

Town of Haysi
Minutes of Regular Town Council Meeting
December 5, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m.

On December 5, 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
Debbie Wood

ABSENT: Susan Tiller
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 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 Tim Wallace 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:

- November 14, 2023 Monthly Council Meeting

Motion was made by Council Member Tim Wallace and seconded by Vice Mayor Michael Harris to approve the minutes the meeting on November 14, 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:

- November 1, 2023 through November 30, 2023 Financial Report listing: beginning balance, revenue, expenditures and ending balance.
- November 1, 2023 through November 30, 2023 itemized listing of expenditures including checks # 16984-17033 & deposits
- November 1, 2023 through November 30, 2023 Profit & Loss Report
- Current payables to date for review

Motion was made by Council Member Carter Branham 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

Transient Occupancy Tax Ordinance

Mayor Yates said Attorney Josh Evans had reviewed and approved of the proposed change made to the Transient Occupancy Tax Ordinance. Mayor Yates stated in his review of the Virginia Code he found where former Attorney Susan Wood got the information for the definition, tax, and confusion. Mayor Yates read the updated definition in the ordinance as follows:

Transient: Any person who, for a period of not more than thirty (30) consecutive days, either at his own expense or at the expense of another, obtains lodging at any hotel or travel campground.

Mayor Yates confirmed with Clerk Amanda Perrigan that was the only change other than the dates to the existing ordinance. Motion was made by Council Member Carter Branham seconded by Council Member Debbie Wood to approve the Transient Occupancy Tax Ordinance as presented. Mayor Yates asked for a roll call vote:

Michael Harris	Yes	Tim Wallace	Yes
Carter Branham	Yes	Debbie Wood	Yes

Let the record show the motion on the floor was passed unanimously by verbal voting.

ITEM # IX – OLD BUSINESS

None.

ITEM # X – UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Police Department Monthly Report (See Attachment)

Chief Bobby Edwards reported thirty-three calls for the month of November. Chief Edwards advised that he had a fraud case at Haysi Drug Center, which resulted in a lot of felonies over several jurisdictions. Chief Edwards reported that the ten-thousand-dollar grant for equipment through the Department of Criminal Justice had been increased to forty thousand dollars. Officer Jerry Fuller is back working part time. Mayor Yates asked about several calls listed with different addresses close in number at Centennial Heights. Chief Edwards answered that they were pretty much in the same building, but not the same individuals. Chief Edwards advised that the town would not be the recipient of the message board that was trying to be acquired.

Fire Department Monthly Report

Police Chief Bobby Edwards said that the Haysi Volunteer Fire Department had 13 calls for the month of November including six brush fires, two falls, two cars wrecks, one structure fire, one vehicle fire, and one domestic. Police Chief Edwards reported that the only people charged during the burn ban were charged in Haysi.

Haysi Rescue Squad Monthly Report

The Haysi Rescue Squad is expected to have their new truck in on Friday. Mayor Yates advised that Captain Terry Bartley went to the November Dickenson County Board of Supervisor's Meeting and made a public apology just as he said that he would do.

ITEM # XI - MAYOR COMMENTS

- Mayor Yates reported that is pleased with the progress on the project across the road and the management team will meet again tomorrow. The Veterans that he spoke with about the project are satisfied as well.
- Mayor Yates reminded everyone that the Town Christmas Dinner is Friday at six o'clock in the evening.

ITEM # XII - COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Debbie Wood asked if Josh Evans would be able to continue work as the town's attorney at the conclusion of the year due to the election results. Mayor Yates answered that Attorney Josh Evans said he would continue to be the town's attorney. Council Member Carter Branham thanked everyone for their work on the Annual Haysi Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting. Vice Mayor Michael Harris commented that the parade was good.

ITEM # XIII – ADJOURNMENT

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