

Town of Haysi  
Minutes of Regular Town Council Meeting  
November 16, 2018 @ 7:00 p.m.

On November 6, 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:  
William "Billy" Counts  
Susan Tiller  
Michael Harris  
Tim Wallace  
Carter Branham

ABSENT: None.

### **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 to strike the Resolution in support of Work Ready Communities from the agenda, noting that it was not ready yet. Motion was made by Council Member Billy Counts seconded by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood 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:

- October 2, 2018 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 October 2, 2018 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:

- September 29, 2018 through October 31, 2018 Financial Report listing: beginning balance, revenue, expenditures and ending balance.
- September 29, 2018 through October 31, 2018 itemized listing of expenditures including checks # 14599-14644 & deposits
- September 29, 2018 through October 31, 2018 Profit & Loss Report
- Current payables to date for review

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

## **ITEM # VIII - NEW BUSINESS**

### Department of Social Services

Mayor Yates welcomed Tracy Deel with the Department of Social Services. Mrs. Deel stated that she has lived in Haysi for two and a half years now and has been pleased with the town events. Mrs. Deel said that she wanted to brag on the events and amazing people in our community. Mrs. Deel explained that she works in Foster Care and has been for almost ten years. She said that forty-seven kids are in Foster Care in Dickenson County; fifteen of those are from Haysi and twenty-three are from Clintwood. She handed out copies of a letter, which she summarized about the Christmas Party that have every year. The Department of Social Services currently has thirteen foster homes, but is in the process of approving more. Nineteen kids can be adopted now and six of those are from Haysi. Mrs. Deel gave examples of some of the children and described how they needed help with finding a home, school work, clothes, and things like that. Mrs. Deel invited the Haysi Town Council to attend their Christmas Party on December 8, 2018 beginning at eleven o'clock in the morning. Mrs. Deel said that they were accepting donations and sponsors. She also said that the Department of Social Services was interested in setting up at the town events to look for foster parents. Mayor Yates asked Mrs. Deel about other programs offered. Mrs. Deel replied that there is program for heating and cooling, Adult PS, and Foster Care. Mayor Yates asked about the timing. Mrs. Deel answered that gifts needed to be received by the first of December. Vice Mayor Rocky Wood asked about a price. Mrs. Deel replied that it didn't matter, but they work to make sure each child gets an outfit, a pair of shoes, a coat, and a gift. Council Member Carter Branham suggested that the town make a donation. Council Member Tim Wallace asked how much. Mrs. Deel answered one hundred dollars each; half are already sponsored, but they are waiting on sizes for some. Motion was made by Council Member Carter Branham seconded by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood to donate four hundred dollars to the Department of Social Services for the Foster

Card Christmas Program. Let the record show the motion on the floor was passed unanimously by verbal voting.

#### Donation Request from Haysi Little League Basketball

Mayor Yates called for a representative from Haysi Little League Basketball, but no one responded.

#### Employee Handbook Amendment

Mayor Yates asked Clerk Amanda Perrigan to begin the discussion. Clerk Perrigan referred everyone to the draft amendment in the Council Member board packs. Mayor Yates explained that the purpose was to keep an employee from accruing additional time after two months of being absent from work consecutively. A general discussion was held about loading hours, losing hours, and earning hours. Vice Mayor Rocky Wood asked if the draft amendment would only affect new employees. Mayor Yates said that an implementation date would be decided as well. Vice Mayor Rocky Wood suggested that the matter be tabled until more research can be conducted on the issue.

#### **ITEM # IX – OLD BUSINESS**

None.

#### **ITEM # X – UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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

Chief George Wallace reported 48 calls for the month of October and added that the department had answered all kinds of call and had worked a lot of hours. Council Member Billy Counts asked about the ordinance violations. Chief Wallace answered that someone was reselling produce without a license. Mayor Yates asked about a call regarding traumatic injuries and whether it involved kayakers. Chief Wallace replied that it was the call received during the Autumn Fest. Mayor Yates asked about the call on the report for Altered Mental Status. Chief Wallace answered that Assistant Chief Bobby Edwards went with the rescue squad and did a check for the person, but they wouldn't answer the door. Mayor Yates thanked the police department for their work.

