

Town of Haysi
Minutes of Regular Town Council Meeting
September 2, 2025 @ 7:00 p.m.

On September 2, 2025, 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:
Carter Branham
Tim Wallace
Debbie Wood
Susan Tiller

ABSENT: William “Billy” Counts

ITEMS # I, II, & III

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Larry D. Yates at 7:04 p.m., and the Invocation was held by Police Chief James Stanley 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. Motion was made by Council Member Carter Branham seconded by Council Member Debbie Wood to approve the agenda as presented. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting.

ITEM #V – PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Yates asked Town Clerk Amanda Perrigan to read the following Public Comment Policy out loud:

A Public Comment Period will be held during the regular Town Council monthly meetings, during Special Called meetings, and Public Hearings. The Public Comment period will be on the agenda for the meeting. The Town Council asks that speakers only comment on the items listed on the Agenda for the Town Council meeting or Special Called meeting and only comment on the specific reason for the Public Hearing. All comments made during the Public Comment period shall be subject to the following procedures:

- 1.) Anyone who wishes to make a statement during the Public Comment period will register on a sign-up sheet available 30 minutes before the start of the meeting.

- 2.) Persons who have signed the register to speak shall be taken in the order in which they are listed.
- 3.) Persons addressing the Town Council are asked to limit their comments to 3 minutes.
- 4.) Speakers will be acknowledged by Mayor Larry Yates in the order in which their names appear on the sign-up sheet. Speakers shall stand at their seat to address the Council and not approach the Mayor or Town Council members. Speakers will start their comment by stating their name and address.
- 5.) Speakers will direct comments at the Town Council as a whole and not to individuals. Public Comment is not intended to require the Town Council to provide any answer to the speaker right away. Discussions between speakers and members of the audience will not be allowed.
- 6.) Speakers will be courteous in their language, tone, and presentation.
- 7.) Only one speaker will be acknowledged at a time. If a large number of people are present to register concerns about the same subject, it is suggested that they might be acknowledged as a unified group and a designated speaker will cover the various points.
- 8.) In the event that there are more people who wish to speak than can be accommodated in the 30 minutes set aside for public comment, the Town Council may extend the period, delay it until the rest of the agenda has been completed, or continue it to the next regular council meeting.

The first person signed up for Public Comment was Captain Terry Bartley of 569 Wagon Trail, Haysi. Captain Bartley said he wanted to give an update on the Haysi Rescue Squad. Captain Bartley said they have two EMTs on staff now, himself and Sarah Deel. They also have two part time and one full time driver. Their call total for the year is at four-hundred and seven. Captain Bartley described a bad overdose call last month. He said that the squad has repaired their heart monitor, completed maintenance checks on other equipment, paid all the bills, supplying their own drugs. Mayor Yates asked Captain Bartley to explain the difference between the qualifications of the drivers and the EMT positions. Captain Bartley answered that the driver requires a specific class, of which he is an instructor. Commercial Driver's License helps, but isn't enough, Captain Bartley explained. Drivers don't require any medical training beyond CPR, but they must have a clean driving record, a physical, and pass a drug test. A general discussion was held about the job qualifications and duties. Captain Bartley asked if the town's maintenance department could assist him with the replacement of a board over one of the doors since he isn't able to manage it alone. Mayor Yates was agreeable. Captain Bartley stated that it could wait until after the Dickenson County Fair concludes. Everyone expressed appreciation for Captain Bartley and his work.

ITEM # VI – APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

- August 5, 2025 Regular Town Council Meeting

Motion was made by Council Member Carter Branham and seconded by Council Member Tim Wallace to approve the minutes of the August 5, 2025 meeting minutes 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, 2025 through August 29, 2025 Financial Report listing: beginning balance, revenue, expenditures and ending balance.
- August 1, 2025 through August 28, 2025 itemized listing of expenditures including checks # 17745-17762 & deposits
- August 1, 2025 through August 28, 2025 Profit & Loss Report
- Current payables to date for review

Motion was made by Council Member Carter Branham 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

