

Town of Haysi
Minutes of Regular Town Council Meeting
October 1, 2024 @ 7:00 p.m.

On October 1, 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

ABSENT: Susan Tiller
Carter Branham

ITEMS # I, II, & III

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Larry D. Yates at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Yates expressed his sadness for North Carolina, Tennessee, and all of Appalachia as they deal with heartbreaking loss from the recent storm damage and flooding.

COUNCIL MEMBER SUSAN TILLER ENTERED THE MEETING.

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 Debbie Wood 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:

- September 3, 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 September 3, 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:

- September 1, 2024 through September 30, 2024 Financial Report listing: beginning balance, revenue, expenditures and ending balance.
- August 29, 2024 through September 26, 2024 itemized listing of expenditures including checks # 17337-17373 & deposits
- August 29, 2024 through September 26, 2024 Profit & Loss Report
- Current payables to date for review

Mayor Yates asked if the deposit that was made yesterday was included in the report. Clerk Amanda Perrigan answered that it was because she had called the bank to get the balance. Mayor Yates said that Council Member Tim Wallace had asked about the Point Broadband bill. Mayor Yates explained that the bill includes phone equipment and service, Wi-Fi, internet at the Town Hall and Haysi Volunteer Fire Department. Motion was made by Council Member Billy Counts seconded by Council Member Debbie Wood 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

Inoperable Motor Vehicle Ordinance

Mayor Yates asked if there were any questions regarding the amended ordinance. Mayor Yates stated the current ordinance is not enforceable. Attorney Josh Evans said that he worked with Chief Bobby Edwards to make the ordinance effective in court, while giving the safe and visually pleasing results desired. Mayor Yates advised that vehicles could still be covered by a tarp if the work requires a lot of time. Mayor Yates added that everyone had been cooperative thus far. Assistant Chief J.R. Stanley was alright with the amended ordinance as well. Motion was made by Council Member Debbie Wood seconded by Council Member Billy Counts to approve the amended Inoperable Motor Vehicle Ordinance as presented. Mayor Yates asked for a roll call vote:

Michael Harris	Yes	Debbie Wood	Yes
Susan Tiller	Yes	Billy Counts	Yes
Tim Wallace	Yes		

Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting.

ITEM # X – UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Police Department Monthly Report (See Attachment)

Assistant Police Chief JR Stanley reported twenty-seven calls for the month of September, then read the hours worked off the report. Assistant Chief Stanley advised there was one traffic stop and one hang up, but no accidents on Bartley Street. Mayor Yates stated that the bridge should be open by October 15, 2024. Mayor Yates informed everyone that Chief Bobby Edwards couldn't attend the meeting because he was assisting the Dickenson County Sheriff's Office in Asheville, North Carolina.

Fire Department Monthly Report

Treasurer Jennifer Cook with the Haysi Volunteer Fire Department reported twenty-six calls for the past month including six motor vehicle accidents, three brush fires, one trailer fire, two structure fires, one utility pole fire, one vehicle fire, one gas well fire, one ATV crash, three assist rescue, and seven trees down. Mayor Yates asked about the gas well fire. Treasurer Cook answered that it was on Tiny Hollow and the gas company had to cut it off, but there were thirty-foot-high flames in the pouring rain. Mayor Yates thanked Treasurer Cook for the report.

ITEM # XI - MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Yates reported the following for last month:

- The town has been denied the T-Mobile grant, but intends to apply again. Contractor continues to work and the architect/engineering firm is scheduled to visit tomorrow at noon.
- The town will hold a ribbon cutting for Haysi's Riverfront Trail on October 18. There have been some cell service connectivity issues with the electric vehicle charger.
- Haysi's Russell Fork Autumn Fest takes place this weekend and the town has been working hard for months in preparation.
- He will share the updated draft of the Hazardous Mitigation Plan from the Cumberland Plateau.
- He attended a check presentation from the Dickenson County Industrial Development Authority to Bird Dog Industries for a grant to create forty-six new jobs.
- The Virginia Department of Transportation have the signs for the Rocky S. Wood Memorial Bridge. A dedication ceremony is scheduled for October 19, at one o'clock in the afternoon. Clerk Amanda Perrigan will work with Council Member Debbie Wood on the unveiling.

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 Vice Mayor Michael Harris 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