

Town of Haysi
Minutes of Regular Town Council Meeting
October 1, 2013 @ 7:00 p.m.

On October 1, 2013, 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 Yates
Vice Mayor Rocky Wood

Council Members:
William "Billy" Counts
Michael Harris
Susan Tiller

ABSENT: Council Member Tim Wallace

ITEMS # I, II, & III

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Yates at 7:00 p.m., and the Invocation was held by Council Member 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.

Mayor Yates said he would like to add under Old Business –Discussion on Hazardous Duty Pay for the Police Department. With no further changes to the agenda the motion was made by Council Member Rocky Woods 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:

- September 3, 2013 Regular Town Council Meeting

With no further discussion the motion was made by Council Member Billy Counts seconded by Council Member Rocky Wood to approve the minutes.

ITEM # VI – FINANCIAL REPORT

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

- Current listing of payables due for October 2013
- September 2013 Financial Report listing: beginning balance, revenue, expenditures and ending balance.
- September 2013 itemized listing of expenditures including checks # 11831-11876
- September 2013 Profit & Loss Report

With no further discussion the motion was made by Council Member Billy Counts seconded by Council Member 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 COMMENTS

Katy Jo Powers mentioned anyone wanting to help with the parade or be in the parade on Saturday, please contact her or Kay Owens.

ITEM #VII-NEW BUSINESS

Haysi High School Band

Mayor Yates stated we were expecting the Haysi High School Band tonight, but for some reason they did not show up for the meeting,

Billy Jack Yates-Annexation

Mr. Yates came before the Council to discuss extending the town's corporation limits from the sub-station on Route 63, Big Ridge to Tan Trough Road which is also located on Route 63. Mr. Yates stated this would square the town corporation limits, when the lines would interject on Route 83, Dickenson Highway above New Road Trade Center. He said this would take in approximately three business, twenty-five homes, and Centennial Heights. Mr. Yates said the residents he has spoken with in this area are in favor of the annexation.

Mayor Yates said his suggestion is to get the communities support and have them to attend the council meeting showing their support for the annexation. Mayor Yates explained the Board of Supervisor's has to approve the annexation, signed off by a Circuit Court Judge, and voted on by Virginia Legislation.

Council Member Rocky Wood asked have you spoken with Board of Supervisor Member Delano Sykes about wanting to annex.

Mr. Yates replied he had not, but would speak to him to get his opinion.

Council Member Rocky Wood mention this time when the town annexes it is much different than the last time.

Council Member Billy Counts asked would this annexation involve both the Sandlick and the Willis District.

Mr. Yates replied it is to his understanding it is all the Sandlick District.

Council Member Barry Whitt suggested getting a petition signed in support of the annexation.

Mayor Yates said this is a long process, it takes about a year.

Virginia Local Disability Program Opt Out Resolution, VRS Hybrid Plan

Mayor Yates stated on January 1, 2014, the town must offers short and long term disability leave to full time employees that is newly hired with no previous VRS coverage. VRS now offers three difference type of retire plans. The three employees the town currently has is in Plan I of VRS Retirement. If the town hires a new employee other than a police office without any prior VRS service they will be in the Hybrid Plan.

Ramona Duncan explained if the town hires a police office without previous VRS service, and the town does not offer and enhanced benefits such as LEO's or hazardous duty pay, then this office will go into the hybrid plan, but if a political sub-division employees are covered under an enhanced benefits, then these new employees are not eligible to participate in the hybrid plan. What this resolution is if the town decided to opt out of this plan, then they will offer a similar plan to new employee hired in after January 1, 2014.

Mayor Yates stated the VRS plan is .91 cents per \$100.00 of the pay period. VML for law enforcement officers is .49 per \$100.00, but they charge a \$2.50 administration fee per month. Mayor said there is a big savings with VML even with the admin fee, and also all of the other town insurances are with VML, and this is the one he would recommend for the town to purchase.

Council Member Rock Wood asked if a new employee is hired and they receive they receive short and long term leave with the town, then won't these employee earn time differently than the current employees.

