

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

On May 7, 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
Debbie Wood

ABSENT: Carter Branham
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 Council Member Debbie Wood 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 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:

- April 2, 2024 Monthly Council Meeting
- April 18, 2024 Special Called 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 April 2, 2024 and the Special Called Meeting on April 18, 2024 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:

- April 1, 2024 through April 30, 2024 Financial Report listing: beginning balance, revenue, expenditures and ending balance.
- March 27, 2024 through April 30, 2024 itemized listing of expenditures including checks # 17158-17205 & deposits
- March 27, 2024 through April 30, 2024 Profit & Loss Report
- Current payables to date for review

COUNCIL MEMBER SUSAN TILLER ENTERED THE MEETING.

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

ITEM # VIII - NEW BUSINESS

Donation Request from Haysi Community Library

Mayor Yates welcomed Mrs. Sarah Rose to present the donation request from the Haysi Community Library. Mrs. Sarah Rose introduced herself as the Children's Programmer for the Haysi Community Library and started by thanking the town for the previous year's donation, which she said that between eighty to eighty-five kids attended including a few teenagers. Mrs. Rose reported that last year there were two-thousand-five-hundred books read and two kids got a Nintendo Switch as a prize. Mrs. Rose said there will be three categories this year and she intends to purchase smaller prizes, so that all the children will get one. Mrs. Rose stated that she was asking for the town's continued support. Mayor Yates asked about the amount donated last year. Council Member Susan Tiller answered that she thought it was five-hundred dollars. Mayor Yates mentioned that the requested amount this year was two-hundred-fifty dollars. Mrs. Rose stated that she anticipated growth this year, as she had delivered flyers to the school earlier this year. Mayor Yates asked about the amount remaining in the donation line item. Clerk Amanda Perrigan answered five-hundred-twenty-three dollars and twenty-three cents. Mayor Yates asked if there were any other sponsors for the Summer Reading Program. Mrs. Rose answered that there was not. A general discussion was held about the Friends of the Library. Mayor Yates pointed out that there was only one meeting remaining for donation requests in this fiscal year. Motion was made by Council Member Billy Counts seconded by Vice Mayor Michael Harris to approve the two-hundred-fifty-dollar donation request from the Haysi Community Library. Let the record show the motion on the floor was passed by verbal voting with Council Members Debbie Wood, Billy Counts, Tim Wallace and Vice Mayor Michael Harris voting aye and Council Member Susan Tiller abstained.

ITEM # IX – OLD BUSINESS

Resolution for the Rocky S. Wood Memorial Bridge

Mayor Yates explained that after the Special Called Meeting in April, the Virginia Department of Transportation reported back that the state may pay for the costs mentioned in the last line of the Resolution previously passed that stated it would be paid by Dickenson County. Mayor Yates said that Clerk Amanda Perrigan suggested that another Resolution be passed with the line removed. Mayor Yates reported that the project was still moving forward. Motion was made by Council Member Billy Counts seconded by Council Member Susan Tiller to approve the Resolution for the Rocky S. Wood Memorial Bridge as presented. Let the record show the motion on the floor was passed unanimously by verbal voting. Council Member Debbie Wood thanked everyone.

ITEM # X – UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Police Department Monthly Report (See Attachment)

Assistant Chief James Stanley reported thirty-one calls for the month of April, then read the hours worked and miles driven off the report. Assistant Chief James Stanley categorized the nature of the calls on the report.

Fire Department Monthly Report

No one responded when Mayor Yates called for a report. Mayor Yates advised that he, Police Chief Bobby Edwards, and Clerk Amanda Perrigan had been working to update the By-Laws for the Haysi Volunteer Fire Department, which former Chief Rocky Wood had started updating.

Haysi Rescue Squad Monthly Report

None.

ITEM # XI - MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Yates reported the following for last month:

- The Virginia Coalfield Economic Development Authority “VCEDA” grant application was approved by the Dickenson County Industrial Development Authority and will be on the agenda for the VCEDA meeting June 20, 2024.
- He attended the Stone Mountain Board of Directors Meeting. The clinic is doing well and staying busy.
- He attended the Dickenson County Chamber of Commerce Meeting. There will be a dinner, music, and silent auction on May 31, 2024 and the Haysi Town Council Members are invited to attend.
- The Riverfront Trail Project is going great and looking good.
- Chief Bobby Edwards and Adam Barton traveled to pickup a Bobcat with attachment for the town that had less than two-hundred hours on it. The only cost were the travel expenses.

- The Corp of Engineers made adjustments to the contract, which the Mayor signed and returned. The project should begin by the end of the year. A general discussion was held about the Haysi Town Hall.
- Mayor Yates is expecting the contract with Quesenberry’s Construction Company on Haysi’s Russell Fork Trail Center tomorrow. The funding has been lined up and construction should start in early fall.
- Mayor Yates invited the Haysi Town Council to attend the Southwest Virginia Economic Forum at the University of Virginia’s College at Wise on May 22, 2024. Governor Youngkin is scheduled to be there and the folks from Addiction Recovery Center will be speaking. Council Member Debbie Wood asked about registration. Mayor Yates said that the town would cover the cost for their attendance.
- There will be a Small Towns Conference at the Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center in Abingdon on June 10th and 11th. Mayor Yates said the town would help with their registration for that event as well. Mayor Yates read the topics scheduled to be covered. Clerk Amanda Perrigan will forward the email on the event to the Haysi Town Council Members.

ITEM # XII - COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Debbie Wood advised that former Fire Chief and Vice Mayor Rocky Wood was inducted into the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial this past weekend in Emmitsburg, Maryland. There will be a ceremony to honor him specifically at the state level on June 1, 2024, which she plans to attend.

Council Member Billy Counts reminder everyone that the Town Wide Clean Up is scheduled for May 23, 2024.

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 Debbie Wood 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