

Town of Haysi
Minutes of Regular Town Council Meeting
August 11, 2026 @ 7:00 p.m.

On August 11, 2026, the regular meeting of the Haysi Town Council was held in the Council Chambers of the Haysi Town Hall Municipal Building located at 162 Backbone Ridge, Haysi, Virginia.

The following members were present:

PRESENT: Mayor Larry D. Yates
Vice Mayor Debbie Wood

Council Members:
Carter Branham
Michael Harris
Tim Wallace

ABSENT: Susan Tiller
Allison Mullins

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 Attorney Josh Evans and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ITEM # IV - APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

At this time Mayor Yates called for any additions, changes, or corrections to the agenda. Attorney Josh Evans requested that Executive Session pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711A8 for consultation with legal counsel be added. Motion was made by Vice Mayor Debbie Wood seconded by Council Member Carter Branham to approve the agenda as amended. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting.

ITEM #V – PUBLIC COMMENT

The first person signed up for public comment was Haysi Kiwanis, P.O. Box 249, Haysi, Virginia. Mayor Yates asked for the representative to state their name and address. Mr. David Yates replied with his name and 306 Travis Stanley Road, Haysi, for his address. Mr. Yates shared a list of talking points that resulted from the Haysi Kiwanis' Board of Directors meeting last week. Mr. Yates said he liked to consider the town part of the Haysi Kiwanis as they reflect each other. Mr. Terry Bartley of Wagon Trail introduced himself as President of the Haysi Kiwanis and asked the town to join the Kiwanis, so they could help each other. Mr. Bartley said that their primary objective was to help children, but they wanted to see the town "come back." Mr. Bartley invited the Haysi Town Council to their meetings. Mayor Yates advised that the town was willing to work together with the Haysi Kiwanis. Mr. Bartley gave an example for working together on events and splitting the funds raised. Vice Mayor Debbie Wood commented that it was a great opportunity to create a cohesive group if a few members of Council were to join the Kiwanis in developing a

partnership. Mr. Bartley added that it would be helpful to both. Vice Mayor Wood mentioned the potential benefits. Mr. Bartley advised that the Haysi Kiwanis did have non-profit status and tried to do everything for the community, but their members are older and they need help. Mr. Yates said the Haysi Kiwanis was formed in 1947. Mr. Yates asked if the town had a planning committee. Mayor Yates answered that it did not, the town relied on the downtown volunteer group. After a general discussion, it was decided that the Haysi Kiwanis would join the Haysi Community Leaders next scheduled meeting along with a couple of Haysi Council Members. Vice Mayor Wood suggested inviting the Dickenson County Tourism Committee as well. Mr. Bartley advised that the Haysi Kiwanis meets every Thursday night at seven o'clock in the evening.

ITEM # VI – APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Prior to the meeting council had received for consideration of approval a copy of the following prepared minutes:

- July 14, 2026 Regular Town Council Meeting

Motion was made by Council Member Carter Branham and seconded by Vice Mayor Debbie Wood to approve the minutes of the July 14, 2026 meeting minutes as presented. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting.

ITEM # VII – TOWN ACCOUNTING

Approval of the Financial Report

At this time the council was presented for approval the following:

- July 1, 2026 through July 31, 2026 Financial Report listing: beginning balance, revenue, expenditures and ending balance.
- July 1, 2026 through July 29, 2026 itemized listing of expenditures including checks # 18100-18121 & deposits
- July 1, 2026 through July 29, 2026 Profit & Loss Report
- Current payables to date for review

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

August Purchase Requests

Clerk Perrigan explained the problem with the high humidity level in the administration side of the building as the reason for the dehumidifier request. Clerk Perrigan explained that the issue was reported to the Corp of Engineers, who reported it to the building contractor, who contacted Starnes to work on it. Starnes first suggested turning off the ERV, then came and adjusted the fresh air damper, then came back and changed the fan speed, but ultimately recommended the purchase of a dehumidifier. Clerk Perrigan advised that in addition to being uncomfortable the humidity is affecting the paperwork. She said

that Starnes advised the humidity should be in the forties; it was originally in the eighties, but is currently in the sixties. Clerk Perrigan also expressed concerns that Police Chief James Stanley had for the potential of mold. Clerk Perrigan stated that the schedule for Haysi's Russell Fork Autumn Fest had been finalized and she needed permission to order the flyers for distribution. She added that Chief Stanley has requested a metal water hose reel for the maintenance department. Motion was made by Council Member Carter Branham seconded by Vice Mayor Debbie Wood to approve the August Purchase Requests for the dehumidifier, metal water hose reel, and flyers. Let the record show the motion on the floor was passed unanimously by verbal voting.

ITEM # VIII - NEW BUSINESS

None.

ITEM # IX – UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Police Department Monthly Report (See Attachment)

Chief James Stanley reported fifteen calls dispatched and thirteen traffic stops for last month and read off hours worked and miles driven.

Haysi Rescue Squad Monthly Report

Logan Deel reported fifty-five calls since the last meeting. Mr. Deel advised that fourteen of those were not transported and occurred during the motorcycle race. Mr. Deel reported that Dickenson County approved the thirty percent funding request for heart monitors and radios in hope of receiving a state grant. Mr. Deel request the town's financial assistance with a bill for their fire extinguisher maintenance. Mr. Deel said he would like to follow up on the prospect of sharing a washer and dryer. Clerk Amanda Perrigan replied that sharing a washer and dryer wouldn't be possible per the Virginia Department of Health guidelines. Mayor Yates asked why the fire extinguisher maintenance was done by a business in Jonesville. Mr. Deel answered that they were the closest because the business in Wise doesn't perform that task anymore. Mayor Yates asked how much assistance was Haysi Rescue Squad looking for on the bill. Mr. Deel answered all of it. Council Member Tim Wallace asked about Haysi Rescue Squad's use of a washer and dryer. Mr. Deel answered that an employee lives there and other members could wash their clothes before going home if they were exposed to contaminants. Mr. Deel pointed out that the linens were cleaned by the hospital. Council Member Carter Branham suggested helping with the fire extinguisher bill, but holding off on the washer and dryer. Vice Mayor Debbie Wood clarified that the fire extinguisher maintenance was required by insurance. Mr. Deel replied it was. Captain Terry Bartley advised that he was able to fix the current dryer in use at the squad building. Motion was made by Council Member Carter Branham seconded by Vice Mayor Debbie Wood to donate four-hundred-dollars to the Haysi Rescue Squad for the fire extinguisher maintenance bill presented. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting.

ITEM # X - MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Yates stated that this was the second time the meeting had to be changed to the alternate meeting date and he would like to see the meeting take place on the scheduled date if possible.

ITEM # XI - COUNCIL COMMENTS

Vice Mayor Debbie Wood thanked Mayor Yates and Appalachian Power Company for the new street lights at the park and ride.

ITEM # XII – EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made Vice Mayor Debbie Wood and seconded by Council Member Carter Branham to adjourn into Executive Session pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711A8 for Consultation with Legal Counsel. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting.

Upon motion made by Vice Mayor Debbie Wood and seconded by Council Member Carter Branham the Council was now convened in Open Session. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Debbie Wood and seconded by Council Member Carter Branham that only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under this chapter, and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed, or considered in the meeting by the public body.

Mayor Yates asked for a roll call vote to certify the statement:

Michael Harris	Yes	Tim Wallace	Yes
Debbie Wood	Yes	Carter Branham	Yes

ITEM # XIII – ADJOURN

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