

Town of Haysi
Minutes of Regular Town Council Meeting
November 3, 2015 @ 7:00 p.m.

On November 3, 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

Susan Tiller

Barry Whitt

Tim Wallace

William "Billy" Counts

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 the Council to add Christmas Parade and Christmas Dinner under New Business to the agenda. Motion was made by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood seconded by Council Member Billy Counts 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 13, 2015 Regular Town Council Meeting

Motion was made by Council Member Billy Counts and seconded by Council Member Barry Whitt to approve the minutes 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:

- October 1, 2015 through October 28, 2015 Financial Report listing: beginning balance, revenue, expenditures and ending balance.
- October 1, 2015 through October 28, 2015 itemized listing of expenditures including checks # 13009-13038 & deposits
- October 1, 2015 through October 28, 2015 Profit & Loss Report
- Current payables to date for review

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

Christmas Parade and Christmas Dinner

Vice Mayor Rocky Wood said that the Haysi Volunteer Fire Department voted at their meeting to join the Town of Haysi for a combined Christmas Dinner, but requested an alternate meat to the traditional holiday dinner options. Vice Mayor Wood said that the Haysi Volunteer Fire Department currently has 25 members that would be joined by the families for the dinner. Mayor Yates said that the town had reserved Friday December 11, 2015 at 6 o'clock in the evening for the Christmas Dinner. Council Member Billy Counts asked if it would be held at Spring Branch Farm. Mayor Yates advised that the owner, Dean Hill had donated the use of the building to the town for the Christmas Dinner. It is a very nice and new facility and the town is currently getting quotes from caterers. Council Member Michael Harris asked if Mr. Hill offered catering services. Mayor Yates said that Mr. Hill did not. Assistant Chief Edwards requested that the town get a quote from All About U Catering. Mayor Yates stated that the town would contact them for a quote.

Mayor Yates said that organizers were interested in doing more with the Christmas Parade this year, in particular having the parade at night time and combining it with the town tree lighting. The preliminary schedule would be to have the Annual Haysi Christmas Parade begin at six o'clock, followed by the Haysi Tree Lighting at seven o'clock, then the Community Christmas Bonfire and photos and treats with Santa at half past seven o'clock. There has been a dilemma finding a date to suit everyone. Mayor Yates explained that organizers originally looked at holding the events on the night of December 5, but

discovered during a phone call with Clintwood Town Hall that they have scheduled their parade that same date and time. Mayor Yates explained that the two parades needed to be separate times for two main reasons. The first reason being that there may not be enough law enforcement officers available and the second reason being that organizers want involvement from Ridgeview High School and Middle School. Mayor Yates stated that he feared Clintwood would get more participation from the new school than Haysi if they were planned for the same night. Mayor Yates said that there were no sports events scheduled on December 4, for Sandlick Elementary or Ridgeview that he was aware of. Council Member Susan Tiller said that she wanted Haysi to hold a night parade. Council Member Billy Counts noted that Haysi has always held the Christmas Tree Lighting on the first Friday night in December anyway. Chief George Wallace said that the Annual Christmas Parade was always held the first weekend in December too. Mayor Yates stated that waiting beyond the first weekend gets too far into the season and he wanted the community to be able to enjoy it. Mayor Yates also noted that the parade could not be scheduled to accommodate everyone. Mayor Yates said that the permit paperwork was ready to be submitted and the town was preparing to advertise. Assistant Chief Bobby Edwards advised that it would be easier to get officers for one event instead of two events. Mayor Yates advised that it would be cheaper to do one event as well. The town collected six hundred ninety dollars last year from the merchants toward the purchase of treat bags and float prizes. Council Member Susan Tiller noted that if the parade was held on Sunday that the business may be closed that would otherwise collect some revenue from a Friday evening event. Mayor Yates confirmed with the Town Council that the event would move forward consolidated on Friday, December 4, 2015.

