

Town of Haysi  
Minutes of Regular Town Council Meeting  
November 5, 2019 @ 7:00 p.m.

On November 5, 2019, 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  
Tim Wallace  
William "Billy" Counts  
Susan Tiller

ABSENT: Carter Branham

### **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 Vice Mayor Rocky Wood and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### **ITEM # IV - APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

At this time Mayor Yates asked to add the Letter from Rick Anderson under New Business. 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 1, 2019 Regular Town Council Meeting

Motion was made by Council Member Susan Tiller and seconded by Council Member Billy Counts to approve the minutes of the meeting on October 1, 2019 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, 2019 through October 31, 2019 Financial Report listing: beginning balance, revenue, expenditures and ending balance.
- September 26, 2019 through October 30, 2019 itemized listing of expenditures including checks # 15085-15153 & deposits
- September 26, 2019 through October 30, 2019 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**

### Letter from Rick Anderson

Mayor Yates said that a lady working for Mr. Rick Anderson brought the letter to the town hall. Mayor Yates explained that Mr. Anderson bought the building from Joyce Viers and was requesting a variance for their business from the town's Flood Plain Ordinance. Mayor Yates stated that he wasn't sure about the procedure since it involved zoning appeals. Vice Mayor Rocky Wood pointed out that the town does not have zoning. Mayor Yates advised that Dickenson County has a building board, but not a zoning board. Attorney Stephen Mullins added that the county does not have zoning either. Mayor Yates stated that a variance would allow up to fifty percent investment in a property without flood proofing. Mayor Yates said that he wasn't able to get in touch with Dickenson County Building Inspector Chris Rakes prior to the meeting to ask about it. Attorney Stephen Mullins said that he didn't know. Vice Mayor Wood asked if the reason for the request was that Mr. Anderson wanted to invest in the building without flood proofing it. Mayor Yates answered yes, but he didn't know all the details because Mr. Anderson had suffered a stroke. Attorney Mullins requested that the Haysi Town Council allow him to research the matter. Mayor Yates also advised that the investment accumulates, for example the money that Mrs. Viers spent on the building would be included in the percentage amount. Mayor Yates voiced concern about setting a precedent. Attorney Mullins stated that the same procedures and rules would have to be followed for each case. Mayor Yates mentioned the rules for the board to follow, so everyone is held to the same standard. Council Member Tim Wallace questioned the owner being the "only one out" if the property were flooded. Mayor Yates explained that the situation had a lot to do with insurance eligibility, but he didn't think the town council had the authority to grant the request anyway. Vice Mayor Wood voiced his agreement with the Mayor's statement. Council Member Billy Counts mentioned that every building would be affected. Council Member Susan Tiller said that she knew water got inside Mr. Anderson's building, as much as ankle high during a hard rain. Vice Mayor Wood suggested that the matter be tabled until Attorney Mullins could research it. Kay

Owens stated that the property was flooded in the 1977 flood. Mayor Yates said the issue would be tabled until next month.

## **ITEM # IX – OLD BUSINESS**

### **EMS Agreement**

Mayor Yates advised that the Haysi Town Council had approved the EMS Resolution last month and the town's insurance had approved the agreement after review. Mayor Yates said the agreement needed to be approved between the Town of Haysi and Dickenson County to practice emergency medical services. Interim Chief Edwards advised that he had a doctor "on board" and the only thing left in the process was to get the agreement completed. Interim Chief Edwards said the last two pages of the agreement are guidelines and his vehicle will be licensed and dispatched until the rescue squad arrives. Interim Chief Edwards also advised that the Haysi Volunteer Fire Department would start getting called as well. Vice Mayor and Fire Chief Rocky Wood stated that this was a result of the slow response the community is currently receiving on calls. He continued that it would not be necessary to report to every call, just life threatening or "roll over" calls. Interim Chief Edwards gave an example of a call on the monthly police report where the agreement needed to be in place. Mayor Yates pointed out that Attorney Stephen Mullins wrote the agreement. Motion was made by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood seconded by Council Member Billy Counts to approve the EMS Agreement between the Town of Haysi and Dickenson County. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting.

### **Code of Ethics**

Mayor Yates asked Clerk Amanda Perrigan to discuss. Clerk Perrigan referred to the email copies handed out to the council members prior to the meeting, stating that was all the information she had and asked when they wanted to schedule the training. After a general discussion the Haysi Town Council will meet at 5:45pm on December 3, 2019 for Code of Ethics Training.

## **ITEM # X – UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **Police Department Monthly Report-Interim Chief Bobby Edwards (See Attachment)**

Interim Chief Bobby Edwards reported fifty-six calls for the month of October and read off the hours worked on the report. Interim Chief Edwards pointed out that Chief George Wallace had worked twenty-four hours of in-service to keep his certification. Interim Chief Edwards offered to answer any questions regarding the report. Interim Chief Edwards advised that the police department had been awarded a grant through the Department of Criminal Justice Services for around twenty-eight thousand dollars for part time officers to work twenty-four hours a week. The grant will require surveys to be conducted before and after, foot patrols, and door to door contacts. Mayor Yates asked about the grant for codification. Interim Chief Edwards answered that he is looking for other options for funding on codification. Interim Chief Edwards explained that the police department is also

working with the United States Department of Agriculture on another vehicle to replace an aging one in the department. Interim Chief Edwards continued that the program is fifteen percent loan, which would end up costing the town around seven thousand dollars. Mayor Yates advised that the process had changed since the police department acquired the last new vehicle, so the town would need to approve a resolution at the beginning of the process instead of the end. Mayor Yates also advised that the process would take about a year, by which time the truck will be completely paid off.

Haysi Volunteer Fire Department Monthly Report

Vice Mayor Rocky Wood said the Haysi Volunteer Fire Department answered fourteen calls last month; two brush fires, five car wrecks, one trailer fire, two trees, one building fire, one house fire, one gas leak, and one med flight.

**ITEM # XI - MAYOR COMMENTS**

Mayor Yates reported the following:

- Mayor Yates advised that the Christmas Dinner will be December 14, 2019 at six o'clock in the evening at Spring Branch Farm.
- Mayor Yates reported that the town's website was down and had been for about two weeks, but it has been rebuilt and is ready to launch. The plan is to have it done in a few days.

**ITEM # XII - COUNCIL COMMENTS**

None.

**ITEM # XIII – 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
Rocky Wood		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 salaries 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 Council Member Susan Tiller seconded by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood 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