

Town of Haysi
Minutes of Regular Town Council Meeting
February 2, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m.

On February 2, 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

ABSENT: Susan Tiller
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 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. Mayor Yates asked for a roll call vote:

Michael Harris	Yes	Tim Wallace	Yes
Billy Counts	Yes	Rocky Wood	Yes

Let the record show the motion on the floor was passed 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:

- January 5, 2021 Regular Town Council Meeting

Motion was made by Council Member Billy Counts and seconded by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood to approve the minutes of the regular town council meeting on January 5, 2021 as presented. Mayor Yates asked for a roll call vote:

Michael Harris	Yes	Tim Wallace	Yes
Billy Counts	Yes	Rocky Wood	Yes

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

ITEM # VII – FINANCIAL REPORT

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

- January 1, 2021 through January 29, 2021 Financial Report listing: beginning balance, revenue, expenditures and ending balance.
- December 31, 2020 through January 27, 2021 itemized listing of expenditures including checks # 15722-15739 & deposits
- December 31, 2020 through January 27, 2021 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. Mayor Yates asked for a roll call vote:

Michael Harris	Yes	Tim Wallace	Yes
Billy Counts	Yes	Rocky Wood	Yes

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

ITEM # VIII - NEW BUSINESS

Revolving Loan-Line of Credit for Riverwalk Project

Mayor Yates explained that the project was funded by four different sources; Appalachian Regional Commission, Department of Conservation and Recreation, CPROP, and Virginia Tobacco Region Revitalization Commission. The town will need to pay vendors then be reimbursed by grantors. Mayor Yates said he expects more interest in the project from contractors if the payments for their work is timely and for a smoother flow, he suggested that the town secure a line of credit for the project. Mayor Yates stated that he has already checked with BB&T and New Peoples Bank. BB&T doesn't offer that service and New Peoples Bank are reviewing the requested financials from the town. Mayor Yates said that he needed authority to negotiate terms and execute corresponding paperwork for a line of

credit not to exceed two hundred thousand dollars. The line of credit would be closed after the completion of the project. Council Member Tim Wallace questioned the project with regards to the Section 202 project already in process in town. Mayor Yates answered that the outcome of the Section 202 project is still unclear, but the Riverwalk is a necessity for the Russell Fork Trail Center and will serve as a trailhead. A general discussion was held about property owners and possible outcomes of the Section 202 project. Mayor Yates continued to justify the purpose of the Riverwalk for the future of Haysi. Vice Mayor Rocky Wood commented that he had no problems with the line of credit and could see that it made sense because the money would be given directly back to the town. Mayor Yates advised that the town would be subject to interest, but he would try to minimize that since the bank's money would only be in use for the vendors for four to six weeks at a time. Motion was made by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood seconded by Council Member Billy Counts to authorize Mayor Yates to obtain a line of credit up to two hundred thousand dollars with a bank for the Riverwalk Project. Mayor Yates asked for a roll call vote:

Michael Harris	Yes	Tim Wallace	Yes
Billy Counts	Yes	Rocky Wood	Yes

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

ITEM # IX – OLD BUSINESS

Flood Plain Ordinance

Mayor Yates stated that he has been working with Dickenson County Building Inspector Chris Rakes and the Corp of Engineers on updating Haysi's Flood Plain Ordinance. Mayor Yates requested a public hearing for the ordinance be scheduled prior to the next regular meeting. Vice Mayor Rocky Wood asked the town's update would have the town's version mirror the one that Dickenson County recently approved. Mayor Yates answered that it would be almost identical. Mayor Yates said he wanted Building Inspector Rakes to be the town's Flood Plain Manager, but was waiting a response. Vice Mayor Wood agreed with that and suggested that a committee be formed if Building Inspector Rakes was not able to be the Flood Plain Manager. Mayor Yates asked if Vice Mayor Wood was referring to a board of appeals. Vice Mayor Wood replied yes, that he served on that board for Dickenson County. Mayor Yates stated that the topic of creating one had been discussed, but Haysi Town Council Members would not serve on a board of appeals. A general discussion was held about specifications in Flood Plain Ordinances. The public hearing for the updated Haysi Flood Plain Ordinance is scheduled for March 2, 2021 at six forty-five o'clock in the evening.