Ramona Duncan replied, "Changes will need to be made to the personnel policy to reflect leave for new employees hired after January 1, 2014."

Mayor Yates read the resolution to opt out of the Virginia Local Disability Program, Hybrid Plan.

With no further discussion the motion was made by Council Member Rocky Wood and second by Council Member Barry Whitt to opt out of the plan.

Mayor Yates asked for a row call vote. Votes are as follows:

Billy Counts	Yes	Mike Harris	Yes
Tim Wallace	absent	Susan Tiller	Yes
Barry Whitt	Yes	Rock Wood	Yes

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

ITEM # IX OLD BUSINESS

A. Police Report-Patrolman Bobby Edwards (See Attachment)

Patrolman Edwards said the department had another busy month, answered 48 calls ranging from an alarm on Breaks Park Road to lockdown drills at the schools. He asked did anyone have any questions on the police report.

Council Member Rocky Wood commented he thought the department was doing a good job,

Patrol Edwards said he and Chief Wallace had been discuss the part-time wages, and feels the part-time wages needs to be increased to \$12.00 to \$12.50 per hour to be competitive with other local town in the area and asked if the Council would take this into consideration.

Mayor Yates asked what does the county pay part-time per hour.

Patrolman Edwards replied \$15.00 per hour, and the Town of Clinchco is going to offer \$12.00 per hour

Council Member Mike Harris asked what does the Town of Clintwood pay.

Patrolman Edwards replied, he did not know.

Council Member Billy Counts asked what is the part-time for our town currently receiving.

Patrolman Edwards stated \$10.50 per hour.

Mayor Yates said he appreciated the department bring the concern to the council attention, and feels it needs to be reviewed. He asked Patrol Edwards to contact local towns in our area to see what they were paying their part-time police officers and would discuss at next month's council meeting with other town employees pay increases.

Patrolman Edwards said he would check with other towns.

Hazardous Duty Pay

Mayor Yates stated VML can conduct a study to see what the cost would be for Hazardous Duty Pay for the town's full-time police officers. He said he thought the cost would be approximately \$2500.00. He said he thinks this is a good benefit for our Police Department. He said the cost per full time policeman would be between \$20to \$30 per month.

Council Member Rock Wood commented the biggest cost is the cost to the study.

With no further discussion the motion was made by Council Member Rocky Wood and seconded by Council Member Susan Tiller to start the necessary paper work to get the study conducted on the Hazardous Duty Pay. Let the record show the motion on the floor was passed unanimously by verbal voting.

Disposal of Town Property-Splashdam

Mayor Yates said it has been discussed on how the town may want to proceed with selling of the property at Splashdam. He said he thinks he has come up with a plan that will keep from anyone think that the property was purchase or sold incorrectly. He said he has come up with a Proposed Sale of Town Property-Public Notice. This notice will be run in the local paper on October 9th and October 16th and the public hearing will be held October 22, 2013 at 6:00 PM. Then an ordinance can be adopted.

ITEM # X MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Yates reported the following:

- The position for the Economic Development has been filled by Amanda Parrigan and Candacee Sutherland.
- Grant Garrett has joined the Haysi Police Department part-time, since Richard Thacker has taken a full-time position with the Town of Pound.
- The town received a letter from the Department of Housing and Community Development stating they could not approve the Town's request for an extension at this time.
- Preparing for a Compliance Review with David Adams, DHCD.
- Attended the Southwest Virginia Creative Economy Conference. He said this is been one of the better conferences he has attended.

ITEM # XI- COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Rock Wood asked did the town get permits to block the bridge at the hardware on for vendors for Saturday.

Mayor Yates replied yes, for the festival, Christmas Parade, and the Homecoming dance.

Kay Owens asked will the bridge be closed during the festival.

Mayor Yates replied yes.

ITEM # XV – ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to be brought before the Council, a motion was made by Council Member 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 at 8:20 PM

Larry D. Yates, Mayor

Attest:

Clerk