

Town of Haysi  
Minutes of Regular Town Council Meeting  
June 12, 2018 @ 7:00 p.m.

On June 12, 2018, 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: Vice Mayor Rocky Wood

Council Members:

Michael Harris

Susan Tiller

Tim Wallace

William "Billy" Counts

ABSENT: Carter Branham  
Mayor Larry D. Yates

### **ITEMS # I, II, & III**

The meeting was called to order by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood at 7:00 p.m. The Invocation was held by Chief George Wallace and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

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:

- May 8, 2018 Regular Town Council Meeting

Motion was made by Council Member Tim Wallace and seconded by Council Member Susan Tiller to approve the minutes of the meeting on May 8, 2018 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:

- May 1, 2018 through May 31, 2018 Financial Report listing: beginning balance, revenue, expenditures and ending balance.
- May 1, 2018 through May 31, 2018 itemized listing of expenditures including checks # 14404-14444 & deposits
- May 1, 2018 through May 31, 2018 Profit & Loss Report
- Current payables to date for review

Motion was made by Council Member Billy Counts seconded by Council Member Tim Wallace 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 the Haysi Community Library

Vice Mayor Rocky Wood welcomed Kathy Harrison from the Haysi Community Library to present the request. Mrs. Harrison advised that the Summer Reading Program at the library started today because school got out late this year. Mrs. Harrison explained that the Dickenson County Nutrition Program is providing meals to children on Tuesdays at the library.

CARTER BRANHAM ENTERED THE MEETING.

Participation in the Summer Reading Program is not required to receive the food, however, it is available on a first come, first serve basis. Mrs. Harrison said the library planned to host a pizza party on the last day of the Summer Reading Program. Vice Mayor Wood asked for the amount of their request. Clerk Amanda Perrigan answered that it was one hundred dollars. Motion was made by Council Member Susan Tiller seconded by Council Member Carter Branham to donate \$200.00 to the Haysi Community Library for the Summer Reading Program. Vice Mayor Wood asked for a roll call vote:

Wm. "Billy" Brice Counts	Yes	Michael Harris	Yes
Tim Wallace	Yes	Carter Branham	Yes
Rocky Wood	Yes	Susan Tiller	Yes

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

**ITEM # IX – OLD BUSINESS**

2018-2019 Budget

Vice Mayor Rocky Wood asked if the budget had to be passed tonight. Clerk Amanda Perrigan answered that the budget had to be passed by July 1, 2018. Council Member Billy Counts commented that it was balanced. Motion was made by Council Member Susan Tiller seconded by Council Member Billy Counts to approve the 2018-2019 budget. Let the record show the motion on the floor was passed unanimously by verbal voting.

### **ITEM # X – UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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

Chief George Wallace reported thirty-three calls for the month of May. Chief Wallace stated that there was a big variety including a dog bite call from Lily Epling on May 1. Chief Wallace reported that the case had already been to court. The dog owner was found guilty and fined. He also paid Mrs. Epling's doctor bill. Chief Wallace said that the Haysi Postmaster thinks the dog is at the bail bonds trailer, so he plans to speak with the new owner. The new owner would be liable once he is made aware that the animal is a biting dog. Chief Wallace let Assistant Chief Bobby Edwards give information on the rape call at Sandlick Elementary School on May 17. Assistant Chief Edwards said the call happened after school and the incident took place at the bathroom on the playground, but was determined to be consented act. The boy was of age and the girl was underage. The boy left from and was seen at the Haysi Rescue Squad building with clothing that referenced EMT, which resulted in negative feedback on the rescue squad, but the boy was from out of state. The case is now closed. Council Member Susan Tiller asked about the location. Assistant Chief Edwards said it was listed on the report at Sandlick Elementary School, but Dickenson County owns the property, so it was not school property. Chief Wallace said there was a call on May 10, where Adam Sharp beat up a girl on Laurel Branch. The girl was picked up and brought to town and the situation was turned over to the county. Chief Wallace said that Officer Mike Stidham charged Mr. Sharp with kidnapping, but he is out on bond currently. Council Member Carter Branham asked about the girl. Chief Wallace stated that she was a "rough character", but didn't deserve what happened to her. There were also several alarms at the old Haysi High School building. Assistant Chief Edwards advised that there was still power to the building and every time it flickered that the alarm went off. Assistant Chief Edwards continued that the building was a dangerous place with black mold growing inside. He explained that the police department had tried cameras concerning the breaking and entering calls, but couldn't get a clear picture. Dickenson County became worried that their cameras might get stolen, so they were removed. The insurance company came to look at the facility and was considering cancelling the insurance; it was still covered as a school. Council Member Susan Tiller asked if the trespassers were just going in. Assistant Chief Edwards answered that he thought it may have to do with the urban legend about caves under the school. Council Member Billy Counts said that he investigated the caves as a tenth grade student in class at Haysi High School and there are large drop offs. Council Member Susan Tiller suggested that someone may be writing a book jokingly. Assistant Chief Edwards said that some calls on the report were in relation to an older lady in town who may be taken advantage of by her

grandchildren, but they have power of attorney. Council Member Susan Tiller asked about the phone call request from Kingsport. Assistant Chief Edwards answered that the call was from the boy involved in the rape call, who left his cell phone and was trying to get it back. However, Assistant Chief Edwards explained he didn't want to meet because he is afraid of being arrested.

Haysi Volunteer Fire Department Monthly Report-Chief Rocky Wood

Chief Rocky Wood said that the past month was slow for the Haysi Volunteer Fire Department. Chief Wood reported that elections were held at their last meeting, which resulted in the following: Rocky Wood remained Chief, Phillip Cook elected as Assistant Chief, Walt Scanlon elected as Captain, J. F. Barton elected as First Lieutenant, Chris Edwards elected as Second Lieutenant, and Matt Deel elected as Treasurer. New positions take effect after July 10. Chief Wood advised Clerk Amanda Perrigan that she would be working with Matt Deel regarding the financials for the fire department as of that date.

**ITEM # XI - MAYOR COMMENTS**

None.

**ITEM # XII - COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Vice Mayor Wood opened a discussion for changing the July meeting to the alternate date. Council Member Susan Tiller said that she would not be able to attend on the alternate date. Vice Mayor Wood announced that the July meeting would take place on the alternate date of July 10, 2018.

**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 Council Member Susan Tiller 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