

Town of Haysi
Minutes of Regular Town Council Meeting
January 4, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.

On January 4, 2022, 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

Carter Branham

Susan Tiller

Tim Wallace

ABSENT: Vice Mayor Rocky Wood

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 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 Susan Tiller 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

Mayor Yates asked Town Clerk Amanda Perrigan to read the following Public Comment Policy out loud:

A Public Comment Period will be held during the regular Town Council monthly meetings, during Special Called meetings, and Public Hearings. The Public Comment period will be on the Agenda for the meeting. The Town Council asks that speakers only comment on the items listed on the Agenda for the Town Council meeting or Special Called meeting and only comment on the specific reason for the Public Hearing. All comments made during the Public Comment period shall be subject to the following procedures:

- 1.) Anyone who wishes to make a statement during the Public Comment period will register on a sign-up sheet available 30 minutes before the start of the meeting.

- 2.) Persons who have signed the register to speak shall be taken in the order in which they are listed.
- 3.) Persons addressing the Town Council are asked to limit their comments to 3 minutes.
- 4.) Speakers will be acknowledged by Mayor Larry Yates in the order in which their names appear on the sign-up sheet. Speakers shall stand at their seat to address the Council and not approach the Mayor or Town Council members. Speakers will start their comment by stating their name and address.
- 5.) Speakers will direct comments at the Town Council as a whole and not to individuals. Public Comment is not intended to require the Town Council to provide any answer to the speaker right away. Discussions between speakers and members of the audience will not be allowed.
- 6.) Speakers will be courteous in their language, tone, and presentation.
- 7.) Only one speaker will be acknowledged at a time. If a large number of people are present to register concerns about the same subject, it is suggested that they might be acknowledged as a unified group and a designated speaker will cover the various points.
- 8.) In the event that there are more people who wish to speak than can be accommodated in the 30 minutes set aside for public comment, the Town Council may extend the period, delay it until the rest of the agenda has been completed, or continue it to the next regular council meeting.

The only person signed up for Public Comment was Deborah Branham. Mrs. Branham introduced herself as the wife of Jackie Branham, owner of Haysi Collision and stated that it was her first time attending the meeting. Mrs. Branham said she wanted to talk about projects and offer suggestions beginning with the Christmas decorations in town since they looked worn to her. Mrs. Branham suggested that the town request donations of old decorations from citizens and “re-vamp” them. Mrs. Branham mentioned that there were a lot of artisans in the area and suggested that the town have them make wooden decorations with donated supplies such as pieces of plywood and paint. Mrs. Branham made other suggestions like having Santa come for photos, playing Christmas music throughout town, and have merchants put up lights on their businesses. Mrs. Branham offered to volunteer for an events committee. The second project Mrs. Branham addressed was for Veteran’s Day. Mrs. Branham suggested a ceremony with laying of a wreath, twenty-one-gun salute, and playing of the national anthem at the Veteran’s Memorial. Mrs. Branham said her husband had volunteered to help with the ceremony. Mayor Yates thanked Mrs. Branham for coming and offering her suggestions. Mayor Yates advised that the town didn’t have an events committee, but she was welcome to develop one or work with the group of volunteers that had organized the Haysi Russell Fork Autumn Fest last year. Mayor Yates said the town would support an events committee by offering a location for their meetings and entertain request for funds if needed. Mayor Yates asked Clerk Amanda Perrigan about the amount of funds the town spent on the Christmas lights this past year. Clerk Perrigan answered that the new light fixtures at the intersection alone were over three thousand five

hundred dollars. Mayor Yates also advised that every property owner was responsible for their own property decorations.

ITEM # VI – APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

- December 7, 2021 Regular Town Council Meeting

Motion was made by Council Member Carter Branham and seconded by Council Member Tim Wallace to approve the minutes of the meeting on December 7, 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:

- December 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 Financial Report listing: beginning balance, revenue, expenditures and ending balance.
- December 1, 2021 through December 28, 2021 itemized listing of expenditures including checks # 16132-16160 & deposits
- December 1, 2021 through December 28, 2021 Profit & Loss Report
- Current payables to date for review

Motion was made by Council Member Carter Branham 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

George Yates – D&D Customs

Mayor Yates welcomed George Yates to introduce himself and address his matter for discussion. Mr. Yates said he was asked to give an repair estimate on a police vehicle for an accident with a deer, but prior to giving the town the estimate he asked if the matter was insured. Mr. Yates said that once he learns of about an approved insurance estimate then there is no reason for him to work on one because the one from the insurance must be followed. Mr. Yates explained that he later learned the town had taken the vehicle to Morgan McClure for the repair and wanted to know the reason since there are six body shops inside Dickenson County. Mayor Yates answered that the vehicle only had around five thousand miles and he wanted certified GM parts put back on the vehicle since it was so new. Mr. Yates said he didn't want business going outside of town and there were two body shops in the town. Mayor Yates replied that he made the decision and was standing by it. Mr. Yates showed frustration about not getting the town's business after he worked on the fire department's new pickup.

Disposal of Old Bucket Truck

Mayor Yates said he thought about putting the old bucket truck out to bid, but a lot of people ask to borrow the bucket truck and don't return it in the same condition, low fuel, low oil, or in need of repair. Mayor Yates said the Haysi Kiwanis borrow it often and would like to have it as a donation, so he wanted to open it for discussion. Council Member Carter Branham said he didn't think that the town would get a lot of money by selling it. Mayor Yates advised that he was not comfortable loaning out the new bucket truck and wanted to develop a policy for it. Council Member Carter Branham suggested donating the bucket truck to the Haysi Kiwanis with the condition that it would still be available for loan/use by the town and community. A general discussion was held about the old and new bucket truck. Mayor Yates will work to develop a policy for the new bucket truck for review by the Haysi Town Council and the new bucket truck will not be loaned until that is approved. Motion was made Council Member Carter Branham seconded by Council Member Michael Harris to donate the old bucket truck to the Haysi Kiwanis with the condition that it would be available for use by the town when needed. Let the record show the motion on the floor was passed unanimously by verbal voting.

ITEM # IX – OLD BUSINESS

None.

ITEM # X – UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Police Department Monthly Report (See Attachment)

Chief Bobby Edwards is out due to injury, so Officer Jerry Fuller reported twenty-two calls for the month of December and read the hours and mileage for each officer on the report. A general discussion was held about a 911 call from Lilly's Pad two nights in a row, but no one was informed on the situation/resolution.

Haysi Volunteer Fire Department Monthly Report

None.

MICHAEL HARRIS STEPPED OUT OF THE MEETING.

ITEM # XI – EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Council Member Susan Tiller 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.

MICHAEL HARRIS JOINED THE MEETING DURING CLOSED SESSION.

Upon motion made by Council Member Carter Branham 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.

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:

Michael Harris	Yes	Carter Branham	Yes
Tim Wallace	Yes	Susan Tiller	Yes

ITEM # XII - MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Yates reported the following:

- Mayor Yates said that it was a busy month, but he had nothing to report at this time.

ITEM # XIII - COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Susan Tiller asked who was up for re-election this year. It was advised that the information was available on the town website, but the election wouldn't take place until November.

ITEM # XIV - ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to be brought before the Council, a motion was made by Council Member Carter Branham 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