

Town of Haysi  
Minutes of Regular Town Council Meeting  
May 2, 2023 @ 7:00 p.m.

On May 2, 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  
Susan Tiller

ABSENT: William "Billy" Counts  
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 Interim Police Chief J.R. Stanley and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### **ITEM # IV - APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

At this time Mayor Yates asked for changes to the agenda as presented. 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 #VI – 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 Joseph Boyd of 227 Main Street, Haysi Virginia. Mr. Boyd stated that he had asked for the town to acquire his property in 2021, but his property is located in the flood zone in town. Mr. Boyd said he was present to request the Haysi Town Council authorize the Mayor to work with the Corp of Engineers to acquire his property. Mr. Boyd explained that he was told that the Corp of Engineers would not acquire his property because it was “just parking lots” and the Mayor told him that he was not authorized, so he was making his request to the council.

#### **ITEM # VII – APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

- April 14, 2023 Regular Town Council Meeting

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Michael Harris and seconded by Council Member Carter Branham to approve the minutes of the meeting on April 14, 2023 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, 2023 through April 28, 2023 Financial Report listing: beginning balance, revenue, expenditures and ending balance.
- March 31, 2023 through April 26, 2023 itemized listing of expenditures including checks # 16728-16746 & deposits
- March 31, 2023 through April 26, 2023 Profit & Loss Report
- Current payables to date for review

Motion was made by Council Member Tim Wallace 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 # IV - NEW BUSINESS**

Public Hearing for the 2023-2024 Budget

Mayor Yates suggested that the town hold a Public Hearing for the 2023-2024 Budget on May 30, 2023 at two o'clock in the afternoon, so the budget could be approved at the regular monthly Town Council Meeting in June. A draft of the budget along with a reminder for the Public Hearing will be emailed on May 26, 2023. Motion was made by Council Member Susan Tiller and seconded by Council Member Carter Branham to hold a Public Hearing for the 2023-2024 Budget on May 30, 2023 at two o'clock in the afternoon. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting.

**ITEM # IX – OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**ITEM # X – UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Police Department Monthly Report (See Attachment)

Interim Chief J.R. Stanley read his report including number of calls and hours worked for the month of April. Interim Chief Stanley explained that the one traffic accident was driving under the influence and failure to stop, which clipped the mirror of a school bus without any children onboard. Mayor Yates asked where Little John Kennedy Road was located because he wasn't familiar with it. Officer Bobby Edwards answered that it was entered on the report incorrectly because it was a county call and Little John Kennedy Road is located on Caney Ridge.

Fire Department Monthly Report

Mayor Yates welcomed Jennifer Cook to present the Haysi Volunteer Fire Department monthly report. Mrs. Cook reported twenty calls for the month of April including seven brush fires, three unknown fire/smoke calls, three structure fires, five motor vehicle accidents, one car fire, and one landing zone. Mrs. Cook advised that the side by side is being repaired and will be back by the end of next week. The problem was a belt that got “wadded up” and stuck the motor. Mayor Yates asked about the progress on the truck lettering. Mrs. Cook answered that they were looking for someone to do it, but the truck was picked up on April 1, in Blacksburg. Mrs. Cook also reported that the fire department is awaiting a pump truck approval from the county and that Engine 12 will be back soon as they are waiting on two parts. Engine 12 is currently located in Roanoke for repair. The Haysi Volunteer Fire Department has submitted their 2023-2024 budget to Clerk Amanda Perrigan. Mrs. Cook informed everyone that the fire department is having a hot dog dinner and bake sale fundraiser on Friday. The fire department has coordinated the fundraiser with the Virginia Department of Health. Mayor Yates thanked Mrs. Cook.

**ITEM # XI – EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion was made by Council Member Susan Tiller and seconded by Council Member Carter Branham to adjourn into Executive Session pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711A1, A3, & A7 for Discussion of Personnel, Acquisition of Real Property for a Public Purpose, and Consultation with Legal Counsel. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting.

Upon motion made by Council Member Susan Tiller and seconded by Council Member Tim Wallace the Council was now convened in Open Session. 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:

Michael Harris	Yes	Carter Branham	Yes
Tim Wallace	Yes	Susan Tiller	Yes

**ITEM # XII - MAYOR COMMENTS**

Mayor Yates reported the following:

- Mayor Yates reported that a study has been received for the old Haysi High School property and that Clerk Amanda Perrigan will email that study to everyone tomorrow for review and discussion at the next meeting.

**ITEM # XIII - COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Motion was made by Council Member Carter Branham seconded by Council Member Susan Tiller to hire Bobby Edwards as Director of Operations and allow the Mayor to negotiate his compensation package. Mayor Yates asked for a roll call vote:

Michael Harris	Yes	Carter Branham	Yes
Tim Wallace	Yes	Susan Tiller	Yes

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

Motion was made by Council Member Carter Branham seconded by Vice Mayor Michael Harris to authorize the Mayor to communicate with potential landowners and businesses in town regarding the Haysi Riverwalk Project. Mayor Yates asked for a roll call vote:

Michael Harris	Yes	Carter Branham	Yes
Tim Wallace	Yes	Susan Tiller	Yes

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

**ITEM # XIV – ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business to be brought before the Council, a motion was made by Council Member Susan Tiller 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.

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Larry D. Yates, Mayor

Attest:

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Clerk