

Town of Haysi  
Minutes of Regular Town Council Meeting  
June 4, 2024 @ 7:00 p.m.

On June 4, 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  
Carter Branham

ABSENT: Debbie Wood  
Susan Tiller

### **ITEMS # I, II, & III**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Larry D. Yates at 7:00 p.m. The Invocation was held by Attorney Josh Evans and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

DEBBIE WOOD ENTERED THE MEETING.

### **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 Billy Counts 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**

None.

### **ITEM # VI – APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

- May 7, 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 May 7, 2024 as presented. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting.

COUNCIL MEMBER SUSAN TILLER ENTERED THE MEETING.

**ITEM # VII – FINANCIAL REPORT**

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

- May 1, 2024 through May 31, 2024 Financial Report listing: beginning balance, revenue, expenditures and ending balance.
- May 1, 2024 through May 30, 2024 itemized listing of expenditures including checks # 17206-17234 & deposits
- May 1, 2024 through May 30, 2024 Profit & Loss Report
- Current payables to date for review

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

**ITEM # VIII - NEW BUSINESS**

2024-2025 Budget

Mayor Yates advised that Clerk Amanda Perrigan had been working hard on the budget and it is balanced now. Mayor Yates that the process had been slowed due to the insurance renewal and audit, not by any fault of the town's staff. Mayor Yates continued that due to advertising requirements the meeting tonight would be recessed. Clerk Amanda Perrigan added that the two public hearings would take place prior to reconvening the meeting and she will send council information the Friday before it is scheduled.

**ITEM # IX – OLD BUSINESS**

Mayor Yates wanted to give project updates. First, Haysi's Riverfront Trail Project will have the substantial compliance site visit tomorrow. Second, Haysi's Russell Fork Trail Center Project will start soon. Mayor Yates added that he met with Quesenberry's Construction earlier in the day. Third, the construction of Haysi's new Town Hall should start soon as well. A general discussion was held about site preparation and dirt/rock clearing/removal for the new municipal building.

**ITEM # X – UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Police Department Monthly Report (See Attachment)

Chief Bobby Edwards reported twenty-five calls for the month of May, then read the hours worked and miles driven off the report. Chief Edwards said he didn't realize the address of the calls were not on the report, but they included burglary, an emergency custody order, cardiac arrest, and fight in progress. Mayor Yates request that town maintenance cut brush near the FasMart/Haysi Community Library entrance. Chief Edwards advised that two grants had been awarded to the department. First, a grant for two interns in high school aged between sixteen and eighteen with the in-kind match covered by the town. Chief Edwards advised that he had received one good applicant, but would like to receive two or three more. Second, a grant for a message trailer with speed reading, which will have a three-thousand-four-hundred dollar match. Chief Edwards said he intends to use the Virginia Risk Management Association Grant for five-hundred dollars toward that amount. Mayor Yates asked about the technical problems with the flock camera system. Chief Edwards answered that it was a problem that couldn't be resolved remotely and may be fixed when the installations for Clinchco and Sandy Ridge are scheduled.

#### Fire Department Monthly Report

Treasurer Jennifer Cook reported thirteen calls for the past month including one brush fire, four motor vehicle accidents, four structure fires, two roadway hazards, one wire down, and one ATV crash. Mrs. Cook reported that three of their four trucks are without air conditioning and the repair estimate for two of them was around five-thousand dollars. The department has recently completed a generator repair for one-thousand dollars and an eight-hundred dollar repair was needed on Engine 10. Mrs. Cook explained that during a meeting with representatives from the Dickenson County Board of Supervisors, they had agreed to a deal where the county would pay for the repairs. However, Mrs. Cook was unaware if the deal was approved by the board. Mayor Yates inquired about the status of department's billing. Mrs. Cook answered that it was up to date for the 2024 calendar year, but she was unsure how far back she was allowed to bill. Police Chief Bobby Edwards replied that she was able to go back to April 26, 2023. Mrs. Cook stated that she had delegated the billing responsibility and it didn't work out, so she had resumed the task herself.

#### Haysi Rescue Squad Monthly Report

None.

#### **ITEM # XI - MAYOR COMMENTS**

Mayor Yates reported the following for last month:

- The town has a heat pump that is no longer functioning as the unit is over thirty years old and the compressor has "burned up." The Mayor has worked out a deal with Haysi Heating and Cooling to use a second-hand unit to repair the situation until the town moves into the new building.

#### **ITEM # XII - COUNCIL COMMENTS**

None.

**ITEM # XIII – RECESS**

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 recess the meeting. Let the record show the motion was passed unanimously by verbal voting and the meeting was recessed.

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Larry D. Yates, Mayor

Attest:

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Clerk