

Town of Haysi
Minutes of Regular Town Council Meeting
March 12, 2024 @ 7:00 p.m.

On March 12, 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
Carter Branham
Susan Tiller

ABSENT: William “Billy” Counts
Debbie Wood

ITEMS # I, II, & III

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Larry D. Yates at 7:10 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 Carter Branham seconded by Vice Mayor Michael Harris 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 6, 2024 Monthly Council Meeting

Motion was made by Council Member Carter Branham and seconded by Vice Mayor Michael Harris to approve the minutes of the Monthly Council Meeting on February 6,

2023 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, 2024 through February 29, 2024 Financial Report listing: beginning balance, revenue, expenditures and ending balance.
- February 1, 2024 through February 29, 2024 itemized listing of expenditures including checks # 17103-17137 & deposits
- February 1, 2024 through February 29, 2024 Profit & Loss Report
- Current payables to date for review

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Michael Harris 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

Line of Credit Renewal

Mayor Yates read the following line of credit renewal request from New Peoples Bank:

This request is for approval for the renewal of a line of credit at New Peoples Bank in the amount of \$100,000.00. The line of credit is secured by a New Peoples Bank Certificate of Deposit for the Town of Haysi. The Certificate of Deposit will be renewed for a 12-month term with an APR of 4.40% (4.50 APY) and thus the Line of Credit will also be renewed for a corresponding 12-month term at a 6.4% rate of interest. Two percentage points above that of the Certificate of deposit. Additionally, the request is for authorization for the Mayor of the Town of Haysi, Larry Yates, to sign and execute the documents necessary to renew the Line of Credit.

Mayor Yates added that the line of credit stands against the Revenue Stabilization Fund to make construction projects more attractive to contractors because it helps them to get paid faster. Motion was made by Council Member Carter Branham seconded by Council Member Susan Tiller to approve the line of credit renewal request from New Peoples Bank and authorize Mayor Larry D. Yates to execute the necessary documents. 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-three calls for the month of February and read the hours worked off the report. Chief Edwards specifically mentioned that there was a burglary arrest on the report and another burglary with arrest over the past weekend. Chief Edwards advised that the police department had purchased radios, cameras, and a verification device with grant funding recently. He said that there have been two other grant applications submitted for interns and a digital sign. The grant for the digital sign has a twenty-five percent match required. Chief Edwards also reported on the new flock camera system and its amazing performance thus far. A general discussion was held about the location for new cameras that will have radar capability.

Fire Department Monthly Report

Police Chief Bobby Edwards said that the Haysi Volunteer Fire Department didn't have their monthly meeting last night, but may look to either schedule it next week or wait until next month's regular meeting. He reported the fire department had one fall, three motor vehicle accidents, three brush fires, one roadway hazard, and one structure fire for the month of February. Police Chief Edwards said the department had a demonstration for rescue tools, but ultimately made the decision to repair the existing equipment.

Haysi Rescue Squad Monthly Report

None.

ITEM # XI - MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Yates reported the following meetings last month:

- The Riverwalk Project has had a lot of progress and is continuing to move forward on time and under budget.
- He and Police Chief Bobby Edwards are working with the Cumberland Plateau Planning District on a Hazardous Mitigation Plan.
- The town will begin accepting credit card payments. Mayor Yates asked Clerk Amanda Perrigan to give some additional details. Clerk Perrigan advised that the town will be able to accept debit and credit card payments over the phone in April. There will be a transaction fee for the convenience of processing the payments and reports will be required via email.
- The bid opening was held for the Russell Fork Trail Center. The winning bid from Quesenberry's Construction was around seven-hundred thousand dollars over budget. The town is working to negotiate the cost down within budget. Cochran Masonry completed the wall repair at the Russell Fork Trail Center and it looks

good. The Mayor said he received notice from the Corp of Engineers that the property is not eligible for the Section 202 program since it is unoccupied.

- The traffic analysis on the old Haysi High School site is completed and as expected. The study was required by the project funders.
- Mayor Yates reported that he attended The Crooked Road Board of Directors meeting.
- Mayor Yates also attended the ribbon cutting for the new Food City in Clintwood.

ITEM # XII - COUNCIL COMMENTS

None.

ITEM # XIII – ADJOURNMENT

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