

Town of Haysi  
Minutes of Regular Town Council Meeting  
January 2, 2024 @ 7:00 p.m.

On January 2, 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  
Carter Branham  
Debbie Wood  
William “Billy” Counts

ABSENT: 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 Attorney Josh Evans 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:

- December 5, 2023 Monthly Council Meeting

Motion was made by Council Member Tim Wallace and seconded by Council Member Carter Branham to approve the minutes the meeting on December 5, 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:

- December 1, 2023 through December 29, 2023 Financial Report listing: beginning balance, revenue, expenditures and ending balance.
- December 1, 2023 through December 28, 2023 itemized listing of expenditures including checks # 17034-17055 & deposits
- December 1, 2023 through December 28, 2023 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 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**

None.

**ITEM # IX – OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**ITEM # X – UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Police Department Monthly Report (See Attachment)

Chief Bobby Edwards said that he and Assistant Chief J.R. Stanley worked less hours for the past month and read the hours off the report. Chief Edwards reported twenty-five calls for the month of December, which he said were a smaller number of calls, but were worse calls. Chief Edwards advised that those included four thefts and an emailed bomb threat on the police department. The bomb threat is being investigated by the state police. The gun shot on the report was an accident, the person shot themselves. Mayor Yates commented on the call ratio amount on Bartley Street. Chief Edwards replied that cameras are needed in that area of the community. Mayor Yates advised that Chief Edwards has been working hard on the theft investigations for the town. Council Member Susan Tiller asked about the motor vehicle accident at the church. Chief Edwards answered that a worker fell asleep and caused a head on collision. A brief general discussion was held about blind spots at traffic intersections in town.

### Fire Department Monthly Report

Police Chief Bobby Edwards said that the Haysi Volunteer Fire Department had four car wrecks, one missing person, one fall, one gas leak, one structure fire, and one traffic hazard for the month of December.

### Haysi Rescue Squad Monthly Report

Captain Terry Bartley reported that the Haysi Rescue Squad received the new 550 Ford Diesel Ambulance and he has started the stocking process. Captain Bartley advised that there was a problem with the sixty-thousand-dollar cot, however it was covered under warranty, so the company will be coming to repair the issue. Captain Bartley also reported that the squad has enough staff to run two trucks and he has plans to start doing transfers. Captain Bartley stated that the squad has begun to receive money from the new billing company and will hope to gain twenty-five percent more revenue from the switch. Under Town Attorney, Josh Evans' counsel Police Chief Bobby Edwards described an incident that took place the prior week involving current member of the Haysi Rescue Squad, Grace Stanley and a summons issued to her by Dickenson County Sheriff's Department at the Dollar General in Haysi. A detailed discussion was held regarding the incident, potential consequences and outcomes, membership, and reputation of the town and Haysi Rescue Squad. Captain Bartley presented a written request for assistance and stated that he received a donation from Sandlick District Supervisor Ron Peters for repairs on the holes in the building and it had helped, however, he needed more financial assistance for medical supplies or their next electric bill, which would come due prior to the next Haysi Town Council meeting. A general discussion was held about other ways the Haysi Rescue Squad may cut costs. The trial for Grace Stanley is scheduled to be held the first week of February. Motion was made by Council Member Debbie Wood seconded by Council Member Billy Counts to approve a five-hundred-dollar donation to the Haysi Rescue Squad for utility expenses. Let the record show the motion on the floor was passed unanimously by verbal voting.

### **ITEM # XI - MAYOR COMMENTS**

Mayor Yates reported the following meetings last month:

- Crooked Road Executive Board on December 6.
- Samantha Farmer and Dickenson County Industrial Development Director Dana Cronkite to discuss the former HHS property on December 7.
- Haysi Russell Fork Trail Center Management Team on December 14. The Invitation to Bid will be advertised on January 13<sup>th</sup>, the Pre-Bid Conference will be held on January 23<sup>rd</sup>, and the Bid Opening will be held on February 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Willis District Supervisor Chris Hall and Sandlick District Supervisor Richard Thacker on December 19.
- Dickenson County Industrial Development Director Dana Cronkite to discuss the former HHS property on December 29.

**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 Billy Counts 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.

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Larry D. Yates, Mayor

Attest:

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Clerk