

Town of Haysi
Minutes of Regular Town Council Meeting
November 11, 2025 @ 7:00 p.m.

On November 11, 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:
Susan Tiller
Tim Wallace
Debbie Wood

ABSENT: Carter Branham
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 Police Chief James R. Stanley 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 Debbie Wood seconded by Council Member Susan Tiller 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:

- September 3, 2025 Regular Town Council Meeting

Motion was made by Council Member Susan Tiller seconded by Vice Mayor Michael Harris to approve the minutes of the regular town council meeting on September 3, 2025 as presented. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting. The Mayor noted that there were no minutes for October because there was no meeting in October.

ITEM # VII – FINANCIAL REPORT

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

- September 1, 2024 through October 31, 2025 Financial Report listing: beginning balance, revenue, expenditures and ending balance.
- August 29, 2025 through October 31, 2025 itemized listing of expenditures including checks # 17763-17808 & deposits
- August 29 2025 through October 31, 2025 Profit & Loss Report
- Current payables to date for review

Council Member Tim Wallace had questions about the Cintas bill, Mayor Larry D. Yates's compensation and the town's fuel bill. Council Member Wallace voiced concerns from calls and complaints he expressed he had received concerning town vehicle use by Mayor Yates. Mayor Yates replied that he is on duty twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. He receives requests for help with town matters at any given time during the day and at any location are venue, gas stations, grocery stores and other shops. Also emails, text messages and telephone calls. Council Member Wallace advised that he was just bringing it to the Mayor's attention. Mayor Yates encouraged Mr. Wallace to invite anyone with concerns to the regular Council Meetings. Mayor Yates said he could use the town vehicle that was paid for or the town could pay him to use his personal vehicles and reimburse him the federal mileage rate. The Mayor asked Clerk Amanda Perrigan what the current federal rate for personal vehicle use was to which she replied .70 per mile. Mayor Yates continued that he had used his personal vehicles for three years when he first came into office along with purchasing his own gas. The Mayor said he was glad to do that then but the town was in much better financial shape now and he wasn't willing to do it for free at this time. Mayor Yates stated that he plans to begin us the spare Chevrolet Tahoe in the future because the Ford Explorer the Mayor had been using is now 15 years old and in poor condition. The Mayor asked Police Chief James R. Stanley to get started on changing the tags.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Michael Harris 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

Mayor Yates advised that the January Town Council Meeting may be held in the new Haysi Municipal Building. Mayor Yates informed everyone that there were a few items left to fix, but preparations had begun for moving. Mayor Yates invited the council members to visit the new building. A general discussion was held about what constitutes a public meeting and the new municipal building.

ITEM # IX – UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Police Department Monthly Report-Chief James Stanley (See Attachment)

Chief James R. Stanley advised that SOMA reporting had changed from the town to the county for economic reasons. Chief Stanley explained as part of the integration the reports will have to come from the county, which he plans to have for the next meeting. Chief

Stanley reported that he worked ninety-four hours and drove seven-hundred-fifteen miles in October. Chief Stanley noted that a lot of his calls end up in the county and the county assists in the town. Mayor Yates mentioned the fatal bridge accident that occurred last month as a sad tragedy.

ITEM # X – EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Council Member Debbie Wood and seconded by Council Member Susan Tiller to adjourn into Executive Session pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711A1. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting.

Upon motion made by Council Member Debbie Wood and seconded by Council Member Susan Tiller the Council was now convened in Open Session. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting.

Only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under this chapter, and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed, or considered in the meeting by the public body.

Mayor Yates asked for a roll call vote to certify the statement:

Michael Harris	Yes	Tim Wallace	Yes
Susan Tiller	Yes	Debbie Wood	Yes

Motion was made by Council Member Debbie Wood seconded by Council Member Debbie Wood to increase wages for full time and part time employees by four percent for cost of living. Let the record show the motion was passed unanimously by verbal voting.

ITEM # XI - MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Yates mentioned the Town Christmas Dinner will be held on December 18, 2025, at 6 o'clock in the evening at Main Street Country Kitchen. He welcomed the council members again to tour the new Haysi Municipal Building.

ITEM # XII - COUNCIL COMMENTS

None.

ITEM # XIII – ADJOURNMENT

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