

Town of Haysi
Minutes of Regular Town Council Meeting
September 3, 2013 @ 7:00 p.m.

On September 3, 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 Barry Whitt and 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 Chief George Wallace 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 further changes to the agenda the motion was made by Council Member Billy Counts seconded by Council Member Rocky Wood 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:

- August 6, 2012 Regular Town Council Meeting
- August 6, 2012 Public Hearing Meeting Proposed River Front Trail

With no further discussion the motion was made by Council Member Rocky Wood seconded by Council Member Billy Counts 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 September 2013
- August 2013 Financial Report listing: beginning balance, revenue, expenditures and ending balance.
- August 2013 itemized listing of expenditures including checks # 11777-11830
- August 2013 Profit & Loss Report

With no further discussion the motion was made by Council Member Rocky Wood seconded by Council Member Susan Tiller to approve the financial report. Let the record show the motion on the floor was passed unanimously by verbal voting.

ITEM VII-PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kay Owens, member of the Autumn Festival Committee stated she was present requesting funds for the festival.

Mayor Yates asked Ramona Duncan if she knew how much the town gave last year to the festival.

Ramona Duncan said without researching the records she could not tell him for sure, but this is a line item in the town's budget.

With no further discussion the motion was made by Council Member Rocky Wood and seconded by Mike Harries to donate to the festival the amount funded in the 2013/2014 budget. Let the record show the motion on the floor was passed unanimously by verbal vote.

Matt Owens, Haysi Partners entertained the idea to the council when the town applied for the parade permits to include closing the bridge at Bridge Street near the Old Hardware Store to be used for vendors.

The council agreed to add to the permits.

ITEM #VII-NEW BUSINESS

Joyce Viers New Business

Joyce Viers, local business owner came before the council to discuss her current idea for a business in the town. She said she is interested in locating a Tobacco Outlet, but has some concerns with the town's cigarette tax and with this tax she does not feel she cannot compete with other stores outside the corporation limits. She said in order for her business to survive she would have to sell other items along with than tobacco. Mrs. Viers asked if town had an incentive program for new business locating in the town.

Mayor Yates said the town increased the cigarette tax 15 cents per pack not 20 cents per pack. He said the purpose of increasing this tax was to bring revenue into the town without putting a burden or those who just live inside the corporation limits.

Joyce Viers said she did not disagree with a tobacco tax. If the county had a tobacco, then this would be even more to purchase tobacco products in town.

Mayor Yates replied the county cannot add on to the town's tax.

Joyce Viers said she has spoken with the vendors who supplies stores outside of the corporation limits of town and they tell her they do not think a tobacco outlet would make it in town.

Mayor Yates said he has been studying incentives for the past couple of month with Brandy Hall and Doug Jackson with DHCD on new business incentives. He said there is nothing legally the town can do to reduce the 20 cents on a pack, but as far as an incentive the town may offer some type of incentive package. The town would have to pass an amendment to the town's BPOL ordinance to offer incentives for new businesses. He said he is for offering incentives to new businesses locating in the town. He stressed the town is always looking to locate new business in the town and is willing to help in anyway.

ITEM # IX OLD BUSINESS

A. Police Report-Chief Wallace (See Attachment)

Chief Wallace said the department had another busy month, answered 35 calls ranging from animal complaints to assisting the Dickenson County Sherriff's Department on an attempted murder on Indian Creek. He said Patrolman Edwards was back in the schools full time and so far no serious charges or problems at the schools. He said in the last two weeks there have been four shop lifters at the Dollar General and a B & E at the Cuttin Edge. Hair Salon.

Mayor Yates asked on August 10, what town ordinance was violated.

Chief Wallace replied, he did not know.

Council Member Rocky Wood asked did Patrolman Edwards charge the driver that wrecked on Breaks Park Road.

Chief Wallace said he was charged with a traffic violation, but no other charges have been filed at this time

Chief Wallace elaborated on the B & E at the Cuttin Edge Hair Salon he said nothing was taken just items turned over and a mess made. He said the person responsible for the break-in entered with a key which was under the mat at the front door. He said he and Patrolman Edwards had interviewed a suspect, but felt this person was not responsible.

Council Member Rocky Wood asked have reports of any stolen items in the area been made.

Chief Wallace replied there have been reports within the county.

Mayor Yates asked about the abandon vehicle on August 21.

Chief Wallace said the vehicle was left at FasMart the person who own the vehicle was put in jail, so I had the vehicle towed.

Chief Wallace spoke to the Council on the part-time situation the department is now facing. He said Richard Thacker has now taken a full-time position with the Town of Pound, and Scotty Owens works full time at the prison, and then coaches little league football, and just doesn't have time to work for the town. Chief Wallace said the town is in need of another part-time officer.

ITEM # X MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Yates said the Autumn Fest is in the planning stages and anyone who can help with the festival it would be greatly appreciated.

Mayor Yates reported the following:

- The position for the Economic Development position has been re-advertised and the deadline for applications is Friday, September 6, 4:00 PM.
- There are still rumors about the elementary school project not being located in the town. He said he encourages everyone to attend school board meeting, local PTO meeting, and most of all be involved in the project and showing support in the community.
- Attended the ground breaking for the new school along with Council Members Barry Whitt and Billy Counts
- Attended Dickenson County Days at the Heartwood.
- Working with DHCD on local business incentives.
- Spearhead Trails officially opens in Wise County in the St. Paul area with part of this trail coming into Dickenson County.
- .Applied to the Department of Housing and Community Development for an extension on the town's revolving loan fund, and the town has not received a reply to the extension.
- Working with a group on the Breaks Master Plan.

Council Member Rocky Wood asked what's going to happen when the deadline comes to open the new high school and the new elementary is not built will they move the students to Haysi High?

Mayor Yates replied it is to his understanding that both schools are to open at the same time.

ITEM # XI- COUNCIL COMMENTS

NONE

ITEM # XII – ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

At this time Mayor Yates entertained a motion to convene into Executive Session, At 8:30 PM a motion was made by Council Member Susan Tiller and seconded by Rocky Wood to adjourn into Executive Session pursuant to the following Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711 A3-Properties, A1-Personnel, and A5 Perspective Business. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed with all voting yes.

ITEM XIII- CERTIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

We certify that:

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
Susan	Tiller	Yes		
Rocky	Wood	Yes		

ITEM XIV OPEN SESSION

Upon motion made by Council Member Susan Tiller and second by Council Member Rocky Wood the council was now convened in Open Session at 9:15 PM. Let the recorded show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting.

No other discussion brought before the council.

ITEM # XV – ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to be brought before the Council, a motion was made by Council Member Billy Counts seconded by Council Member Rocky Wood to adjourn the meeting. Let the record show the motion was passed unanimously by verbal voting and the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM

Larry D. Yates, Mayor

Attest:

Clerk