Donation Request from Dickenson County Partners for Prevention Coalition

Mayor Yates welcomed Chris Cronkhite to present the request. Mr. Cronkhite introduced himself as a Prevention Specialist for Dickenson County Behavioral Health Services. Mr. Cronkhite informed everyone that they are holding a golf tournament this Friday to raise funds for their After Prom Party and Angel Tree Programs. Mr. Cronkhite said that the Angel Tree Program helps around three-hundred children a year. Mr. Cronkhite explained that the children helped by the program are those that receive assistance or an immediate family member receives assistance from Dickenson County Behavioral Health Services. Mr. Cronkhite stated that the agency spent around twelve-thousand dollars last year. Mayor asked if they wanted the donation for the golf tournament or the Angel Tree Program. Mr. Cronkhite answered that either was fine. Mayor Yates clarified that a donation to the agency would help fund the Angel Tree and After Prom Party Programs. Mr. Cronkhite answered that was correct. The After Prom Party Program serves around two-hundred Ridgeview High School Students and their dates. Council Member Debbie Wood stated that Dickenson County Social Services covers a different selection of children and the Angel Tree Program through Dickenson County Behavioral Health Services fills the gap to get the children covered that need it. Mayor Yates thanked Mr. Cronkhite and the work of the agency. Mayor Yates stated that around five-hundred kids would benefit between the two programs. Motion was made by Council Member Carter Branham seconded by Council Member Susan Tiller to approve a five-hundred dollar donation to Dickenson County Partners for Prevention Coalition. Let the record show the motion on the floor was passed by verbal voting, with Council Members Debbie Wood, Carter Branham, Susan Tiller, and Tim Wallace voting aye. Vice Mayor Michael Harris abstained from the vote.

ITEM # IX – UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Police Department Monthly Report (See Attachment)

Chief James Stanley reported fourteen calls for last month and read off hours worked and miles driven. Chief Stanley noted that there were two traffic stops, several motor vehicles accidents and nuisance calls. Mayor Yates asked about the domestic animal disturbances. Chief Stanley answered that Animal Control had difficulty getting in touch with the lady at Splashdam for the twenty cats, but he was able to get her phone number and pass it along. Chief Stanley stated that situation was supposed to be remedied this morning and the pig issue has already been remedied. Haysi Rescue Squad Captain Terry Bartley thanked the Police Department and the Maintenance Department for their assistance over the past couple of months.

ITEM # XII - MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Yates reported the following:

- The Mayor continues to attend meetings of the Dickenson County Industrial Development Authority and Haysi's Russell Fork Trail Center Management Team.
- The Mayor and Clerk Amanda Perrigan met with Mark Vanover of the Rapha Foundation about funding for the trail center and other opportunities.
- Final Compliance for Haysi's Russell Fork Trail Center was postponed.
- The Mayor is working with the County Flood Fund Program and announced that applications for Virginia Disaster Relief will be accepted at the Haysi Town Hall on October 23, for assistance with damage resulting from Hurricane Helene or the February 2025 flood.
- The Dickenson County Fair is coming up.
- The town has been working hard on Haysi's Russell Fork Autumn Fest, especially Clerk Amanda Perrigan.
- Mayor Yates said he and the Haysi Town Council are invited to Project WRAP on September 19, where a strip mine along route 58 and 23 in Norton will be turned into industrial development.

ITEM # XI - COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Debbie Wood said that during two recent visits to Kentucky, she noticed lots of places for trail riders and felt that Haysi was missing an opportunity. Council Member questioned ways to promote or if Spearhead Trails was doing any promoting. Mayor Yates replied that the increase of trail riders in Kentucky may be due to the fact that their legislators had opened the highways for ATV use. Mayor Yates continued that this issue would need to be addressed by the general assembly and he would bring it up. Mayor Yates added that it was hard to attract new riders with the same trails, where Kentucky's trails are new. Mayor Yates said that the Virginia State Police,

insurances, and the general assembly needed to work together and suggested that everyone talk to our representatives. Council Member Debbie Wood stated that she would like to see the town businesses flourish. Mayor Yates agreed, but said it was a different economic climate and emphasized again talking to our state representatives.

ITEM # XII – ADJOURN

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