

Town of Haysi
Minutes of Regular Town Council Meeting
September 5, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m.

On September 5, 2023, 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
Debbie Wood

ABSENT: William “Billy” Counts

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 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:

- August 1, 2023 Monthly Council Meeting

Motion was made by Council Member Carter Branham and seconded by Council Member Debbie Wood to approve the minutes the meeting on August 1, 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:

- August 1, 2023 through August 31, 2023 Financial Report listing: beginning balance, revenue, expenditures and ending balance.
- July 28, 2023 through August 31, 2023 itemized listing of expenditures including checks # 16837-16894 & deposits
- July 28, 2023 through August 31, 2023 Profit & Loss Report
- Current payables to date for review

Motion was made by Council Member Carter Branham seconded by Council Member Susan Tiller 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)

Chief Bobby Edwards reported thirty-eight calls for the month of August. He read hours worked and mentioned more tickets and warrants were issued. Chief Edwards said he tried to address the ATV issues last month with social media post and increased awareness. Chief Edwards gave a brief overview of a few of the calls on the monthly report including a drone assist in Buchanan County and a call to the Haysi Community Library that was charged to the fullest extent possible. Mayor Yates asked about the abandoned vehicle on Bartley Street. Chief Edwards answered that he thought it had already been removed and the other one on route 83 was towed by Assistant Chief Stanley. Mayor Yates asked that Adam Barton cut the brush from the tunnel on both sides of the street. Chief Edwards explained that the equipment was back in service now after repairs at Modern Hardware.

Fire Department Monthly Report

Police Chief Bobby Edwards had the Fire Department report information since the fire department was holding their meeting at the fire hall tonight. Their calls were as follows:

four calls including three motor vehicle accidents and one structure fire. The Haysi Volunteer Fire Department sold the red ATV and enclosed trailer to a high bid of five thousand one hundred twenty-five dollars. Four bids were received in total and all were close in range.

ITEM # XI - MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Yates reported that he continues to meet with the management team on Haysi's Riverwalk Project. The contract and Notice to Proceed should be completed in the near future so the project can move forward and progress can be seen by the public. Mayor Yates reported continued meetings on the old theater building and he has preliminary designs for the Russell Fork Trail Center available if anyone would like to see them. Mayor Yates said that he also has preliminary designs for the old Haysi High School property available if anyone like to see those as well.

ITEM # XII - COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Debbie Wood asked about the old Haysi High School property. Mayor Yates replied that it was closed because of the staging for the construction of the bridge work. Council Member Debbie Wood asked about the possibility of a Mexican restaurant locating in town. Mayor Yates answered that a local citizen was looking for a building to locate the business, but was serious about the venture. Council Member Susan Tiller asked if the Dickenson County School Board still owned the Sandlick Elementary School property. Attorney Josh Evans answered yes. Council Member Tiller commented on the state of the foliage. A general discussion was held about the condition of the school property.

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