

Town of Haysi
Minutes of Regular Town Council Meeting
August 6, 2024 @ 7:00 p.m.

On August 6, 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
Susan Tiller

ABSENT: Carter Branham

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 Attorney Josh Evans 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 Billy Counts seconded by Council Member Tim Wallace 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:

- July 2, 2024 Monthly Council Meeting

Motion was made by Council Member Tim Wallace and seconded by Council Member Billy Counts to approve the minutes of the Monthly Council Meeting on July 2, 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:

- July 1, 2024 through July 31, 2024 Financial Report listing: beginning balance, revenue, expenditures and ending balance.
- June 27, 2024 through July 31, 2024 itemized listing of expenditures including checks # 17252-17313 & deposits
- June 27, 2024 through July 31, 2024 Profit & Loss Report
- Current payables to date for review

Motion was made by Council Member Debbie 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

None.

ITEM # IX – OLD BUSINESS

None.

ITEM # X – UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Police Department Monthly Report (See Attachment)

Police Department Intern Elijah Stallard reported thirty-two calls for the month of July, then read the hours worked off the report. Council Member Billy Counts asked about the call reported with back pain. Police Chief Bobby Edwards said that a three-hundred plus pound citizen needed to be lifted and transported down stairs with assistance. Mayor Larry D. Yates asked about the call regarding Spearhead Trails. Chief Edwards said the matter had been resolved. Mayor Yates asked about the call at Fearls Branch. Chief Edwards answered that it involved a tree possibly falling on a residence.

Chief Edwards reported that two license plate reading cameras had arrived and they were much larger than anticipated with a weight over two-hundred pounds. As a result of their size, a different location from Haysi Funeral Home is needed. Chief Edwards said there are five to six more cameras pending. Three cameras will be located on Bartley Street, three are approved by the Heat Grant, and there will be two portable game type cameras. Chief Edwards stated that he expects a decrease in crime as there will be no way to enter or exit the town without being on camera. Chief Edwards advised that the message sign trailer was ordered, which requires a twenty-five percent match from the town. Five-hundred dollars of that match has been applied for in a Risk Management Grant from the Virginia Risk Sharing Association. Chief Edwards also advised that he was contacted by Elk Knob to be aware of the bridge work that will block traffic beginning the middle of September; traffic will be rerouted through Bartley Street to Bridge Street. The Virginia Department of Transportation told Clerk Amanda Perrigan that the work should be completed by Haysi's Russell Fork Autumn Fest. A general discussion was held about large trucks, the detour options, and possible impacts.

Fire Department Monthly Report

Police Chief Bobby Edwards reported two public assistance calls, one missing child, one wires down, three assist rescue squad, five road hazards, three motor vehicle accidents, one fire alarm, and one fatal ATV crash.

Council Member Debbie Wood asked about Haysi Rescue Squad. Police Chief Edwards advised that Terry Bartley was the only Emergency Medical Technician now. Council Member Billy Counts said that Mr. Bartley was expected to come to the Haysi Town Council to ask for more money when he got the opportunity.

Mayor Yates stated that the signs for the bridge were on order from the Virginia Department of Transportation and he had asked that the order be expedited since he would like to have a ribbon cutting in September. Council Member Debbie Wood mentioned that she would be out of town at another ceremony in Richmond to honor Rocky on September 14.

ITEM # XI - MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Yates reported the following for last month:

- He attended the Stone Mountain Board of Directors Meeting on June 8th, a Russell Fork Trail Center Management Team Meeting on July 9, the Dickenson County Chamber of Commerce Meeting and Crooked Road Board of Directors Meeting on July 10, the Dickenson County Industrial Development Authority Board Meeting on July 18, the Haysi's Riverfront Trail Project Management Team Meeting on July 29, and Crooked Road Meeting on July 30.
- Haysi's Riverfront Trail Project is ninety-five percent completed. The town is waiting for the electric vehicle charger to be installed. Police Chief Bobby Edwards said that he wasn't able to get a response from Haysi Heating and Cooling, but Crabtree Heating and Cooling had quoted the installation at nine-hundred dollars. Mayor Yates asked Chief Edwards to schedule Crabtree Heating and Cooling to complete the installation. Mayor Yates said that the signs for the project area also needed to be completed. He will plan to work with Clerk Amanda Perrigan and Chief Edwards on that aspect tomorrow.
- The Splashdam Project was on the front page of the newspaper last week. Clerk Amanda Perrigan assisted in getting the press release. Chief Edwards said that the project was waiting on paperwork to be completed before proceeding to the next step.
- Mayor Yates said that Mountain Empire Community College was offering free trade classes for welding, carpentry, and electricians. He asked for Clerk Perrigan to send the flyer to the Haysi Town Council Members.

- The town’s architect and engineering firm sent the final construction documents to the contractor and construction work can begin on Haysi’s Russell Fork Trail Center.
- The work is supposed to start anytime on the new Haysi Town Hall.
- There is no new information on the drainage issues near Jones and Counts Pharmacy at this time.

ITEM # XII - COUNCIL COMMENTS

Attorney Josh Evans stated that the town was well run and commented on “how cool” it was to have a high school student give the Police Department Report. He said that he will continue to work with Police Chief Bobby Edwards on the vehicle ordinance.

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 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