#### Haysi Volunteer Fire Department Monthly Report

Chief Rocky Wood reported that Assistant Chief of Police, Bobby Edwards wrote a grant for the Haysi Volunteer Fire Department for around \$116,000 for equipment. Mayor Yates asked if they were awarded. Chief Wood answered that they wouldn't know for two or three months. Mayor Yates asked if the grant was through the United States Department of Agriculture. Chief Wood replied no, that was through the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Chief Wood added that the fire department wasn't real busy. There were ten calls

last month and nothing major to report. Chief Wood said the fire department worked a coal truck wreck yesterday.

#### **ITEM # XI - MAYOR COMMENTS**

Mayor Yates reported the following:

- Mayor Yates reported that he attended a site selection study meeting. He has reviewed the report/book and it is available on the Dickneson County School Board's website. He has one paper copy he can share with anyone interested. There is another meeting tomorrow on the site selection, but he doesn't expect any voting. Vice Mayor Rocky Wood asked for the Mayor's thoughts on the issue. Mayor Yates replied that the site selection study rules out Ridgeview without more funding, however, "it's hard to say." Mayor Yates added that the cost is not the complete bottom line. There is a new recorded option to purchase property on Backbone Ridge that is good for one year.
- Mayor Yates advised that a grant application had been submitted for the water line extension to Thunder River Campground to the Department of Mines, Minerals, and Energy.
- Mayor Yates said that the Virginia Department of Health was conducting a Russell Fork River study on quality. They held their first meeting at the Haysi Town Hall, but the study will last two or three years. Mayor Yates added that he intends to attend the meetings. The study is for the entire Russell Fork River and is called the Total Maximum Daily Load Study.
- Mayor Yates reported that he and Clerk Amanda Perrigan attended the Appalachian Regional Commission's How to Apply Workshop in Abingdon last Monday. The Cumberland Plateau is helping with an application for more funding on the trail center.
- Mayor Yates also reported slow progress on the Riverwalk project. Vice Mayor Rocky Wood asked about the Dickenson County Building Inspector. Mayor Yates answered that the town was working on a no rise certification. TerraTech is working on the surveying.
- Mayor Yates stated that the Corp of Engineers scheduled a visit to the Haysi Town Hall tomorrow, but he didn't know any details regarding the reason for the visit. A general discussion was held about the Section 202. Vice Mayor Rocky Wood asked how often the flood zone is revised. Mayor Yates replied that it is updated frequently.

#### **ITEM # XII - COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Council Member Billy Counts said that Bob Larkin thanked the town for connecting him to the Haysi Kiwanis. Mayor Yates informed everyone that they broke the window on the bucket truck, but were paying to have it fixed. Mayor Yates added that they had a crowd of nearly five hundred people on Saturday.

Vice Mayor Rocky Wood asked when the Christmas Dinner was scheduled for next month. Mayor Yates answered December 14, at six o'clock. Vice Mayor Rocky Wood asked about the Annual Haysi Christmas Parade. Mayor Yates answered it is scheduled for November 30, at six o'clock.

**ITEM # XIII – EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion was made by Council Member Billy Counts and seconded by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood to adjourn into Executive Session pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711A1 for the discussion of personnel. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting.

Only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under this chapter, and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard discussed or considered in the meeting by the public body.

Mayor Yates asked for a roll call vote to certify the statement:

Wm. "Billy" Brice Counts	Yes	Michael Harris	Yes
Tim Wallace	Yes	Susan Tiller	Yes
Rocky Wood	Yes	Carter Branham	Yes

Upon motion made by Council Member Billy Counts and seconded by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood the Council was now convened in Open Session. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting. Motion was made by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood seconded by Council Member Billy Counts to update the compensation packages as discussed. Let the record show the motion was passed unanimously by verbal voting.

**ITEM # XIV – 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 Susan Tiller to adjourn the meeting. Let the record show the motion was passed unanimously by verbal voting and the meeting was adjourned.

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Larry D. Yates, Mayor

Attest:

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Clerk