

Town of Haysi
Minutes of Regular Town Council Meeting
March 4, 2014 @ 7:00 p.m.

On March 4, 2014, 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
Susan Tiller

ABSENT: None

ITEMS # I, II, & III

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Yates at 7:35 p.m., and the Invocation was held by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ITEM # IV - APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

At this time Mayor Yates asked Council for any additions or changes to the agenda.

With no changes to the agenda the motion was made by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood 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 # V - APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

- February 4, 2014 Regular Town Council Meeting

Motion was made by Council Member Billy Counts seconded by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood to approve the minutes as presented in writing. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting.

ITEM # VI – FINANCIAL REPORT

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

- January 31, 2014 through February 26, 2014 Financial Report listing: beginning balance, revenue, expenditures and ending balance.
- January 31, 2014 through February 26, 2014 itemized listing of expenditures including checks # 12083-12114 & deposits
- January 31, 2014 through February 26, 2014 Profit & Loss Report
- Current payables due from February 25, 2014 to date including checks # 12129-12136 for review

Mayor Yates stated that a note was made about the payroll that was processed and the deposit that was made. Vice Mayor Rocky Wood asked if the bank statements were available. Clerk, Amanda Perrigan replied that they had not been received in the mail yet. Mayor Yates stated that the bank statements are received on various dates at the beginning of the month. With no further discussion the 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 #VII – PUBLIC COMMENT

Wesley Thomas of Skagshole Drive, Haysi introduced himself as the Vice President for Dickenson County Kids Fishing Day. He asked the Town Council for approval of the Donation Request submitted to the Town Hall. Mayor Yates asked him to give more information about the event. Mr. Thomas said that it was an all day event for kids and they are supplied with gifts and food. The Dickenson County Kids Fishing Day will be held on May 3, 2014. Mayor Yates asked for the amount of the donation request. Mr. Thomas said \$500.00. Mayor Yates said that the amount had already been appropriated into the budget. Motion was made by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood and seconded by Council Member Barry Whitt to approve the \$500.00 donation to Dickenson County Kids Fishing Day that had already been appropriated in the budget. Let the record show the motion on the floor was passed 5-1 by verbal voting with Tim Wallace voting Nay. Mr. Thomas thanked the Town Council. Mayor Yates thanked him for coming.

ITEM # VIII - NEW BUSINESS

Breaks Interstate Park Superintendent Austin Bradley

Mayor Yates asked Clerk, Amanda Perrigan if Austin had contacted the town. Amanda Perrigan reported that she had not heard from him. Mayor Yates said that something may have come up to prohibit Mr. Bradley from attending the meeting.

ITEM # IX – OLD BUSINESS

Police Department Monthly Report-Patrolman Bobby Edwards (See Attachment)

Patrolman Edwards reported a total of 32 calls for February and read off some highlights of the report. He reported that the Crown Victoria was in the process of being repaired. He told the Town Council that would soon be making a trip to Fort Bragg to pick up a John Deere Gator and another ATV from Camp Lejuene. Vice Mayor Rocky Wood asked about the counterfeit money on the report. Patrolman Edwards said that it was a five dollar bill that may have come from the bank because it came out of the till. Mayor Yates asked about the burglary arrest because of the concern around town even through the burglaries didn't take place in town. Patrolman Edwards said it was a person from Big Ridge. Mayor Yates told Patrolman Edwards he appreciated all his work.

ATV Ordinance

Mayor Yates said that he thought the ordinance still needed some fine tuning. He suggested moving forward with filing the Land Use Permit with Virginia Department of Transportation. Vice Mayor Rocky Wood asked if another public hearing would be needed. Mayor Yates stated that another public hearing is not required. Mayor Yates asked Attorney Derrick Yates if he was satisfied with the ordinance. Derrick Yates said that he was satisfied with those changes. Mayor Yates indicated that there were a few things in the ordinance that were redundant, so he wanted to revise it and have the Town Council reevaluate it next month.

ITEM # X - MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Yates reported the following:

- The Mayor is working with the Haysi Police Department and Rural Development to purchase safety equipment for ATV use and rescue. This is the preliminary stage, but expecting some grant money to become available. Patrolman Edwards is getting quotes on ATVs, trailers, and safety equipment. The ATV should be loaded similar to the police cars.
- The Mayor was approached by Special Agent David Belcher with Virginia State Police about office space in the Haysi Town Hall. He would not need much basically a desk, file cabinet, and phone. Patrolman Edwards said that he may not even need a phone, but a desk and Wi-Fi. Special Agent Belcher has a laptop and cell phone with the Virginia State Police Department. Mayor Yates said that he thought it would be a benefit to the town with higher police presence. The Mayor said that there would be no cost to the town. The Mayor said the space he had in mind was the old Mayor's office at the top of the stairs. Special Agent Belcher doesn't think that the Virginia State Police will pay rent. Patrolman Edwards mentioned that Matt O'Quinn had used space at the Haysi Town Hall in the past without any issues. Mayor Yates said that there was no town liability involved. Patrolman Edwards said that Special Agent Belcher would be covered under the Virginia State Police Worker's Compensation. A motion was made by Vice

Mayor Rocky Wood seconded by Billy Counts to approve use of the office space upstairs for Special Agent David Belcher at no charge. Let the record show the motion on the floor was passed unanimously by verbal voting. Patrolman Edwards will notify Special Agent Belcher of the decision.

- Mayor Yates awarded the tree removal project to Delmon Ramey, owner of Ramey Enterprises. The town has received a copy of his certificate of insurance and the work will begin as soon as the weather permits.
- There has been no word on the Alternative Spring Break Program.
- The Mayor encouraged everyone to talk to the Board of Supervisors Members and School Board Members about keeping the proposed elementary school in the Haysi area.
- The Department of Housing and Community Development has scheduled a compliance review of the Downtown Revitalization Grant for Thursday, March 6.

Mayor Yates asked if the council had any questions for him. Council Member Susan Tiller asked if the town would continue to try to fix the Crown Victoria Police Car. Mayor Yates said “yes.” It is currently being repaired at Freedom Ford for around \$2,500, which was the best quote. Chief Wallace and Patrolman Edwards worked with them to get a three year warranty with unlimited miles on the new transmission. Mayor Yates said that a new vehicle like it would cost around \$40,000. Council Member Susan Tiller asked if the town would qualify for a grant. Mayor Yates said that he didn’t think so because of the ratio of police officers to the number of vehicles we have currently.

ITEM # XI - COUNCIL COMMENTS

None.

ITEM # XV – ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to be brought before the Council, a motion was made by Council Member Barry Whitt seconded by Council Member Susan Tiller 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