

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

On November 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

Council Members:
Michael Harris
Tim Wallace
Carter Branham
William "Billy" Counts
Susan Tiller

ABSENT: Vice Mayor Rocky Wood

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 Council Member Susan Tiller 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 Council Member Billy Counts seconded by Council Member Carter Branham 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:

- September 7, 2021 Regular Town Council Meeting
- October 12, 2021 Regular Town Council Meeting

Motion was made by Council Member Carter Branham seconded by Council Member Billy Counts to approve the minutes of regular town council meeting on September 7, 2021 and October 12, 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:

- October 1, 2021 through October 29, 2021 Financial Report listing: beginning balance, revenue, expenditures and ending balance.
- October 1, 2021 through October 28, 2021 itemized listing of expenditures including checks # 16033-16070 & deposits
- October 1, 2021 through October 28, 2021 Profit & Loss Report
- Current payables to date for review

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

ITEM # VIII - NEW BUSINESS

November Election Ordinance

Mayor Yates explained that the local elections must be moved from May to November beginning in 2022. The current elected officials will serve an extended six months in office. A draft of the ordinance will be circulated to the Haysi Town Council Members prior to next month. A public hearing was set for 6:50pm on December 7, 2021.

ITEM # IX – OLD BUSINESS

None.

ITEM # X – UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

Chief Bobby Edwards reported thirty-four calls for the month of October and read the hours worked for each officer. The town may not know the result of the COPS Grant until the end of December now.

Haysi Volunteer Fire Department Monthly Report

None.

ITEM # XI – EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Council Member Billy Counts and seconded by Council Member Carter Branham to adjourn into Executive Session pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711A1. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting.

Only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under this chapter, and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard discussed or considered in the meeting by the public body.

Mayor Yates asked for a roll call vote to certify the statement:

Wm. "Billy" Brice Counts	Yes	Michael Harris	Yes
Tim Wallace	Yes	Susan Tiller	Yes
Carter Branham	Yes		

Upon motion made by Council Member Billy Counts and seconded by Susan Tiller the Council was now convened in Open Session. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting. Motion was made by Council Member Billy Counts seconded by Council Member Susan Tiller to approve Juneteenth and Indigenous Peoples Day as town holidays and amend the personnel policy to reflect the change and to show diversity. Let the record show the motion was passed unanimously by verbal voting. Motion was made by Council Member Billy Counts seconded by Council Member Susan Tiller to approve a 6.82% increase for the maintenance department salary, a 16.68% increase for part time police officers' salaries, and an 8% increase in full time employee salaries effective January 1, 2022. Let the record show the motion was passed unanimously by verbal voting. Motion was made by Council Member Billy Counts seconded by Council Member Susan Tiller to approve a five-hundred-dollar Christmas Bonus for the Mayor, Haysi Town Council Members, and Town Attorney and to approve Hazard Pay in the amount of five hundred dollars to the full time employees, four hundred dollars to the maintenance department employee, and two hundred dollars to the part time officers. Let the record show the motion was passed unanimously by verbal voting.

ITEM # XII - MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Yates said that Joe Boyd stated that he was willing to sell his two lots in the downtown and he was impressed with the Riverwalk design plans. Council Member Susan Tiller asked how much money Mr. Boyd wanted for the purchase of his properties. Mayor Yates said the same amount. Council Member Michael Harris asked for the amount to be recalled. Mayor Yates replied that he wasn't sure, but asked if they should consider the purchase without an intended purpose. Mayor Yates suggested that the town may have plenty of parking develop as the Section 202 project progresses. Mayor Yates added that Mr. Boyd's properties were in the flood zone. Council Member Carter Branham advised that nothing could be built and recommended that Mr. Boyd keep his property. Council Member Billy Counts questioned the possible offer from the Corp of Engineers. Mayor

Yates answered that Mr. Boyd's properties would not be part of the project. Attorney Taylor Hay stated that the survey markers are different than Mr. Boyd's deed. Mayor Yates advised that the town has a right of way at the back of the property. The Haysi Town Council resolved not to consider the purchase of Mr. Boyd's properties in the downtown area.

Mayor Yates presented an aerial photo of the town that Greg Cromer had taken and wanted to sell to the town. Council Member Tiller asked if the photo was commissioned. Mayor Yates answered that it was not, but Mr. Cromer had approached him with the work. Council Member Susan Tiller stated that she liked it and suggested placing it in the new town hall building. Mayor Yates read the pricing information associated with the photo that Mr. Cromer had left.

Mayor Yates reported the following meetings:

- Kim Davis with Friends of Southwest Virginia on the 18th about marketing
- Dickenson County Chamber of Commerce on the 20th
- Anthony Flaccavento, Jim Baldwin, and Notre Dame Students on the 21st
- Department of Housing and Community Development, Hill Studios, Cumberland Plateau Planning District, and Friends of Southwest Virginia on the 22nd
- Dickenson County Industrial Development Authority on Monday
- The Crooked Road zoom call

ITEM # XIII - COUNCIL COMMENTS

Motion was made by Council Member Susan Tiller seconded by Council Member Michael Harris to purchase the aerial photo and frame presented with digital file from Mr. Greg Cromer. Let the record show the motion was passed unanimously by verbal voting and the meeting was adjourned.

ITEM # XIV – ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to be brought before the Council, a motion was made by Council Member Susan Tiller seconded by Council Member Billy Counts 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