

Town of Haysi
Minutes of Regular Town Council Meeting
October 3, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m.

On October 3, 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
William “Billy” Counts
Debbie Wood

ABSENT: Susan Tiller

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 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.

COUNCIL MEMBER SUSAN TILLER ENTERED THE MEETING.

ITEM # VI – APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

- September 5, 2023 Monthly Council Meeting

Motion was made by Council Member Susan Tiller and seconded by Council Member Carter Branham to approve the minutes the meeting on September 5, 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:

- September 1, 2023 through September 29, 2023 Financial Report listing: beginning balance, revenue, expenditures and ending balance.
- September 1, 2023 through September 28, 2023 itemized listing of expenditures including checks # 16895-16909 & deposits
- September 1, 2023 through September 28, 2023 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

None.

ITEM # IX – OLD BUSINESS

None.

ITEM # X – UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Police Department Monthly Report (See Attachment)

Chief Bobby Edwards reported twenty-six calls for the month of September. He read hours worked and mentioned that there were no notable calls except for the shoplifting and a vehicle speeding at Thunder River Campground. Mayor Yates asked about the traffic lights at the bridge. Chief Edwards replied that he had received a key to the control box this morning, but he was going to communicate with Elk Knob again on the matter. An accident occurred this weekend at the light.

Fire Department Monthly Report

Police Chief Bobby Edwards said that the Haysi Volunteer Fire Department had to respond to a call and was unable to attend the meeting due to that fact.

ITEM # XI - MAYOR COMMENTS

- Mayor Yates reported that he continues to meet with the management team on Haysi's Riverwalk Project. The contractor plans to start construction on October 9.
- Mayor Yates met with a lady looking for a location for a diner in town if not she may consider a food truck. Council Member Carter Branham asked about the former Jones and Counts Pharmacy location. Mayor Yates answered that he was told that the property was sold to the Corp of Engineers.
- Mayor Yates reported that he, Clerk Amanda Perrigan, and Police Chief Bobby Edwards had met with Hill Studio on the design for the Russell Fork Trail Center, which was nice. Mayor Yates said the town has agreed for the contractor to build the wall and settled with the insurance. The project is on track to be bid by January.
- Mayor Yates went to the Breaks Interstate Park on Saturday for the dedication of the Chafin Lodge and Conference Center.
- Mayor Yates went to the Breaks Interstate Park last week for the Cumberland Plateau Planning District Meeting for broadband buildout.
- Mayor Yates also reported that the 2020 Southwest Virginia Water/Wastewater Construction Fund Grant through the Cumberland Plateau Planning District for the Kiwanis was completed.
- Mayor Yates commented that the 2023 Autumn Fest was the Best Autumn Fest of any town in Southwest Virginia, with only one complaint. Mayor Yates expressed his appreciation for the hard work of the employees, staff, and volunteers. Council Member Debbie Wood commented on the popularity of the glow party with the teenagers and the idea of doing something like that more frequently. Mayor Yates advised that those discussions were already taking place.

ITEM # XII - COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Susan Tiller asked about the status of a project in memory of former Vice Mayor Rocky Wood. Mayor Yates confirmed that the direction the town has decided with the consent of the family was to rename the Haysi Fire Station. Mayor Yates, Council Member Debbie Wood, Clerk Amanda Perrigan, and Police Chief Bobby Edwards will schedule a meeting to begin the process. Council Member Wood advised that the Department of Forestry was going to do a tree planting at the Breaks Interstate Park in Rocky's honor. They have already dedicated a white oak tree to him in Charlottesville. Mayor Yates advised that the town changed the American flag at the Haysi Volunteer Fire Department today and planned to do more to upkeep the building. Council Member Wood said that she would like to see a thin red line flag added. A general discussion was held about the fire station and its surrounding property.

ITEM # XIII – ADJOURNMENT

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