

Town of Haysi
Minutes of Regular Town Council Meeting
July 1, 2025 @ 7:00 p.m.

On July 1, 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
William “Billy” Counts
Tim Wallace
Susan Tiller

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 Attorney Josh Evans and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ITEM # IV - APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

At this time Mayor Yates requested the addition of the Hazard Mitigation Update Resolution under New Business. Motion was made by Council Member Billy Counts seconded by Council Member Carter Branham to approve the agenda as amended. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting.

ITEM #V – 2025-2026 RE-ORGANIZATION

Mayor Yates stated that the purpose of the annual re-organization was to choose the Vice Mayor, set the meeting date and time, and alternate meeting date and time. Motion was made by Council Member Carter Branham seconded by Council Member Susan Tiller to continue Council Member Michael Harris’ appointment as Vice Mayor. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting. Motion was made by Council Member Billy Counts seconded by Council Member Tim Wallace to continue to hold the Town Council Meetings on the first Tuesday of the month at seven o’clock in the evening and to hold the alternate meeting on the second Tuesday of the month at seven o’clock in the evening. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting.

ITEM #VI – PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ITEM # VII – APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

- June 3, 2025 Regular Town Council Meeting
- June 26, 2025 Public Hearing for the 2024-2025 Budget Amendment
- June 26, 2025 Public Hearing for the 2025-2026 Budget
- June 26, 2024 Special Called Town Council Meeting

Motion was made by Council Member Billy Counts and seconded by Council Member Carter Branham to approve the minutes of the June 3, 2025 meeting, both June 26, 2025 public hearings, and the June 26, 2025 special called meeting minutes as presented. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting.

ITEM # VIII – FINANCIAL REPORT

At this time the council was presented for approval the following:

- April 1, 2025 through June 20, 2025 Financial Report listing: beginning balance, revenue, expenditures and ending balance.
- March 27, 2025 through June 26, 2025 itemized listing of expenditures including checks # 17600-17687 & deposits
- March 27, 2025 through June 26, 2025 Profit & Loss Report
- Current payables to date for review

Motion was made by Council Member Carter Branham seconded by Council Member Susan Tiller to approve the financial report. Let the record show the motion on the floor was passed unanimously by verbal voting.

ITEM # IX - NEW BUSINESS

Dickenson County Food Bank, Director Andy Rose

Mayor Yates welcomed Director Andy Rose to give some information on the Dickenson County Food Bank. Mr. Rose said as part of the outcomes of the RAFT program, he wanted to bring awareness to the offerings of the food bank. Mr. Rose gave the building location, hours, described the benefits offered, and how they could be obtained. Mr. Rose said that they had organized a way for Dickenson County residents to get food into their homes every week. Mr. Rose expressed interest in finding a location for distribution in Haysi. A general discussion was held about possibilities. Mr. Rose also mentioned the idea of getting a line item in the town's budget next fiscal year. Mr. Rose answered questions about the program and its marketing. Mayor Yates thanked Mr. Rose for his time and information.

Donation Request from Ridgeview Little League

Mayor Yates asked for a representative to present the request. Mrs. Sarah Slemph of 299 Burhead Drive on Backbone Ridge stated that the eleven- and twelve-year-old girls softball team were requesting a donation for their trip to the Virginia State Championship. The

team of twelve girls plan to leave on Thursday for Yorktown to play. Mrs. Slemp said that the town had been challenged by Clinchco and Clintwood to match their donations of six-hundred-fifty dollars. Mrs. Slemp didn't know how much they had raised so far. She noted that this would be some girls' second time and last time going to the state championship for that division. Mayor Yates asked for confirmation that the league was not school funded. Mrs. Slemp confirmed that it was not. Mayor Yates asked about the minimum stay listed in the written request. Mrs. Slemp explained that they would stay until the girls lost, which had a possibility of lasting all week. Council Member Billy Counts asked how many were on the team. Mrs. Slemp answered twelve. Motion was made by Council Member Carter Branham seconded by Council Member Susan Tiller to approve a donation of six-hundred-fifty-dollars for the Ridgeview Little League Virginia State Championship trip. Let the record show the motion on the floor was passed unanimously by verbal voting.

