

Town of Haysi  
Minutes of Regular Town Council Meeting  
September 3, 2024 @ 7:00 p.m.

On September 3, 2024, 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 Michael Harris

Council Members:

Tim Wallace  
William “Billy” Counts  
Debbie Wood  
Carter Branham

ABSENT: Susan Tiller

**ITEMS # I, II, & III**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Larry D. Yates at 7:00 p.m. The Invocation was held by Council Member Debbie 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 Council Member Carter Branham 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:

- August 6, 2024 Monthly Council Meeting

Motion was made by Council Member Billy Counts and seconded by Council Member Tim Wallace to approve the minutes of the Monthly Council Meeting on August 6, 2024, 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:

- August 1, 2024 through August 30, 2024 Financial Report listing: beginning balance, revenue, expenditures and ending balance.
- August 1, 2024 through August 28, 2024 itemized listing of expenditures including checks # 17314-17336 & deposits
- August 1, 2024 through August 28, 2024 Profit & Loss Report
- Current payables to date for review

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

**ITEM # VIII - NEW BUSINESS**

Inoperable Motor Vehicle Ordinance

Mayor Yates advised that Attorney Josh Evans has a new draft of the Inoperable Motor Vehicle Ordinance prepared with the revisions from Police Chief Bobby Edwards. Chief Edwards stated that the current ordinance was difficult to enforce. Mayor Yates asked for a public hearing date to be set. Motion was made by Council Member Billy Counts seconded by Council Member Debbie Wood hold a public hearing for the Inoperable Motor Vehicle Ordinance on October 1, 2024, at fifteen minutes until seven o'clock in the evening. 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)

Police Department Intern Koen Powers reported sixteen calls for the month of August, then read the hours worked and miles driven off the report. Police Chief Bobby Edwards answered some simple questions from the Haysi Town Council Members and Mayor regarding the report. Chief Edwards advised that the department was working on camera purchases for the grant. Chief Edwards informed everyone that there was some technical difficulty in setting up the electric vehicle charger. Mayor Yates mentioned that the town had received the message trailer and it was in operation.

Fire Department Monthly Report

The Haysi Volunteer Fire Department was not in attendance to present a report. Clerk Amanda Perrigan publicly stated for the official records that the Haysi Volunteer Fire Department would have to designate a Freedom of Information Act Officer for their records. Clerk Perrigan said that she didn't want to be liable for their records since she did

not have access to them. The fire department adopted a new set of By-Laws at their last meeting.

**ITEM # XI - MAYOR COMMENTS**

Mayor Yates reported the following for last month:

- Work has begun on Haysi’s Russell Fork Trail Center and the construction company has already made progress.
- The town will hold a ribbon cutting soon for Haysi’s Riverfront Trail.
- He attended a meeting for The Crooked Road on August 21, which was his last meeting serving on the board.
- He attended a meeting of the Dickenson County Chamber of Commerce on August 10.

**ITEM # XII - COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Council Member Debbie Wood asked about traffic in the Fork Bottom area. Police Chief Edwards replied that the town had made a request for signs from VDOT after receiving multiple complaints. Mayor Yates advised that the construction was supposed to be finished by Haysi’s Russell Fork Autumn Fest. Mayor Yates stated that he realized when the building collapsed several years ago that Haysi needed an alternate route through town. A general discussion was held about town streets and intersections.

**ITEM # XIII – ADJOURNMENT**

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

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Larry D. Yates, Mayor

Attest:

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Clerk