

Town of Haysi
Minutes of Regular Town Council Meeting
May 4, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m.

On May 4, 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
Carter Branham
William "Billy" Counts
Susan Tiller

ABSENT: Tim Wallace

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 Billy Counts 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:

- April 6, 2021 Regular Town Council Meeting

Motion was made by Council Member Billy Counts seconded by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood to approve the minutes of regular town council meeting on April 6, 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:

- April 1, 2021 through April 30, 2021 Financial Report listing: beginning balance, revenue, expenditures and ending balance.
- April 1, 2021 through April 28, 2021 itemized listing of expenditures including checks # 15825-15844 & deposits
- April 1, 2021 through April 28, 2021 Profit & Loss Report
- Current payables to date for review

Mayor Yates brought up for discussion the desire to hold a budget workshop. Mayor Yates stated that the budget for next fiscal year needed to be approved at the next regular meeting. Mayor Yates explained that a draft was ready and although it needed “tweaking” that could be done by Clerk Amanda Perrigan, Police Chief Bobby Edwards, and himself. Clerk Amanda Perrigan added that the draft budget was unbalanced by less than twelve thousand dollars, so it was a good position to complete the process. Council Member Billy Counts commented about how things were opening back up and tax amounts would resume for the upcoming year.

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

ITEM # VIII - NEW BUSINESS

None.

ITEM # IX – OLD BUSINESS

Vice Mayor Rocky Wood said that he has two members willing to serve on the Zoning Board of Appeals, but he may need to recruit a business owner. Mayor Yates advised him to do the best he could. Vice Mayor Wood replied that people didn’t want to get involved, but he was still working on populating the board and wanted to give an update on the progress.

ITEM # X – UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

Chief Bobby Edwards advised a mistake in his hours and mileage on the April Monthly Police Report; the correct hours were one hundred and sixty and the mileage was eight

hundred and three. Chief Edwards stated that there weren't any major calls, but a few pursuits that finally ended with a capture. Chief Edwards advised that he had spent five hundred and thirty dollars on new uniform shirts, leaving him one hundred and forty-two dollars left to spend on less intimidating uniforms from the state. Mayor Yates thanked Chief Edwards for his hard work.

Haysi Volunteer Fire Department Monthly Report

Chief Rocky Wood reported four car wrecks, five brush fires, one fire alarm, one false alarm, one vehicle fire, two structure fires, one roadway hazard, and one hazmat call for a busy month. Chief Wood stated that the department is still waiting on equipment for the new truck to come in, so that it can be placed in service. Mayor Yates commented that the fire department had possession of the truck for a few months now. Chief Wood agreed and added that Police Chief Edwards was dealing with a similar issue on the Tahoe. Police Chief Edwards stated that the Tahoe was ordered July 7, 2020, but it was still be a little while before delivery due to a set back on lights due to similar circumstances. Chief Wood advised that the fire department took the new truck to the racetrack for driver safety and for show. Mayor Yates said that was a good outreach for the fire department.

ITEM # XI - MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Yates reported the following:

- Mayor Yates reported that he had been studying and talking about the American Recovery Act, which mostly amount to vague information in emails, but overall the town could get a “good” amount of money. Mayor Yates stated that it was an opportunity for this area although the town may have to be creative in the way to spend it.
- Mayor Yates advised progress had been made on Haysi's Riverfront Trail and Attorney Taylor Hay was working with property owners to obtain easements for the town.
- Mayor Yates advised that another Russell Fork Trail Center Meeting was scheduled for May 11. Mayor Yates said he would continue to push the project because the community needs it. The town is currently waiting on design updates to include the flood proofing measures.
- Mayor Yates asked Clerk Amanda Perrigan to give an update on the flower program for this year. Clerk Perrigan explained that the town's maintenance worker was only available two days one week and three day the next week, which was problematic to keeping flowers watered and healthy. Clerk Perrigan advised that new double banners had been ordered for the streetlights, ferns had been placed in the gazebo and shed, and the flowerbed in front of the playground would have flowers, but the power poles and the flowerbed leading to Big Ridge would not have flowers. Clerk Perrigan advised that one of the forty dollar hanging flower plants was stolen last year from that area and that the bridge construction could begin at any time.

ITEM # XII - COUNCIL COMMENTS

Vice Mayor Rocky Wood asked who was “running” the Haysi Partners. Mayor Yates replied that no was because the officers had resigned. Mayor Yates stated that the Haysi Partners was not a department of the town and the organization needed to grow from members of the community. Mayor Yates said that he advised those who attended the last meeting to appoint an interim chairperson and nominating committee. Then have that committee suggest names for officers and hold an election. Mayor Yates stated that he would only assist and volunteer. Vice Mayor Wood asked about the money the Haysi Partners had. Clerk Amanda Perrigan answered that the Haysi Partners’ money was still in a checking account at New Peoples Bank, but it wasn’t much. Mayor Yates explained that the organization’s status was a casualty of the pandemic and some negligence to hold meetings. Mayor Yates said that Lily Thacker is helping the organization to regroup, but she doesn’t need to manage it either. Haysi Partners is scheduled to hold their next meeting on Thursday at five o’clock in the evening. Mayor Yates added that Lily Thacker had a “good grip” on Trails Day, but needed more man power.

Vice Mayor Wood asked about the budget workshop. A general discussion was held about having a budget workshop. Mayor Yates, Clerk Perrigan, and Chief Edwards will work to present a balanced budget and email it to the Haysi Town Council Members for their review prior to the next meeting and ads will be placed in the newspaper two weeks prior as well.

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 Carter Branham 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