

Town of Haysi  
Minutes of Regular Town Council Meeting  
March 6, 2018 @ 7:00 p.m.

On March 6, 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: Mayor Larry D. Yates  
Vice Mayor Rocky Wood

Council Members:  
Michael Harris  
Tim Wallace  
William "Billy" Counts

ABSENT: Carter Branham  
Susan Tiller

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

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Larry D. Yates at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Yates stated that the May meeting was the same say as the election, so he suggested using the alternate date. Motion was made by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood seconded by Council Member Billy Counts to hold the May meeting on the alternate date, which would be May 8, 2018 at seven o'clock in the evening. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting. The Invocation was held by Chief George Wallace and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

At this time Mayor Yates asked for any changes to the agenda. Vice Mayor Rocky Wood asked about the Public Hearing. It will be discussed under Russell Fork Splashdam Property on 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:

- February 6, 2018 Regular Town Council Meeting

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood and seconded by Council Member Billy Counts to approve the minutes of the meeting on February 6, 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:

- February 1, 2018 through February 28, 2018 Financial Report listing: beginning balance, revenue, expenditures and ending balance.
- February 1, 2018 through February 28, 2018 itemized listing of expenditures including checks # 14293-14327 & deposits
- February 1, 2018 through February 28, 2018 Profit & Loss Report
- Current payables to date for review

Mayor Yates gave an update on the town's budget from July through December 2017. He highlighted overages and items of note for revenues and each department. Assistant Chief Bobby Edwards advised that the Ford Crown Victoria was sold at auction on Gov Deals for over one thousand dollars. Assistant Chief Edwards also advised that the town will pay Gov Deals two percent for the auction process. The winner is coming from Fries to pick up the car. Mayor Yates summarized the update by stating that the town is "staying on target" and asked for any questions on the budget. Mayor Yates informed everyone that work had begun on the 2018-2019 budget and he recommended a meeting in April to discuss the upcoming budget with the Haysi Town Council. After a brief general discussion it was decided to hold a budget workshop at six o'clock in the evening on April 3, 2018, prior to the regular monthly meeting. Motion was made by Council Member Billy Counts seconded by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood 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 Little League

Mayor Yates welcomed David O'Quinn to present the donation request on behalf of the Haysi Little League. Mr. O'Quinn stated that he attended a Haysi Town Council meeting this past July to give an update on the previous donation from the town, but again reviewed that the money sponsored teams, paid for the fence, and t-ball uniforms. Mr. O'Quinn presented the Haysi Town Council with a plaque and photos. Mr. O'Quinn stated that his request this year was reduced because he was thankful for the large donation last year. He explained that they will incur more expenses this year because Little League International changed the rules, which required the purchase of all new bats since the old ones are now considered illegal. He said Haysi was able to host a tournament last year with seven teams

and the tournament was made possible because of the fence. The Haysi Little League was awarded the host for the 2019 11-12 All Stars in district. Mr. O'Quinn added that he didn't think it had ever been hosted in Haysi. Mr. O'Quinn stated that the program was doing well, much better than when he started three years ago. The program has an estimated 170 kids and gains more every year. There are three girls' softball teams and the junior league was started back for the boys. Mr. O'Quinn noted that he tried to reduce the cost for parents. The cost for children nine years old and over is thirty dollars and the cost for children eight years old and under is twenty dollars, with a family cap of sixty dollars. However, Mr. O'Quinn said no child is turned away. Council Member Billy Counts asked if the league practiced at the Haysi Kiwanis Park. Mr. O'Quinn replied that the league does practice there and the Kiwanis is a sponsor. Mr. O'Quinn added that the league also uses the batting cage and the field at Clinchco, which he said helps with practices and scheduling. Mayor Yates asked for the biggest need. Mr. O'Quinn answered bats and went on to say that there were not as many team sponsors for uniforms. Mr. O'Quinn mentioned they were looking to do some fundraisers and described some things they were considering. Council Member Tim Wallace asked for the reason they pay Little League International fees. Mr. O'Quinn answered that Little League International provides insurance and there were other advantages such as sanctions about situations that arise, allowing for them to host and play in All Star Tournaments. Mr. O'Quinn explained that they had researched joining with Clintwood, but there were pros and cons to be weighed. Mayor Yates commented that the Haysi Little League would lose its identity that way. Mayor Yates asked what percentage of the fees paid to Little League International was insurance premium. Mr. O'Quinn said the total paid was around \$1,125 and he had a break down, but he's best estimate was twenty-eight dollars per team, with sixty dollars per team for the older children. Mr. O'Quinn added that the more teams they had the more money it costs. A general discussion was held about the remaining amount in the donation line item for the 2017-2018 budget and possible other requests. Motion was made by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood seconded by Council Member Billy Counts to approve the eight hundred dollar donation request from the Haysi Little League. Council Member Tim Wallace stated that last month the town cut off two police officers and now giving away money. Council Member Tim Wallace commented to think about it. Let the record show the motion on the floor was passed by verbal voting, with Council Member Tim Wallace voting nay.

