

Town of Haysi
Minutes of Regular Town Council Meeting
April 6, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m.

On April 6, 2021, 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 for any changes, additions, or corrections to the agenda. Motion was made by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood seconded by Council Member Susan Tiller 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:

- March 2, 2021 Public Hearing
- March 2, 2021 Regular Town Council Meeting

Motion was made by Council Member Billy Counts seconded by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood to approve the minutes of the public hearing on March 2, 2021 and the regular town council meeting on March 2, 2021 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:

- March 1, 2021 through March 31, 2021 Financial Report listing: beginning balance, revenue, expenditures and ending balance.
- February 26, 2021 through March 31, 2021 itemized listing of expenditures including checks # 15775-15824 & deposits
- February 26, 2021 through March 31, 2021 Profit & Loss Report
- Current payables to date for review

Motion was made by Council Member Susan Tiller seconded by Council Member Billy Counts to approve the financial report. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting.

ITEM # VIII - NEW BUSINESS

Terry Bartley, Haysi Rescue Squad

Mr. Bartley was not in attendance.

Appointment of Board of Zoning Appeals

Mayor Yates explained that after approving the Flood Plain Ordinance, the town need to appoint a Zoning Board of Appeals, which is allowed by the general assembly. Mayor Yates advised that Vice Mayor Rocky Wood could serve as the chairman and select members to populate the board then meet as needed. Dickenson County Building Inspector Chris Rakes said that he serves as the Flood Plain Manager for the town, but the Zoning Board of Appeals would make decisions on “cloudy situations.” Mayor Yates said that he appreciated Mr. Rakes serving as the town’s Flood Plain Manager. Motion was made by Council Member Billy Counts seconded by Council Member Susan Tiller to appoint Vice Mayor Rocky Wood the chairman and select members to populate the board then meet as needed. Council Members Susan Tiller, Billy Counts, Tim Wallace, and Michael Harris voted aye and Rocky Wood abstained from the vote. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed by verbal voting.

ITEM # IX – OLD BUSINESS

None.

ITEM # X – UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

Chief Bobby Edwards reported 50 calls for the month of March and asked if anyone had questions about the report. Chief Edwards reported that the town has closed the loan/grant for the new Tahoe and it should be delivered within two weeks. Council Member Tim Wallace asked about the concealed carry call on the report. Chief Edwards answered that a citizen just had questions for him to answer. Council Member Michael Harris asked about bricks from the demolition at the Haysi High School property. Chief Edwards answered that it was mostly citizen questions and some trespassing complaints. Council Member Harris stated that the contractor had set out a pile of bricks. Chief Edwards said that the complaints were received prior to that being done. Mayor Yates explained that the demolition is scheduled to finish on May 31, 2021, but it may be done before then. Mayor Yates advised that a better and safe place to view the demo is from the New Road. Mayor Yates said that arrangements were made with the contractor for the pile of bricks to be left for the public, but they are all gone now and no more calls have been received regarding that, so hopefully it is under control now. Mayor Yates explained that the contractor will cap the property with top soil once the demolition is completed. Chief Edwards advised that the Silverado was completely paid off last month. Mayor Yates said that he didn't want the town to have two payments and the new loan payments would begin this month. Chief Edwards stated that the town sold the Camo Truck via sealed bid and the winner paid two thousand one hundred fifty dollars.

Haysi Volunteer Fire Department Monthly Report

Chief Rocky Wood reported two roadway hazards, eight brush fires, two fire alarms, four motor vehicle accidents, two structure fires, and two landing zones for a busy month. Chief Edwards commented that there had been a lot of brush fires. Chief Wood advised that there was one in the Breaks Interstate Park last night under the Pinnacle Rock Overlook.

ITEM # XI - MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Yates reported the following:

- Mayor Yates advised that Clerk Amanda Perrigan had emailed a survey for Spearhead Trails and encouraged everyone to fill it out.
- Mayor Yates reported that another management team call for the Russell Fork Trail Center took place on March 15, and he is currently working to get a Base Flood Elevation Certificate for the building. Mayor Yates said that the lowest bid was submitted by Will Lester and he will get the information to Dickenson County Building Inspector Chris Rakes as soon as it is received, so that the flood proof design can move forward.
- Mayor Yates advised that Lily Thacker was hired as the town's Special Projects and Economic Development Coordinator. Mayor Yates stated that Mrs. Thacker

has been working well with Clerk Perrigan and will be working in the future to revitalize the Haysi Partners and assist with town events.

- Mayor Yates reported the design on the new Haysi Town Hall to be at fifty percent completed and the Corp of Engineers had recently shared updated inside and outside renderings of the facility.
- Mayor Yates also reported that the Corp of Engineers had held public meetings on March 31, and April 1, for information on the Section 202 Dickenson County Flood Proofing Project. Mayor Yates said the attendance was good, both in person and remote. Vice Mayor Rocky Wood commented that the public meeting was good, but the answers were not thorough. Council Member Billy Counts commented on the fact that the Corp of Engineers didn't have knowledge of the Riverfront Trail. A general discussion was held about the Corp of Engineers' public meeting and the Flood Plain Ordinance. Vice Mayor Wood said overall the Corp of Engineers did get information out to the public. Dickenson County Building Inspector Chris Rakes commented on the opportunity for the county to sell wetlands credits as well. Council Member Tim Wallace asked who was being helped and questioned getting out of the program. Mayor Yates advised that the Section 202 Project Contract was between Dickenson County and the Corp of Engineers, not the town.

ITEM # XII - COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Billy Counts suggested utilizing old mines in town for a trail. Mayor Yates replied that the trail grade would be too steep resulting in issues with the Department of Environmental Quality due to water runoff. Mayor Yates stated that he loved the prospect, but a route on a private property would need to be found. Council Member Counts stated that he would work on it. Mayor Yates added that funding is available through the Department of Mines, Minerals, and Energy, but road access was a necessity. Council Member Counts will map out a route on GPS and send the file to the Mayor.

Council Member Susan Tiller asked if the public meeting that the Corp of Engineers held was just for businesses. Mayor Yates answered that it was open to the public. Council Member Tiller asked how the people knew about it. Mayor Yates, Clerk Amanda Perrigan, and Police Chief Bobby Edwards replied that the town had personally given out over one hundred flyers, there was a notice in the Dickenson Star, posts were made on multiple social media accounts, and emails were sent. Clerk Perrigan stated that she will make sure to call Council Member Tiller about the next public meeting held by the Corp of Engineers.

Vice Mayor Rocky Wood asked when he needed to have the Board of Zoning Appeals ready. Dickenson County Building Inspector Chris Rakes explained the current situation with Price Viers, who has requested a variance for the value of his demolition work on a building in town not to count toward the fifty percent improvement in the past three years. Mr. Rakes said that Mr. Viers was doing other work to the building, so a couple of months should be fine.

Council Member Billy Counts asked about the upcoming budget. Mayor Yates said some insurance renewal amounts had not been received yet, but he would give an update on the process next month.

ITEM # XIII – 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 Susan Tiller 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