

Town of Haysi
Minutes of Regular Town Council Meeting
December 1, 2020 @ 7:00 p.m.

On December 1, 2020, 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
Carter Branham

ABSENT: William "Billy" Counts
Susan Tiller

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 for changes to the agenda as presented. Motion was made by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood seconded by Council Member Michael Harris to approve the agenda as presented. 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:

- November 3, 2020 Regular Town Council Meeting

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood and seconded by Council Member Michael Harris to approve the minutes of the regular town council meeting on November 3, 2020 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 31, 2020 through November 30, 2020 Financial Report listing: beginning balance, revenue, expenditures and ending balance.
- October 31, 2020 through November 24, 2020 itemized listing of expenditures including checks # 15609-15655 & deposits
- October 31, 2020 through October 30, 2020 Profit & Loss Report
- Current payables to date for review

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood seconded by Council Member Tim Wallace to approve the financial report. Let the record show the motion on the floor was passed unanimously by verbal voting.

ITEM # VIII - NEW BUSINESS

CPROP Grant Application Resolution

Mayor Yates explained that the CPROP Grant was through the Cumberland Plateau Planning District as a result of the broadband agreement, so only four counties are eligible to apply for the grant. Mayor Yates said the Riverfront Trail Project would be a good project for use of those grant funds. Mayor Yates read the following Resolution:

Haysi's River Front Trail

WHEREAS, the Town of Haysi, Virginia has actively been involved in a Downtown Revitalization and Economic Restructuring project since 2010,

WHEREAS the Town of Haysi encourages and promotes Tourism as Economic Development,

WHEREAS the Town of Haysi engages with the surrounding region to promote the natural beauty, outdoor tourism and cultural heritage of Southwest Virginia,

WHEREAS the Russell Fork River, a Virginia Scenic River passes through the Town of Haysi,

WHEREAS the Haysi River Front Trail was identified as a key component of the Haysi Master Plan developed in 2010,

THEREFORE, Be It Resolved that the Town Council of Haysi, Virginia promotes and desires to construct the Haysi River Front Trail as a motorized and non-motorized trail to better serve the town's citizens, surrounding community, and the region.

Mayor Yates asked for any questions regarding the Resolution. Motion was made by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood seconded by Council Member Michael Harris to approve the CPROP Grant Application Resolution. Let the record show the motion on the floor was passed unanimously by verbal voting. Mayor Yates said he needed the Haysi Town Council to authorize him to sign the grant application. Motion was made by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood seconded by Council Member Michael Harris to authorize Mayor Larry D. Yates to sign the CPROP Grant Application. Let the record show the motion on the floor was passed unanimously by verbal voting.

ITEM # IX – OLD BUSINESS

Haysi Kiwanis Grant Partnership Request

Mayor Yates welcomed David Yates to present the request. Mr. David Yates apologized for missing the two previous meetings and explained his reason for not attending them. Mr. David Yates explained that the Haysi Kiwanis had requested a partnership with the town on a sewer line grant last year. Mr. David Yates stated that the Haysi Kiwanis had received a thirty-five thousand dollar loan from Virginia Economic Development Authority and a thirty-five thousand dollar grant for a water line. The Haysi Kiwanis had also received a sixty-five thousand dollar Southwest Virginia Waste Water Grant for eighteen hookups at their campground. The installation of the sewer line was completed for less than sixty-five thousand dollars, so the extra funds were used to purchase materials to “run” the sewer line to the sewer plant. Mr. David Yates explained that the Haysi Kiwanis needed the town's help to get the line installed and working with same contractor he expected the cost to be under fifty thousand dollars. Mr. David Yates requested that the Haysi Town Council authorize the Mayor to negotiate a contract with the same contractor and apply for funding from the Southwest Virginia Waste Water Grant Program again. Mr. David Yates went on to say that the Haysi Kiwanis' facilities are aging. The tennis courts need to be resurfaced and the baseball field needs maintenance, the horse show/truck pull area needs lights and the bleachers need attention among other items. Mr. David Yates said the Cumberland Plateau suggested that they apply for an Appalachian Regional Commission Grant or Department of Mines, Minerals, and Energy Grant, but they would need to partner with the town. Mr. David Yates stated that he would take care of the application and contacts, but Clerk Amanda Perrigan would administer the funds through the town. Mr. David Yates proposed that it be looked at as an economic development project for the town to make the Haysi Kiwanis a “first rate facility.” Vice Mayor Rocky Wood asked about collecting administrative costs for work incurred by the town. Mr. David Yates answered that Debbie Milton would develop the grant application, so he would provide her information to include administrative cost in the application. Vice Mayor Rocky Wood stated that he thought what the Haysi Kiwanis was trying to accomplish was great, but thought the town should be compensated for the extra work on Clerk Perrigan. Mayor Yates commented that the Haysi

