

Town of Haysi
Minutes of Regular Town Council Meeting
March 3, 2020 @ 7:00 p.m.

On March 3, 2020, 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
Tim Wallace
Carter Branham
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 Vice Mayor Rocky Wood and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mayor Yates introduced the new Town of Haysi Attorney, Taylor Hay to everyone.

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 Billy Counts seconded by Council Member Tim Wallace 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:

- February 4, 2020 Regular Town Council Meeting

Motion was made by Council Member Billy Counts and seconded by Council Member Tim Wallace to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Council Meeting on February 4,

2020 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:

- February 1, 2020 through February 29, 2020 Financial Report listing: beginning balance, revenue, expenditures and ending balance.
- January 31, 2020 through February 26, 2020 itemized listing of expenditures including checks # 15274-15292 & deposits
- January 31, 2019 through February 26, 2020 Profit & Loss Report
- Current payables to date for review

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

ITEM # VIII - NEW BUSINESS

Donation Request from Haysi Little League

Mayor Yates welcomed David O’Quinn to present the donation request from Haysi Little League. Mr. O’Quinn commented that it was “that time of year again” and his request was for five hundred dollars. Mr. O’Quinn stated that the Town of Haysi is the program’s biggest supporter and had given the program lots of help over the years. Mr. O’Quinn said that he lowered the request from the past and would appreciate any amount or none, but this year the program already has over forty girls and between one hundred and one hundred and ten participants. Mr. O’Quinn said that he had been asked previously if the program would ever be self-supporting and he said the answer is no. Mr. O’Quinn said that the program has new fence banners and they were able to make money from those. Mr. O’Quinn explained that there is also a new grant from T-Mobil to help parents pay the cost if they qualify. To be eligible the children must also be eligible for Medicaid or reduced lunch. Mr. O’Quinn said that fifteen children had received the grant so far, which pays the total cost; thirty dollars per child for Little League, twenty-five dollars per child for T-Ball. Mr. O’Quinn said there is a ten dollar discount for additional children in the same family. As a sponsor the Town of Haysi is on the back of the children’s shirts. Mr. O’Quinn said that last year one of the teams won district and competed at the state level. Mayor Yates asked for the amount of the donation from last year. Clerk Amanda Perrigan said that she didn’t remember, she didn’t get that information prior to the meeting on the budget line item amounts. Mayor Yates advised that of the three thousand dollars budgeted for donations, over two thousand and seven hundred dollar remained. Motion was made by Council Member Carter Branham seconded by Council Member Billy Counts to approve the donation request for five hundred dollars to the Haysi Little League. Let the record show the motion on the floor was passed by verbal voting, with Vice Mayor Rocky Wood

and Council Members Carter Branham, Billy Counts, and Michael Harris voting aye and Council Member Tim Wallace voting nay.

Donation Request from Haysi-Clinchco Lions Club

Mayor Yates welcomed Brenda Ramey to present the donation request from Haysi Clinchco Lions Club. Mrs. Ramey said their request was for five hundred dollars for the Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt, which serves between three and five hundred children every year. Mrs. Ramey explained that this year the egg hunt was moved to Sandlick Elementary School due to the construction of the campground at the Haysi Kiwanis Park. Mayor Yates asked if they were still going to partner with the Breaks Interstate Park. Mrs. Ramey answered that she hoped to work with the Breaks Interstate Park, but hadn't talked to them yet. Mayor Yates stated that he would like to see the partnership with the park continued. Mrs. Ramey stated that they were still providing food at the egg hunt as well. Mayor Yates asked if there was a charge for the kids to participate. Mrs. Ramey answered that there was no charge. Mayor Yates asked about other assistance. Mrs. Ramey answer that the other large sponsors are the Town of Clinchco and the Kiwanis. Motion was made by Council Member Carter Branham seconded by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood to approve the donation request for five hundred dollars to the Haysi Clinchco Lions Club for the Community Easter Egg Hunt. Let the record show the motion on the floor was passed by verbal voting, with Vice Mayor Rocky Wood and Council Members Carter Branham, Billy Counts, and Michael Harris voting aye and Council Member Tim Wallace voting nay. The Community Easter Egg Hunt will be held on April 11, 2020.