2023-2024 Audit, Tamara Greear, Rodefer, Moss, & Co.

Mayor Yates welcomed Tamara Greear with Rodefer, Moss, & Co to present the town's audit report. Copies of the Audit Report were given to the Haysi Town Council before the meeting began. Mrs. Greear said the company has changed its name effective July 1, 2025 to Clear Point. Mrs. Greear started explaining the audit report beginning with the "Independent Auditor's Report", the town received an unmodified, clean opinion. Mrs. Greear gave a summary of page five "Statement of Net Position" and pointed out the town's assets. Mrs. Greear reviewed page seven "Balance Sheet" and page nine "Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances." Mrs. Greear advised that the footnotes should be reviewed. Mrs. Greear explained that the town had a deficiency in internal control due to separation of duties, but there are mitigation procedures in place. Mayor Yates thanked Mrs. Greear for her work with the town.

2025 Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Resolution

Mayor Yates read the following:

A RESOLUTION OF TOWN OF HAYSI ADOPTING THE CUMBERLAND PLATEAU PLANNING DISTRICT COMMISSION 2025 HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE

WHEREAS the Town of Haysi recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property within Town of Haysi; and

WHEREAS the Town of Haysi has prepared a multi-hazard mitigation plan, hereby known as the Cumberland Plateau Planning District Commission 2025 Hazard Mitigation Plan Update in accordance with federal laws, including the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, as amended; the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended; and the National Dam Safety Program Act, as amended; and

WHEREAS the Cumberland Plateau Planning District Commission 2025 Hazard Mitigation Plan Update identifies mitigation goals and actions to reduce or eliminate long-

term risk to people and property in Town of Haysi from the impacts of future hazards and disasters; and

WHEREAS adoption by the Town of Haysi Town Council demonstrates its commitment to hazard mitigation and achieving the goals outlined in the Cumberland Plateau Planning District Commission 2025 Hazard Mitigation Plan Update.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HAYSI TOWN COUNCIL, THAT:

In accordance with The Code of Virginia, § 15.2-1425, the Town of Haysi adopts the Cumberland Plateau Planning District Commission 2025 Hazard Mitigation Plan Update.

While content related to Town of Haysi may require revisions to meet the plan approval requirements, changes occurring after adoption will not require Town of Haysi to re-adopt any further iterations of the plan.

Subsequent plan updates following the approval period for this plan will require separate adoption resolutions.

Motion was made by Council Member Carter Branham seconded by Council Member Billy Counts to approve the 2025 Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Resolution as presented. Let the record show the motion was passed unanimously by verbal voting.

ITEM # X – OLD BUSINESS

None.

ITEM # XI – UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Police Department Monthly Report (See Attachment)

Chief James Stanley reported fourteen calls for last month and read off hours worked and miles driven. Chief Stanley noted that he was gone some on vacation. Chief Stanley advised that one of the calls was for a fifteen-year-old boy that suffered a heat stroke near the FasMart. Chief Stanley said he understood the boy has since recovered. Chief Stanley complimented the turnout for the fireworks event, as it went smooth with no issues.

ITEM # XII - MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Yates reported the following:

- Work on the HVAC and elevator is taking place at Haysi's Russell Fork Trail Center.
- The bridge work beginning towards Big Ridge is coming along well.
- Colors are being chosen for Haysi's new Town Hall.

- He was pleased with the fireworks event, which has been the first year the town has collaborated on it. He reported that Allison Mullins told him the crowd was larger for their music than at the fair. He hopes the event will continue to grow next year.

ITEM # XIII - COUNCIL COMMENTS

None.

ITEM # XIV – 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 Tim Wallace 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