USACE Town Hall Relocation Contract

Mayor Yates advised that the Corp of Engineers was in the process of preparing the contract with the town for the new Haysi Town Hall building and demolition of the current one. Mayor Yates said he was told the contract should be simple and ready soon, so he would need authorization to execute the contract once Attorney Taylor Hay approved it.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood seconded by Council Member Billy Counts to authorize Mayor Yates to execute the contract with the Corp of Engineers for the new Haysi Town Hall building and demolition of the current one after reviewed and approved by Attorney Taylor Hay. Mayor Yates asked for a roll call vote:

Michael Harris	Yes	Tim Wallace	Yes
Billy Counts	Yes	Rocky Wood	Yes

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

ITEM # X – UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

Chief Bobby Edwards reported 36 calls for the month of January and added that nothing was notable on the report. Chief Edwards read the comments and summarized the associated events on the bottom of the report. Chief Edwards advised that the second Tahoe was in production now and hopefully delivered two or three weeks following. Chief Edwards reported that the police department had received the other Tahoe. Chief Edwards also advised that he had been working with a company in Texas called KERR to install lights and equipment on the new Tahoe, but he would know more about the situation tomorrow. Chief Edwards said that if he could get it worked out that the Tahoe would then arrive “turnkey.” Mayor Yates asked if the Tahoe was being manufactured in Texas. Chief Edwards answered that it was. Mayor Yates asked about the issue with the Silverado. Chief Edwards answered that he thought the cell phone booster was left on. Mayor Yates asked about problems boosting the battery. Chief Edwards answered that the truck has two batteries and in order to boost the vehicle the cables must be connected to the correct battery. Chief Edwards continued to say that the Silverado had been used by officers twice this week with no further issue. Mayor Yates asked Chief Edwards about the repair status of the white truck. Chief Edwards answered that the vendor was still waiting for parts to arrive.

Haysi Volunteer Fire Department Monthly Report

Chief Rocky Wood reported five calls for the month of January; four motor vehicle accidents, one structure fire, which was an outbuilding. Chief Wood advised that the fire department had ordered lights and equipment for the bed of the new truck. Mayor Yates asked about striping the new truck. Chief Wood answered that they had not located the right vendor yet. Mayor Yates asked about the equipment including air packs. Chief Wood answered that it may be March before the fire department received everything, but they had received twelve new air packs so far.

Mayor Yates asked Police Chief Edwards about 599 funding. Police Chief Edwards answered that he had not received any new regarding it, but he would discuss it when he meets with Mr. Travis Hackworth on Friday. Mayor Yates asked about authorization to use the population of the Southwest Virginia Regional Jail’s Haysi location. Police Chief Edwards answered that it was a legislation issue. Mayor Yates asked how many people that

would add to the town's population. Police Chief Edwards answered between one hundred and fifty and two hundred people.

ITEM # XI - MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Yates reported the following:

- Mayor Yates reported that he met with Mr. Price Viers, owner of Viers Medical Clinic about relocating to the old Edwards Food Center building in town. Mayor Yates said that Mr. Viers was in the process of renovating the building at present, but the town's updated Flood Plain Ordinance would impact him. Mayor Yates advised that Mr. Viers did not give him a time frame for the transition.
- Mayor Yates reported that the water line to Thunder River Campground was completed.
- Mayor also reported that he continues to have regular management team meeting for the Riverwalk Project.
- Mayor advised that he met with the new Dickenson County Administrator, Larry Barton. Mayor Yates said that Mr. Barton had lots of ties to Haysi and believed him to be a good advocate for the town moving forward.
- Mayor Yates also advised that he along with Clerk Amanda Perrigan and Breaks Interstate Park Superintendent Austin Bradley met with new business owner, Mike Owens. Mayor Yates informed everyone that Mr. Owens was developing guided kayak and tubing tours on the Levisa, Russell Fork, and Pound Rivers. Mayor Yates advised that Mr. Owens expressed interest in the possibility of using the town's property for river access. Mayor Yates stated at that point the town would need to consider a contract with Mr. Owens. Council Member Billy Counts suggested the use of the old Haysi High School Agriculture and Band Room property for parking. Mayor Yates replied that the property was mentioned in the discussion, and continued to state that he thought the property would be good for the town to own.

Vice Mayor Rocky Wood asked about the demolition of the old Haysi High School building and a rumor regarding the funding for demolition. Mayor Yates answered that there was not an issue with the funding for the demolition of the old Haysi High School and explained the situation. Mayor Yates stated that the property will have a "pad ready site" when the demolition is completed. A general discussion was held about the Haysi High School demolition process.

Mayor Yates said that he wanted to recognize the work that Attorney Taylor Hay has been doing for the town. Mayor Yates continued to say that Attorney Hay had been great to help with questions regarding the BPOL Ordinance.

ITEM # XII - COUNCIL COMMENTS

None.

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