The Local Choice 2020-2021 Renewal

Mayor Yates explained that it was time to submit the renewal for the town's employee's health insurance and the town currently did not have any employees using the benefit since George Wallace's retirement. Clerk Amanda Perrigan explained that the town had ten plans to choose from in the renewal. Mayor Yates advised that the town had always provided the Key Advantage 250, with a two hundred and fifty dollar deductible. Clerk Perrigan added with Comprehensive Dental. Clerk Perrigan explained that a plan needed to be chosen as well as the amount that the town would pay toward the policy, by law the employer must pay eighty percent of the employee premium and twenty percent of any dependent's premium. A general discussion was held about the health insurance plans and percentages. Motion was made by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood seconded by Council Member Carter Branham to provide the Key Advantage 250 Plan with Comprehensive Dental from The Local Choice and to pay eighty percent of the employee premium and twenty percent of any dependent's premium. Let the record show the motion on the floor was passed unanimously by verbal voting.

ITEM # IX – OLD BUSINESS

None.

ITEM # X – UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Police Department Monthly Report-Chief Bobby Edwards (See Attachment)

Chief Bobby Edwards reported a seventy calls for the month of February, with a lot of the calls pertaining to the flooding on February 6. Chief Edwards read off the hours worked on the report and stated that the part time officers had an extra hour beyond the grant due to a suicide attempt call. Chief Edwards advised that he would be filling a grant for a full time police officer, where the town would be responsible for a percentage of the cost associated with their employment that would increase over the years to one hundred percent by the fourth year. Chief Edwards said the value of the grant would be around one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars and opioid intervention would be the focus. The town would need to purchase their uniforms and possible pay for their certification. In which case, Chief Edwards said he had some new items to implement, such as having the potential candidate completing the qualification course at the academy before hire. Mayor Yates added that Town Attorney Hay would provide the contract required for the position.

Haysi Volunteer Fire Department Monthly Report

Chief Rocky Wood reported that the previous month had been slow with two house fires one utility pole fire, one med flight, two car wrecks, and the flood for the month of February. Chief Wood stated that they are applying for two grants. The first is for around forty-eight thousand dollars from the Gary Sinise Foundation to purchase battery operated jaws and fifteen air bottles for Scott Air Packs. Chief Wood suggested that the Haysi Police Department check out the Gary Sinise Foundation website to see they would qualify for any grant funds. Mayor Yates commented that he has been alerted to changes in the 599 funds program. Police Chief Bobby Edwards replied that the funds had been reduced. Chief Wood advised that the other grant was for five thousand dollars from the Department of Forestry. Chief Wood stated that the fire department was looking to sell their oldest fire truck because they needed a pick up for the EMS First Responder Program. Chief Edwards informed Chief Wood that the community service workers fixed the siding at the fire hall.

ITEM # XI - MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Yates reported the following:

- Mayor Yates invited everyone to a Management Team Meeting with the Department of Housing and Community Development for the ARC Grant on the Russell Fork Trail Center Project tomorrow at eleven o'clock in the morning at the Haysi Town Hall.
- Mayor Yates invited everyone to a meeting with the Corp of Engineers tomorrow at two o'clock in the afternoon at the Haysi Town Hall to discuss the Haysi Town Hall relocation and town flood proofing.
- Mayor Yates also invited everyone to the Dickenson County Chamber of Commerce Meeting on March 13, 2020 at the Haysi Town Hall at noon.

ITEM # XII - COUNCIL COMMENTS

Vice Mayor Rocky Wood asked about the water pooling at the old shop building when it rains and said that he thought there used to be a drain at the old Haysi High School. Mayor Yates replied that he has reported all road pools to the Virginia Department of Transportation along with photographs. Police Chief Bobby Edwards will have the community service workers look for the drain to see if anything can be done. Chief Edwards reported that one vehicle flooded out on February 6, near the Dollar General Store. Mayor Yates added that the Virginia Coalfield Economic Development Authority has approved the funding to demolish the old Haysi High School, but the Dickenson County Board of Supervisors must deed the property to the Dickenson County Industrial Development Authority before it can be bid. Mayor Yates said Haysi and Clintwood are now separate projects. Vice Mayor Rocky Wood asked about the vehicles parked there. Chief Edwards answered that they belong to Brad's Auto Sales and were moved during the flooding. Some of the vehicles have been moved back to the business, but they are not drivable.

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 Rocky Wood 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