

Town of Haysi
Minutes of Regular Town Council Meeting
October 13, 2015 @ 7:00 p.m.

On October 13, 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

William "Billy" Counts

ABSENT: Tim Wallace

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 Matthew Owens and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ITEM # IV - APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

At this time Mayor Yates asked the Council for any additional changes to 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

The first person to speak during Public Comment was Matt Owens of P.O. Box 743, Haysi. Mr. Owens introduced himself as President of the Haysi Partners and wanted to discuss The Breakdown, an event organized by 361 Adventures. Mr. Owens said that he was contacted by 361 Adventures because they are very interested in the Town of Haysi. They want the event to start and finish in Haysi. The date for the event is April 16th, 2016 and will consist of a 12 hour race and a 24 hour race. The Haysi Partners would like to have the town request assistance from Four County Transit to bus event attendees to Lake Road, Lower Twin, Cranesnest, and the Breaks Interstate Park. There are over 75 people already pre-registered of the 150 estimated racers to participate, not including their support teams. Mr. Owens stated that 361 Adventures was considering the possibility of a kayak paddle leg from Haysi "Beach" to Splashdam. The racers sign waivers to compete in the race, so

Mr. Owens said there would be no liability on the town. Mayor Yates said that the town would make a courtesy call to VML regarding the event. The Haysi Partners are interested in providing a meal for them again this year to show appreciation. There may be an estimated eighty cars in town during the event and the Haysi Partners request permission for the use of the town's property and may need to request use of the Haysi High School land as well for parking. There shouldn't be a need for a Land Use Permit since the road doesn't need to be blocked. Mayor Yates advised that the auxiliary and part time police officers may be able to assist with parking. Mayor Yates recommended checking with Stone Mountain Clinic about parking as well. The new Four County Transit buses were thought to hold twenty-four passengers. Mayor Yates said that he would work with Four County Transit. Chief George Wallace suggested the use of the thirty-four passenger bus that the Breaks Interstate Park owns. Mayor Yates said that he would get Mr. Owens a statement of support from the town to give to 361 Adventures.

There was no else registered for Public Comment.

ITEM # VI – APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

- September 1, 2015 Regular Town Council Meeting

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood 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:

- August 27, 2015 through September 30, 2015 itemized listing of expenditures including checks # 12944-13008 & deposits
- August 27, 2015 through September 30, 2015 Profit & Loss Report

Mayor Yates noted that the Coal Severance funds were deposited into the Rainy Day Savings Account and not actually expended. 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

None.

ITEM # IX – OLD BUSINESS

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

Chief Wallace reported twenty-eight calls for the month of September and briefly described some of the calls on the September Monthly Report. Chief Wallace advised there was a fatality of a minor during a motor vehicle accident on September 1, on Breaks Park Road which resulted in no initial arrest. Officer Garrett worked a domestic violence call on Fish Pond Road assisting the county on September 7. Chief Wallace said there were several calls relating to alarms this month. The quarterly overtime payments were made in September to complete the DMV DUI Grant. The DMV Speeding Grant began on October 1. The stolen items reported on September 28, turned out to be fraud after discovering the lady wired money to a financial institution. Mayor Yates asked about the outcome of the eleven thousand dollar equipment theft from the previous month. Assistant Chief Edwards said that there was no new information on the case. The Town of Haysi was awarded the one thousand dollar VML Risk Management Grant toward the purchase of the security system. Mayor Yates said he spoke with Larry Edwards about installing the system at his standard rate. All but around five hundred dollars of the system was paid for with grant funds, the extra was mostly due to a camera upgrade. The Police Department will also be able to access the cameras from their phones and over Wi-Fi.

Community Development Block Grant

Mayor Yates said that the project was close to winding up. The construction on the water line is almost done and the new roof has been installed, but there are just a few items to finish up. The old roof material is not in good condition like originally thought, so after the project is complete a decision can be made on the value and how to proceed. The new roof has a 30 year warranty. Mayor Yates informed everyone that the final drawdown has been submitted for payment. The only funds that were lost in the grant were for the housing project. Mayor Yates stated that the loss may work out in favor of the town obtaining a larger housing grant for larger area of town based on what his sources have advised him.

ITEM # X - MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Yates reported the following:

- Mayor Yates advised that he attended the Dickenson County School Board Meeting at the end of September to discuss building the Haysi Elementary School inside the town limits and was well received. They do not have the funds to construct another school at this time, but they do have money for property acquisition. A portion of the property needed has already been purchased on Backbone Ridge. The school

board instructed their attorney to move forward with whatever means necessary to finish purchasing the property up to and including lawsuit/condemnation.

- Mayor Yates passed out copies of an email that he received from Attorney Derrick Yates regarding the fence. He recommended that the town move forward with having the fence repaired and filing a warrant in debt if it becomes necessary later. Council Member Barry Whitt said that the post going toward the Haysi High School needs to be fixed as well. Council Member Billy Counts said that the water drainage in that area is a problem as well. Mayor Yates said that VDOT may have to be contacted to look at the road where the water is pooling and hillside has eroded. Mayor Yates will discuss it with Sandlick Supervisor Delano Sykes for assistance in contacting VDOT on the matter as well.

ITEM # XI - COUNCIL COMMENTS

None.

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 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