

Town of Haysi
Minutes of Regular Town Council Meeting
November 4, 2014 @ 7:00 p.m.

On November 4, 2014, 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 Rocky Wood

Council Members:

Michael Harris

Barry Whitt

Tim Wallace

Susan Tiller

William "Billy" Counts

ABSENT: None.

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 George Wallace and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ITEM # IV - APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

At this time Mayor Yates asked the Council for any additional changes to the agenda. Motion was made by Council Member Billy Counts seconded by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood 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:

• October 14, 2014

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Council Member Billy Counts stated that Susan Tiller's name was listed under "Present" and "Absent" at the top of the minutes. Motion was made by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood and seconded by Council Member Barry Whitt to approve the minutes as corrected. 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:

- October 1, 2014 through October 28, 2014 Financial Report listing: beginning balance, revenue, expenditures and ending balance.
- October 1, 2014 through October 28, 2014 itemized listing of expenditures including checks # 12474-12496 & deposits
- October 1, 2014 through October 28, 2014 Profit & Loss Report
- Current payables to date for review
- October Bank Statements

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood seconded by Council Member Barry Whitt to approve the financial report. Let the record show the motion on the floor was passed unanimously by verbal voting.

ITEM # VIII - NEW BUSINESS

People Inc. Financial Services Haysi Loan Review Committee Appointments

Mayor Yates said the Revolving Loan Fund had five members originally, but he has recently been asked to replace two of those members. The remaining three members are Mayor Yates, Council Member Michael Harris and Becky Mondrage. Mayor Yates said that he would like to get three more members and would like to have someone with a legal background involved. Mayor Yates commented that Derrick was busy however. Mayor Yates said that a loan had not been declined in Haysi yet. There is hope that restrictions may be released January 22, 2015 with the completion of the DHCD grant. Council Member Michael Harris said that the committee is contact over the phone by conference call. Mayor Yates said that they had never met face to face. Council Member Michael Harris added that most conversation were held in the afternoon. Mayor Yates said that the committee would only review Haysi loans. Council Member Michael Harris said that the calls usually took between twenty and thirty minutes. Mayor Yates said that a quorum was required to approve loans. Vice Mayor Rocky Wood asked if any business members were

serving on the committee. Mayor Yates said that there were none at this time. Ronnie Turner and Kerry Hay were the two members that asked to be replaced, however, Rebecca Fuller is interested in serving on the committee. Vice Mayor Rocky Wood nominated Joyce Viers and Rebecca Fuller to be contacted for interest in serving as a committee member. Council Member Susan Tiller nominated Johnnie Branham to be contacted for interest in serving as a committee member. Mayor Yates said that committee members were not required to live in town. Vice Mayor Rocky Wood nominated Kirsten Deel to be contacted for interest in serving as a committee member. Council Member Tim Wallace nominated Matthew Owens to be contacted for interest in serving as a committee member. Council Member Michael Harris said that he thought that would be enough nominations to get the three committee members that the town needed.

Personnel Annual Compensation Review

Mayor Yates said that a three percent raise and Christmas bonus had been included in the budget, but opened the floor for discussion.

Motion was made by Council Member Susan Tiller seconded by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood to discuss personnel matters in closed session. Let the record show the motion on the floor was passed unanimously by verbal voting. The Haysi Town Council will adjourn into closed session later in the meeting.

ITEM # IX – OLD BUSINESS

Police Department Monthly Report-Chief George Wallace (See Attachment)

Chief Wallace reported fifty-three calls for the month of October and briefly described some of the calls on the October Monthly Report. During the month there were incidents at Sandlick Elementary School, geographical error in a sexual assault accusation, several calls to assist the county, an arrest at the Fall Festival, a stolen property case with no current leads, a trailer that lost its axels and traffic was rerouted, and a state trooper that broke down. Assistant Chief Edwards applied for a DMV Grant on behalf of the Haysi Police Department and was awarded the grant which will cover the cost of a \$5,000 in car camera and overtime for officers. Chief Wallace thanked Assistant Chief Edwards for his work. Chief Wallace also noted that the Auxiliary Officers helped out in the month of October.

VRS Hazardous Duty Study

Mayor Yates said that there was no vote on the matter last month and the benefit was something that the town had been working on as an unfunded expenditure for the police department. Mayor Yates explained that having the opportunity for each council member to cast a vote was the goal of the postponement. Council Member Billy Counts added that the members last month did not want to force a possibility for Mayor Yates to break a tie when the entire council didn't get to vote. Mayor Yates said that the VRS Hazardous Duty benefit is a \$22,000 expense that the town doesn't have included in the budget. Motion was

made by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood seconded by Council Member Billy Counts to table the matter to a later undetermined date. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting.