#### 2018-2019 Budget

The topic was discussed during the Approval of the Financial Report earlier in the agenda.

#### **ITEM # IX – OLD BUSINESS**

##### Discussion of the Russell Fork Trail Center

Mayor Yates reported no change.

##### Russell Fork Splashdam Property – Dean Hill

After a brief general discussion, the Haysi Town Council will hold a public hearing on the purchase of the Russell Fork Splashdam Property on April 3, 2018 at 6:45pm.

**ITEM # X – UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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

Chief George Wallace reported 28 plus calls for the month of February. Chief Wallace said that he and Assistant Chief Bobby Edwards came out at seven o'clock in the evening the night of the flooding and worked all night. Chief Wallace pointed out a few calls on the report including an injured person call on February 8, where an employee of Hillcom was hit in the face while clearing trees. Chief Wallace said he was told the employee is back home and eager to get back to work. Also, on February 8, a student took ammunition to school. Council Member Billy Counts asked about the reported school threat. Chief Wallace explained that the threats reported to the Haysi Police Department didn't contain any information that wasn't already reported to the county.

Haysi Volunteer Fire Department Monthly Report-Chief Rocky Wood

Chief Rocky Wood stated that there were eight water rescues and the night of the flooding was busy for the fire department. Council Member Billy Counts commented that the water was only half a foot below the railroad trestle. Chief Rocky Wood also mentioned that the fire department had a few maintenance issues during the month.

**ITEM # XI - MAYOR COMMENTS**

Mayor Yates reported the following:

- Mayor Yates advised that the town didn't lay off employees, but changed them to inactive status. However, Mayor Yates said that he had already discussed changing them back to active status with Chief Wallace. Council Member Tim Wallace explained that he understood the change was the result of the budget. Mayor Yates replied that it was due to the bank balance and the budget is used as a guideline.
- Mayor Yates reported that he had been helping communities and the county with the Work Ready Communities Initiative, which will meet next Monday at noon at the Dickenson Center for Education and Research. Mayor Yates explained that the meeting would address how to get the certification for our community though set criteria and lunch would be provided for attendees.
- Mayor Yates also reported that he had been attending regular Haysi Partners meetings, meetings in preparation for the ATV Easter Egg Hunt, and Dickenson Community Hospital Foundation meetings in preparation for the radio fundraiser.
- Mayor Yates reported that on February 22, he started the process with the Corp of Engineers to work on the municipal building project. He stated that it would be a long process and there are a lot of unknowns right now. Mayor Yates advised that the Corp of Engineers said that the building would require flood proofing or

relocation, but he couldn't foresee being able to feasibly flood proof the current building.

- Mayor Yates said he continues to work with Spearhead Trails on expansion and the equestrian trail.
- Mayor Yates advised that Clerk Amanda Perrigan attended the meeting about increases the number of water release at the John Flanagan Dam, but that continues to be an uphill battle.

**ITEM # XII - COUNCIL COMMENTS**

None.

**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.

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Larry D. Yates, Mayor

Attest:

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Clerk