

Community Development Block Grant – Streetscape Project

Mayor Yates said that he wanted to give a quick update on the project. After two rounds of bidding on the treehouse, there were still no successful bids. Mayor Yates explained that he had submitted a letter of request to the Department of Housing and Community Development to redirect the funds to the streetscape project. Vice Mayor Wood stated that he didn't know why the bids were so high for the treehouse. Mayor Yates said that he was never given a good reason for the cost to be estimated so high either. Mayor Yates said that the town would be able to work with Elk Knob, Inc. on the other addendums submitted with their original bid without rebidding. Mayor Yates did note that Elk Knob would probably have some remobilization costs. Mayor Yates also advised that the roof replacement on the old theater building had to be rebid.

ITEM # XI - MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Yates reported the following:

- A copy of a letter of thanks for the donation to the Haysi Community Library was included in the board packs.
- No new activity of note on the ATV trails, but the Mayor will be attending a meeting later this month.
- July 24, 2015 the Dickenson County Chamber of Commerce will hold a Business Appreciation Cookout at McClure Kiwanis Ball Park.
- The Mountains of Music Homecoming was a success.
- Mayor Yates recommended that the Haysi Russell Fork Autumn Fest Committee starting meeting to plan this year's event.

ITEM # XII - COUNCIL COMMENTS

Vice Mayor Rocky Wood asked if there was any new developments on the Haysi High School property. Mayor Yates said that he had not heard anything, but noticed the staff loading moving trucks. Vice Mayor Wood asked if there was a deadline when the property changes ownership from the Dickenson County School Board to the Dickenson County Board of Supervisors. Mayor Yates said that his understanding was that they were focused on getting Ridgeview ready. Vice Mayor Wood also asked if the speed limit would change for the Haysi High School Zone. Assistant Chief Edwards advised that the

decision would be up to the town, but he could contact VDOT to take down the school portion of the sign. Assistant Chief Edwards recommended the town keep the speed limit at twenty-five miles per hour. Mayor Yates agreed with Assistant Chief Edwards regarding the speed limit. Vice Mayor Wood asked about the school fine. Assistant Chief Edwards said that they don't charge the school fine anyway. Mayor Yates asked for the thoughts of the council members on the future uses for the former Haysi High School building. Vice Mayor Wood said that he thought that most of it would need to be torn down, but keep the gym for a youth recreation center. Mayor Yates noted that it would be good retail space and feels confident that the Dickenson County Board of Supervisors would talk to the town about the future use of the property. Vice Mayor Wood said that Clintwood Mayor Donald Baker wants the Clintwood High School property for the town of Clintwood and that each town should be treated the same. Council Member Susan Tiller asked if funds were available to tear it down if the town didn't want the building. Mayor Yates stated that everyone is looking for funds right now. Vice Mayor Wood stated that more information may be available once the new school opens.

Council Member Barry Whitt asked about the work Matthew Owens is undertaking on Joseph Boyd's lot. Mayor Yates said that Matthew Owens has a short term lease with an option to purchase with Joseph Boyd on the property. Mayor Yates said that he was glad the property was being cleaned up and understood Mr. Owens to possibly develop a community space. Mayor Yates stated that he would like to see retail operations there because the town needs businesses.

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 Barry Whitt 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