Community Development Block Grant – Streetscape and Treehouse Projects

Mayor Yates explained that the Streetscape portion of the CDBG Grant was put out to bid around a month ago and the Treehouse portion was put out to bid about three weeks ago. The town received two bids on the Streetscapes; one from Elk Knob, Inc. and one from Ken Construction Co., Inc. The lowest bid was provided by Elk Knob, Inc. Mayor Yates summarized both bids presented in the board packs. Mayor Yates said that the budget for the sidewalks was \$200,000; \$165,000 from CDBG and \$35,000 in coal severance. Mayor Yates said that he inquired about the possibility of receiving more money from coal severance and discovered that it is not an option. Mayor Yates said that the town only had enough money to complete the sidewalk project on the town hall side of the street. Council Member Tim Wallace asked if there were any sidewalks that didn't need replacement or repair. Mayor Yates said that he made the suggestion to include only the sidewalk from Joe Boyd's building to Ratliff's Jewelers, but could not get it worked into the amount with the contractor. Council Member Michael Harris asked where the Treehouse will be located. Mayor Yates explained that it will be upstream from the sand bar and easements have been obtained from Matthew Owens and Gayle Barton. Vice Mayor Rocky Wood asked if the project could be put out to bid again. Mayor Yates stated that it would not be possible due to time restraints and a deadline of January 22, 2015. Council Member Susan Tiller stated that the sidewalks will be seen and not hidden behind businesses. Mayor Yates said that the area would start at the Post Office and would include the curve near the old theater building. Council Member Barry Whitt asked if the money allocated to the theater building could be used for the sidewalk in front of the theater building. Mayor Yates said that the money for the theater building was tied to use for match on the \$288,000 grant from ARC. Motion was made by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood seconded by Council Member Barry Whitt to give Mayor Yates the authority to negotiate the contract with DHCD. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting.

ITEM # X - MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Yates reported the following:

- Mayor Yates passed around a spreadsheet with 1st Quarter Expenditures and Revenues for review and questions. He summarized the spreadsheet and explained amounts on a few accounts that may have looked out of the ordinary.
- Mayor Yates advised that he met with the Dickenson County Public Service Authority about a waterline extension from the water plant to the Splashdam property. A funding source is not known at this time, but any grants would be in

the town's name, but administered by the PSA. Mayor Yates said that this would not increase the work load on the town.

- Mayor Yates said that Two Rivers Multimedia did interviews last week. Once completed the video will belong to the town and may be used at the town's discretion.
- Mayor Yates advised that he is scheduled to meet with Laura Blevins tomorrow regarding the Resolution that was passed last month. He will also be at the Southwest Virginia Community College tomorrow evening with the Virginia Tobacco Commission.
- Mayor Yates said that issue involving Spearhead Trails and Buchanan County has been resolved and the Coal Canyon Trail is in rotation for the next trail opening.
- Mayor Yates advised that he will be meeting with ARC and DHCD on November 20th to negotiate the contract for the theater building construction.
- Mayor Yates noted that the Chamber of Commerce Business Appreciation Banquet is scheduled for Friday, November 7 and the Legislative Breakfast is November 24. The breakfast is a chance to ask questions and hold discussions with the legislators.

ITEM # XI - COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Billy Counts said that he had received a complaint about coal trucks "J braking" early in the morning. Chief Wallace said that they had received complaints in the past, but "J braking" is not illegal. The problem was resolved in the past by requesting that the drivers refrain. Council Member Billy Counts said that it was drivers coming from Clintwood between three and four o'clock in the morning. Council Member Barry Whitt said that Grundy has an ordinance in place which prohibited "J braking" in town. Mayor Yates said that the Town of Haysi's noise ordinance doesn't cover it and it would need to be researched for code allowance. More research will be conducted and the Mayor will give an update on the subject in December.

ITEM # XII - EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Council Member Billy Counts and seconded by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood to adjourn into Executive Session pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711A1 for the discussion of Personnel. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting.

Only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under this chapter, and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by

which the closed meeting was convened were heard discussed or considered in the meeting by the public body.

Mayor Yates asked for a roll call vote to certify the statement:

Wm. "Billy" Brice Counts	Yes	Michael Harris	Yes
Tim Wallace	Yes	Susan Tiller	Yes
Barry Whitt	Yes	Rocky Wood	Yes

Upon motion made by Council Member Billy Counts and seconded by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood the Council was now convened in Open Session. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting.

Motion was made by Council Member Billy Counts and seconded by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood to give a three percent raise to full-time police department employees, a twenty-five cent hourly increase to James Gilbert, a three percent raise to Amanda Perrigan, four hundred dollar Christmas bonus for administration, four hundred dollar Christmas bonus for full-time employees, two hundred dollar Christmas bonus for Brent Wallace and Grant Garrett, one hundred fifty dollar Christmas bonus for Kirsten Deel, and two hundred fifty dollar Christmas bonus for James Gilbert. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting.

ITEM # XIII – ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to be brought before the Council, a motion was made by Council Member Barry Whitt seconded by Council Member Billy Counts 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