

Town of Haysi
Minutes of Regular Town Council Meeting
July 8, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m.

On July 8, 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
Susan Tiller
Tim Wallace

ABSENT: Carter Branham
William "Billy" Counts

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 – 2020-2021 RE-ORGANIZATION

Mayor Yates stated that the purpose of the annual re-organization was to choose the Vice Mayor, set the meeting date and time, and alternate meeting date and time. Motion was made by Council Member Susan Tiller and seconded by Council Member Rocky Wood to hold the Town Council Meetings on the first Tuesday of the month at seven o'clock in the evening. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting. Motion was made by Council Member Susan Tiller and seconded by Council Member Tim Wallace to continue Council Member Rocky Wood's appointment as Vice Mayor. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting. Motion was made by Council Member Susan Tiller and seconded by Council Member Tim Wallace to hold the alternate meeting on the second Tuesday of the month at seven o'clock in the evening. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting.

ITEM #VI – PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Yates allowed Sandlick District Supervisor Ron Peters to speak regarding the Section 202 Project since he was in attendance. Mr. Peters said an alternative was presented to the current Section 202 project, but the county was already under contract. Mr. Peters wanted to bring awareness to the meeting with the Corp of Engineers on July 19, in Haysi. Mr. Peters gave some background information and stressed that he wanted the community to be knowledgeable about their options because there would be an application deadline in the future. A general discussion was held about the Section 202 Project. Vice Mayor Rocky Wood said that people were being misinformed. Mr. Peters replied for Vice Mayor Wood to encourage them to come to the meeting. Mr. Peters stated that he was concerned about the flood insurance issue for those that chose to opt out of participation. Vice Mayor Wood stated that the community needs to understand their complete situation including future possibilities if they chose to opt out. Mayor Yates said the town would try to get as many people as they can to the meeting, but each property owner decides for themselves. The “buy up to flood proofing” option was mentioned, but Mr. Peters said that he was unsure about it. A general discussion was held about the Corp of Engineers running out of money for the project. Mayor Yates said that he has encouraged the community to fill out applications. Council Member Susan Tiller said that she filled out an application, but has not had a response. Mr. Peters offered to follow up if she would provide the address. Mr. Peters asked about the Stone Mountain Health Clinic. Mayor Yates answered that their board had discussed the matter, but not taken any action, so he will bring it to their attention again. Dickenson County Building Inspector Chris Rakes discussed the difference in the Old American Datam ’29 versus the Old American Datam ’88 mapping elevations. Mr. Rakes stated that the state plans to have new maps in three to four years calculated with lasers, which will also result in “spot” flood plains. Mayor Yates thanked both Mr. Peter and Mr. Rakes for their information.

ITEM # VII – APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Prior to the meeting council had received for consideration of approval a copy of the following prepared minutes:

- June 1, 2021 Public Hearing
- June 1, 2021 Regular Town Council Meeting

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood seconded by Council Member Susan Tiller to approve the minutes of the public hearing on June 1, 2021 and the minutes of the regular town council meeting on June 1, 2021 as presented. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting.

ITEM # VIII – FINANCIAL REPORT

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

- May 29, 2021 through June 30, 2021 Financial Report listing: beginning balance, revenue, expenditures and ending balance.
- May 28, 2021 through June 30, 2021 itemized listing of expenditures including checks # 15898-15934 & deposits
- May 28, 2021 through June 30, 2021 Profit & Loss Report
- Current payables to date for review

Mayor Yates asked Clerk Amanda Perrigan to explain the highlighted report included in the folder. Clerk Perrigan advised that the highlighted information on the report were checks that were neither covered in last month's or this month's check register. Motion was made by Council Member Michael Harris seconded by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood to approve the financial report. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting.

ITEM # IX - NEW BUSINESS

Appalachian Voices – Abandoned Mine Land Economic Revitalization Program

Mayor Yates advised that the item would be tabled to next month because the presenter had a prior obligation for tonight.

ITEM # X – OLD BUSINESS

None.

ITEM # XI – UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

Chief Bobby Edwards reported 23 calls and read off the hours worked for the month of June. Chief Edwards advised that the part time grant had concluded.

Chief Edwards said the equipment was in for the new Police Tahoe and it should be ready by the first of August. Chief Edwards said that Officer Stefanie Mullins resigned. Chief Edwards advised that he submitted the COPS Grant application, which was around one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars over four years. Chief Edwards stated that he had support letters from Congressman Griffith, Senator Warner, and Senator Hackworth. The town should know the result by the end of September. Mayor Yates thanked Chief Edwards and Clerk Amanda Perrigan for their work on the application. Chief Edwards also advised that the air conditioner in the Silverado needed repair. Chris Rakes suggested that the town check the power train warranty on it because it may be covered.

Haysi Volunteer Fire Department Monthly Report

Chief Rocky Wood reported five car wrecks, four roadway hazards, one fall accident where they assisted the rescue squad, a UTV fire, and one structure fire.

ITEM # XII - MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Yates reported the following:

- Mayor Yates reported that he attended the quarterly meeting of the Cumberland Plateau Planning District on June 24, where he made the motion for a regional wireless cell phone study to get better service that was approved for implementation.

ITEM # XIII - COUNCIL COMMENTS

None.

ITEM # XIV – 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 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