ITEM # IX – OLD BUSINESS

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

Chief Wallace reported twenty-one calls for the month of October and briefly described some of the calls on the October Monthly Report. Chief Wallace advised there was an arrest made on October 3, on bad checks in which the person was wanted on a previous breaking and entering indictment. Other calls during the month included Officer Garrett helped with traffic control at the Russell Fork Trail Center, a shoplifting call from the Dollar General, an alarm set off at New Peoples Bank, and a property dispute at Splashdam due to the placement of a gate. Chief Wallace said that it was slower this year than last year, but thinks it may be due to a slower economy. Assistant Chief Edwards added that there had been no school incidents and noted that the new principal handles his own situations.

Community Development Block Grant

Mayor Yates gave an update on the Russell Fork Trail Center. The construction on the roof is finished and the edges have been installed. The guttering has been ordered and once it has been installed Hunter Greene from Hill Studio will make the final inspection. Mayor Yates asked Vice Mayor Wood if he had a chance to look at the old roof material. Mayor Yates said that if it was determined to be in poor condition then it could possibly be offered

as scrap metal. It's not clear whether the material would be considered debris. The fire line is done and the final drawdown was received today. The Department of Housing and Community Development will schedule a final review when ready. Mayor Yates advised that the lights were ready, but there is still a wait on the poles to be completed. The new streetlights will look similar to the ones in Norton. Mayor Yates advised that after the grant closeout the town will look at administering the Haysi Revolving Loan Fund in house. Mayor Yates also gave an update on the ARC Grant. Hill Studio has agreed to a price for construction drawings and Mayor Yates is waiting to receive the draft of the contract. The plan is to bid the construction work in the spring and Mayor Yates said that Paisley Kerr is interested in bidding.

Update on Splashdam Property

Mayor Yates said that he thought the project hit a wall and there wasn't going to be a project. However, today Mr. Potter said that he was still interested. Mayor Yates stated that he told Mr. Potter that he needs to work with the committee that was formed.

ITEM # X - MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Yates reported the following:

- Mayor Yates advised that the SRRRA would be submitting a construction application to VCEDA in February. Mayor Yates said it was a good design that doesn't include Route 80. It will be thirty miles total to begin, which is ten more than Poplar Gap. Vice Mayor Wood asked if there were changes to the first left of the trail. Mayor Yates said that information was discussed in a closed session of the Dickenson County Board of Supervisors, so he couldn't say because of easement issues. Vice Mayor Wood asked if the Dickenson County Board of Supervisors were "pushing" for it? Mayor Yates stated that they were pushing hard. Dickenson County is the only county out of seven that had never missed a payment of support. Mayor Yates said that after the construction funds were secured that the town would work on the Land Use Permit with VDOT.
- Mayor Yates said that the Crooked Road was already working on the 2016 Mountains of Music Homecoming. The goal is to make it better and next year's dates are June eleventh through the nineteenth, but the date of the Haysi concert has not been set. There will be lower ticket prices and more local marketing for 2016.
- Mayor Yates advised that he had been working on the Haysi to Breaks Trail project. The project needs to be promoted as Haysi to Elkhorn City Trail since the Breaks Interstate Park now owns the property stretching to Carson Island. Mayor Yates said that the county has asked him to lead the project and put together a team to

meet with Pike County. Mayor Yates said that he wants to involve Appalachian Voices and maybe Mr. Potter as well.

- Mayor Yates met with Delegate Kilgore, Congressman Griffith and the Senior Advisor to the Secretary of Energy to discuss the economy and situation regarding jobs in our area. There are some opportunities involving the railroad track to Prater.

ITEM # XI - COUNCIL COMMENTS

None.

ITEM # XII – EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Council Member Susan Tiller 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
Barry Whitt		Yes	Rocky Wood	Yes

Upon motion made by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood and seconded by Council Member Billy Counts 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 and seconded by Council Member Barry Whitt to give a three percent raise to full-time police department employees, a twenty-five cent hourly increase to James Gilbert, a three percent raise to Amanda Perrigan, four hundred twenty-five dollar Christmas bonus for administration, four hundred twenty-five dollar Christmas bonus for full-time employees, two hundred twenty-five dollar Christmas bonus for Brent Wallace and Grant Garrett, one hundred seventy-five dollar Christmas bonus for Kirsten Deel, and two hundred seventy-five dollar Christmas bonus for James Gilbert. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting.

ITEM # XIII – 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