

Town of Haysi  
Minutes of Regular Town Council Meeting  
December 2, 2025 @ 7:00 p.m.

On December 2, 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:  
Carter Branham  
Tim Wallace  
William "Billy" Counts

ABSENT: Debbie Wood  
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 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 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**

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.

The first person signed up for Public Comment was Captain Terry Bartley of 569 Wagon Trail, Haysi. Captain Bartley introduced himself and wanted to give an update on the Haysi Rescue Squad.

COUNCIL MEMBER DEBBIE WOOD ENTERED THE MEETING.

Captain Bartley said things are going well and the squad has a good crew now. They had a few overdoses in the community since his last update. Captain Bartley reported that the Haysi Rescue Squad in conjunction with Clintwood received thirty-five thousand dollars to divide between the two organizations from AEP to stock inventory as needed. Captain Bartley advised that he recently placed an order with Jones and Counts Pharmacy for supplies to keep his purchase local. Mayor Yates asked about the origination of the funds. Captain Bartley confirmed that the Dickenson County Administrator Larry Barton and Ron Kendrick worked on the obtaining the funding. Captain Bartley stated that the county is helping with the truck repairs and everything seemed to be going much better. Captain Bartley thanked Adam Barton for the radios from the town, which were working great for their use and helped them to save money. Captain reported around five-hundred-ten calls for the year so far. Mayor Yates commented that the Haysi Rescue Squad was a blessing for the community.

**ITEM # VI – APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

- November 11, 2025 Regular Town Council Meeting

Motion was made by Council Member Debbie Wood and seconded by Council Member Carter Branham to approve the minutes of the November 11, 2025 meeting minutes 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, 2025 through November 28, 2025 Financial Report listing: beginning balance, revenue, expenditures and ending balance.
- November 1, 2025 through November 25, 2025 itemized listing of expenditures including checks # 17860-17881 & deposits
- November 1, 2025 through November 25, 2025 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 Vice Mayor Michael Harris 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 – UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

##### Police Department Monthly Report (See Attachment)

Chief James Stanley reported nine calls and two traffic stops for last month and read off hours worked and miles driven. Chief Stanley explained that the town was no longer in the SOMA software for call reporting, so Steven Powers with Dickenson County has to run the call report. Chief Stanley continued that there may be some question about the accuracy of the report received from Mr. Powers. Chief Stanley advised that the county is transitioning to a new call reporting software. A general discussion was held about the vandalism/theft at the coke vending machine at the car wash, which was reported on social media, but not to the police department.

#### **ITEM # XII - MAYOR COMMENTS**

Mayor Yates reported the following:

- The Mayor invited the Haysi Town Council and Employees to the Town Christmas Dinner on December 18, at six o'clock at Main Street Country Kitchen.

- Progress continues on the Haysi Russell Fork Trail Center and a site visit from the architect is scheduled for December 11.
- Mayor Yates said to disregard the next meeting location on the bottom of the agenda as the Corp of Engineers has not yet turned over the keys to the building to the town. Mayor Yates said any questions from the community should be directed to him or Attorney Josh Evans because there may be delays.

#### **ITEM # XI - COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Council Member Debbie Wood said that she had done some research concerning the title of Town Manager. Council Member Wood explained that she had spoken to Clintwood Town Council Member Talbert Bolling. She said that Clintwood voted to give Mayor Danny Lambert the additional title of Town Manager and specified that the title would end if he was not re-elected. Council Member Wood said there was no additional pay associated with the title. Council Member Wood said she wanted to share what she had discovered, but that the subject may need to be addressed with Attorney Josh Evans. Mayor Yates replied that he would speak with Attorney Evans on the subject. A general discussion was held about the Town Manager position and duties.

#### **ITEM # XII – ADJOURN**

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.

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Larry D. Yates, Mayor

Attest:

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Clerk