

Town of Haysi  
Minutes of Regular Town Council Meeting  
February 3, 2026 @ 7:00 p.m.

On February 3, 2026, 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  
Debbie Wood  
Tim Wallace

ABSENT: Susan Tiller  
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 called for any additions, changes, or corrections to the agenda. Motion was made by Vice Mayor Michael Harris seconded by Council Member Carter Branham 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 welcomed Captain Terry Bartley. Captain Bartley gave an update on the status of the Haysi Rescue Squad. Captain Bartley said that one of their trucks was down, but parts had been ordered. He reported around seven hundred calls for the 2025 calendar year. He also said that they had a water line freeze and bust, but they plan to get it fixed in a day or two.

**ITEM # VI – APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

- January 6, 2026 Regular Town Council Meeting

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Michael Harris and seconded by Council Member Carter Branham to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2026 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:

- January 1, 2026 through January 30, 2026 Financial Report listing: beginning balance, revenue, expenditures and ending balance.
- December 31, 2025 through January 29, 2026 itemized listing of expenditures including checks # 17926-17941 & deposits
- December 31, 2025 through January 29, 2026 Profit & Loss Report
- Current payables to date for review

Council Member Tim Wallace questioned the compensation for the Mayor on the financial report. Mayor Yates replied that he would review his compensation and address any discrepancies in thirty to sixty days. Mayor Yates said that he was not trying to hide anything.

COUNCIL MEMBER SUSAN TILLER ENTERED THE MEETING.

Council Member Debbie Wood asked for clarification on whether there were guidelines on advances. Mayor Yates answered that the town did not have a guideline. Council Member Wood said that she wanted more understanding on the matter. Council Member Tim Wallace explained his understanding was that initialing the financial report means that he saw it/read it and voting in favor means approval. Council Member Tim Wallace stated that he will not vote in approval of the financial report until the Mayor's compensation discrepancies are resolved. Attorney Josh Evans suggested that a corresponding policy be adopted. A general discussion was held about fund appropriation and account payments. Attorney Josh Evans stated that nothing wrong was done. Council Member Debbie Wood suggested that the matter be tabled to the next meeting. Council Member Carter Branham was in agreement stating that not all members were present.

Motion was made by Council Member Carter Branham seconded by Vice Mayor Michael Harris to approve the financial report. Let the record show the motion on the floor was passed by verbal voting, with Vice Mayor Michael Harris and Council Members Debbie Wood, Carter Branham, and Susan Tiller voting aye. Council Member Tim Wallace voted nay.

## **ITEM # VIII - NEW BUSINESS**

Motion was made by Council Member Tim Wallace not to issue another check advance to Mayor Larry D. Yates. Mayor Yates stated that he wouldn't accept another check. The motion on the floor died without second.

Motion was made by Council Member Tim Wallace to itemize all expenses on the financial report. Mayor Yates stated that the town has had a clean audit for many years and welcomed Council Member Wallace to come and look at the town files. Council Member Debbie Wood said that she was in favor of transparency and Council Member Susan Tiller

agreed. A general discussion was held about the financial details requested and how best to get that information into the financial report without a lot of extra work involved. Council Member Tim Wallace amended his motion to have the accounts payable file paid monthly included with the financial report for review. Council Member Debbie Wood seconded the motion. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting.

**ITEM # IX – UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Police Department Monthly Report

None. (No one representing the Haysi Police Department was able to attend.)

**ITEM # X - MAYOR COMMENTS**

Mayor Yates reported attending the following meetings:

- Dickenson County Industrial Development Authority on January 5<sup>th</sup>.
- Business Owner Matt Owens regarding relocating his gym on January 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Stone Mountain Health Services Board on January 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Corp of Engineers at the new Municipal Building on January 20<sup>th</sup>.

**ITEM # XI - COUNCIL COMMENTS**

None.

**ITEM # XII – ADJOURN**

There being no other business to be brought before the Council, a motion was made by Council Member Carter Branham seconded by Council Member Debbie Wood to adjourn the meeting. Let the record show the motion was passed unanimously by verbal voting and the meeting was adjourned.

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Larry D. Yates, Mayor

Attest:

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Clerk