

Town of Haysi
Minutes of Regular Town Council Meeting
June 2, 2026 @ 7:00 p.m.

On June 2, 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
Susan Tiller
Tim Wallace

ABSENT: Debbie Wood

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 Stanley 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 Council Member Carter Branham 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 – NEW BUSINESS

Announcement of Nominations for Council Vacancy

Attorney Josh Evans explained the process dictated by law and read a portion of Virginia Code Section 24.2-228; Interim appointment to local governing body:

At least seven days prior to making such interim appointment, the body or board shall hold a public meeting in accordance with code at which the body or board shall announce the names of all persons being proposed for the interim appointment and shall make available for inspection each person's resume and any other materials required by the body or board.

Attorney Evans informed everyone that the Haysi Town Council had established a May 29, 2026, deadline for name of nomination for the Council Vacancy to be submitted. He

continued that the nominations will be read and the public allowed to comment to comply with code. Mayor Yates read the nominations as follows:

Allison Mullins
Michael Dean Herzberg
Amanda Boyd

Attorney Evans added that the Council didn't require any formal documentation for nominations.

ITEM # VI – PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mayor Yates asked Town Clerk Amanda Perrigan to read the following Public Comment Policy out loud:

A Public Comment Period will be held during the regular Town Council monthly meetings, during Special Called meetings, and Public Hearings. The Public Comment period will be on the agenda for the meeting. The Town Council asks that speakers only comment on the items listed on the Agenda for the Town Council meeting or Special Called meeting and only comment on the specific reason for the Public Hearing. All comments made during the Public Comment period shall be subject to the following procedures:

- 1) Anyone who wishes to make a statement during the Public Comment period will register on a sign-up sheet available 30 minutes before the start of the meeting.
- 2) Persons who have signed the register to speak shall be taken in the order in which they are listed.
- 3) Persons addressing the Town Council are asked to limit their comments to 3 minutes.
- 4) Speakers will be acknowledged by Mayor Larry Yates in the order in which their names appear on the sign-up sheet. Speakers shall stand at their seat to address the Council and not approach the Mayor or Town Council members. Speakers will start their comment by stating their name and address.
- 5) Speakers will direct comments at the Town Council as a whole and not to individuals. Public Comment is not intended to require the Town Council to provide any answer to the speaker right away. Discussions between speakers and members of the audience will not be allowed.
- 6) Speakers will be courteous in their language, tone, and presentation.
- 7) Only one speaker will be acknowledged at a time. If a large number of people are present to register concerns about the same subject, it is suggested that they might be acknowledged as a unified group and a designated speaker will cover the various points.

- 8) In the event that there are more people who wish to speak than can be accommodated in the 30 minutes set aside for public comment, the Town Council may extend the period, delay it until the rest of the agenda has been completed, or continue it to the next regular council meeting.

Mayor Yates stated that he would waive the sign-up sheet requirement and time restraint.

The first person signed up for Public Comment was Allison Mullins of 613 Bartley Street, Haysi, Virginia. Ms. Mullins gave her verbal resume stating that her number one qualification was her great love for Haysi and its future. Ms. Mullins advised she served as the town's attorney in the past and during that time she assisted with the town's annexation, water projects, and Haysi Clinic. Ms. Mullins said during her time as an educator she taught six years of Civics, with emphasis on local government and its workings. Ms. Mullins explained her residency. She said that she was registered to vote in Haysi with an address of 613 Bartley Street. Ms. Mullins stated that she has voted in every town election that she was eligible to vote, including the last election. Ms. Mullins said that she owns the home on Bartley Street and also owns a home in Bristol. Ms. Mullins said that she has plans to work in Haysi for two more years then retire.

COUNCIL MEMBER SUSAN TILLER LEFT THE MEETING.

She explained that the home on Robinson Mountain was abandoned in 2014, but that one and the house they built on Edwards Ridge is owned by her son. She also explained that the house in Bristol was built in 2014, so her father would have a place to stay close to his cancer treatments until he passed away in 2017. She said she stayed there on the weekends, but has never lived there. Ms. Mullins stated that she rented the house to her aunt to be close for her cancer treatments before she passed away and then her son lived there during the construction of his house. She explained that she plans to stay there part time once she retires, but her home is in Haysi. Ms. Mullins also explained that she stays some nights at her son's house on Edwards Ridge to assist him, but she is at the house on Bartley Street every day.

COUNCIL MEMBER SUSAN TILLER JOINED THE MEETING.

Ms. Mullins stated that her goal and desire was to make Haysi her home as long as she can. Mayor Yates asked if Ms. Mullins had anything else she would like to add. Ms. Mullins replied that it would be an honor to serve on the Haysi Town Council and she wanted to honor her father's public servant heritage. Ms. Mullins ended by asking for consideration of her and her qualifications.

ITEM # VII – ADJOURNMENT

Attorney Josh Evans explained how the process would be handled at next week's meeting. There being no other business to be brought before the Council, a motion was made by Vice Mayor Michael Harris seconded by Council Member Carter Branham 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