

Town of Haysi
Minutes of Regular Town Council Meeting
March 1, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.

On March 1, 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
Vice Mayor Rocky Wood

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

ABSENT: Susan Tiller

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 Council Member Billy Counts seconded by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood 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:

- February 1, 2022 Regular Town Council Meeting

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood and seconded by Council Member Carter Branham to approve the minutes of the meeting on February 1, 2022 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:

- February 1, 2022 through February 28, 2022 Financial Report listing: beginning balance, revenue, expenditures and ending balance.
- January 28, 2022 through February 23, 2022 itemized listing of expenditures including checks # 16191-16223 & deposits
- January 28, 2022 through February 23, 2022 Profit & Loss Report
- Current payables to date for review

Mayor Yates advised that the town had renewed the line of credit with New Peoples Bank, which was previously secured by the savings account. This time the line of credit required the town to convert one hundred thousand dollars to a certificate of deposit, which would collect interest now. This matter is noted in red on the Financial Statement. Motion was made by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood seconded by Council Member Billy Counts to approve the financial report. Let the record show the motion on the floor was passed unanimously by verbal voting.

ITEM # VIII - NEW BUSINESS

Donation Request from Haysi Volunteers

Mayor Yates said that the matter would be tabled since a representative of the group wasn't in attendance to present the request. Mayor Yates added that he confirmed with the group that someone needed to present it tonight.

Surplus Property

Mayor Yates said the town no longer needs the 1986 K10; old white 4X4 utility truck. Mayor Yates advised that the Breaks Interstate Park was interested in having it, but he wanted to know how the council wanted to proceed or if the town should request sealed bids. Motion was made by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood seconded by Council Member Carter Branham to donate the 1986 K10 truck to The Breaks Interstate Park. 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 reported twenty-four calls for the month of February. Chief Edwards advised that the full time position was advertised, but he was not satisfied with the results, but the position will remain open until filled. Mayor Yates asked the whereabouts of Dream

Farm Road. Chief Edwards answered that it was in the Rock Lick area. Chief Edwards also reported that the video equipment had been received and should be operational soon. Chief Edwards stated that the Tahoe had been repaired. Mayor Yates advised that the work was completed by Yates Recovery and the misunderstanding was clarified. Chief Edwards said that they did a good job on the repair work. Vice Mayor Rocky Wood asked if Chief Edwards had resumed full time hours. Chief Edwards replied that he had.

Haysi Volunteer Fire Department Monthly Report

Chief Rocky Wood reported one fire alarm, two structure fires, two car wrecks, four brush fires, and one DOA for the past month. Chief Wood advised that no burning was permitted prior to four o'clock in the afternoon and repairs are continuing to be made on the fire station. Chief Wood will coordinate with Police Chief Bobby Edwards to have the community service workers assist with the work at the fire station next week.

ITEM # XII - MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Yates reported the following:

- Mayor Yates reported that he had been meeting with the Haysi volunteer group on the Trails Day event June, 4 and Haysi's Ridgeview Trail 5th Anniversary Celebration on April 9. The next meeting is scheduled for March 9th. Vice Mayor Rocky Wood asked for the time. Mayor Yates answered that it usually starts between five and six thirty and lasts about an hour.
- Mayor Yates reported that he was working with Appalachian Voices on survey data for the project associated with the Splashdam mine portals. Council Member Billy Counts will offer the information that he has to assist the project.
- Mayor Yates advised that the Dickenson County Industrial Development Authority was working on a project called Addiction Recovery Center on Red Onion Mountain and continues to work on the old Haysi High School site.
- Mayor Yates also reported that he met with members of Virginia Tourism Corporation last week in town.
- Mayor Yates informed everyone that the town had hired Kristi Rose for up to thirty hours per month to do economic development through tourism for the town. Mrs. Rose will serve as liaison between the town and the volunteer group. Vice Mayor Wood asked about the event being organized on April 9. Mayor Yates answered that it would be a free ride day for Spearhead Trails, there would be an ATV Show-N-Shine, two bands, food vendors, axe throwing, and an organized ATV ride. Police Chief Bobby Edwards stated the trails needed work prior to the event. Mayor Yates replied that he had spoken with Spearhead Trails about that and coordinating an expansion to the ATV route on the highway in town limits.

ITEM # XIII - COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Members Susan Tiller, Michael Harris, and Carter Branham are up for re-election this year. The website photos will be updated ten minutes prior to the April meeting. Mayor Yates advised that since the town was still operating without an attorney that any suggestions for new counsel were welcome.

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 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