Kiwanis was great to work with and everything went smoothly on the last grant. Mayor Yates said there was no administrative cost covered in the last grant because it was so small. Mr. David Yates advised that the Haysi Kiwanis was also developing a playground and was awarded two thousand dollars from Kiwanis International toward it that they are required to match. Mayor Yates said that he recommended the town partner with the Haysi Kiwanis on the Waste Water Grant. Mr. David Yates commented that they were looking at other funding sources. Mayor Yates advised that the town had two open ARC grants, so he would need to see if another application from the town would be wise. Mr. David Yates said if the town wanted to develop a strategic planning committee that he would be willing to participate. Mayor Yates replied that type of work was done by the Haysi Partners, but they hadn't been active since the COVID-19 lockdown. Mayor Yates asked about the environmental work. Mr. David Yates answered that Bill Skeen was handling the environmental work for the project. Motion was made by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood seconded by Council Member Michael Harris to partner with the Haysi Kiwanis on the Southwest Virginia Waste Water, ARC, and DMME Grants. Let the record show the motion on the floor was passed unanimously by verbal voting.

ITEM # X – UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

Chief Bobby Edwards reported 27 calls for the month of November. Chief Edwards offered to answer any questions. Chief Edwards explained that a new executive order was passed on October 28 that requires police departments to be accredited in order to receive federal funds. The accreditation process would take the Haysi Police Department around two years to complete. However, Police Chief Edwards said that after direction from the Virginia Risk Sharing Association that the department was able to adopt a few new policies and should be in good shape to retain the Part Time Police Officer Grant already in process. Vice Mayor Rocky Wood asked when the grant ends. Chief Edwards answered June 30, 2021. Chief Edwards also reported that the new police Tahoe ordered from Texas should be delivered prior to December 11, 2020. Vice Mayor Wood stated that the Haysi Volunteer Fire Department was scheduled to pick up their new truck tomorrow. Mayor Yates asked if the truck was purchased with CARES funding. Vice Mayor Wood answered no, that it was purchased with Fire Programs money. Mayor Yates asked Chief Edwards for an update on the other Tahoe that had been ordered for the police department. Chief Edwards answered that he had made many phone calls to Johnson Chevrolet, but didn't have a status update. Chief Edwards also advised that he had made several calls to the military about the tags on the white truck.

Haysi Volunteer Fire Department Monthly Report

Chief Rocky Wood reported two false alarm calls for Wright Way because of their smoker, two car wrecks, and one roadway hazard. Chief Wood explained that the new truck came in last week, but they were scheduled to pick it up tomorrow and put it in service as a First Responder after the lights and stickers are installed. Chief Wood advised that the fire department was awarded CARES Act funds from Dickenson County, which they intend to

spend mostly for medical supplies on the new truck. Chief Wood commented about the lack of guidance on spending the funds. Mayor Yates thanked Chief Wood and the Haysi Volunteer Fire Department for their work.

ITEM # XI - MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Yates reported the following:

- Mayor Yates reported that the Town Administrative Office had been covered up the last two days. Mayor Yates advised that he would send in the CPROP Grant application tomorrow and would look for the result by the end of the week. Mayor Yates stated that he hoped this would finish the funding needed for the Riverwalk Project.
- Mayor Yates also reported that he and Clerk Perrigan met with Elkhorn City Officials to partner on events that would increase tourism such as a bike race, etc.

ITEM # XII - COUNCIL COMMENTS

Vice Mayor Rocky Wood stated that Clerk Amanda Perrigan does a good job and thanked her for her work.

Police Chief Bobby Edwards asked about CSX being in town. Mayor Yates answered that they were probably clearing right-of-way.

ITEM # XIII – 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 Tim Wallace 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