

Public Hearing
2022-2023 Budget Amendment Ordinance
May 30, 2023

On May 30, 2023, at 2:30 p.m., the Haysi Town Council conducted a Public Hearing held in the Council Chambers of the Haysi Town Hall Municipal Building located at 322 Main Street, Haysi, Virginia.

The purpose of the Public Hearing was to receive public comments and input on the 2022-2023 Budget Amendment Ordinance.

Mayor Yates called the Public Hearing in session at 2:30 PM.

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.

Mayor Yates opened the floor for public comment.

The first person signed up for Public Comment was Samuel J. Boyd of 24610 Dickenson Highway. Mr. Boyd introduced himself and stated that was representing a request from T&M Collision for assistance with a bear proof lid for their dumpster because according to him, the Department of Wildlife Resources didn't offer much help. Mayor Yates advised that his request would be better answered at a regular Haysi Town Council Meeting than the public hearing, but "as neighbors and friends, we would like to help." Police Chief Bobby Edwards advised that the grant period for the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources closed October 1, 2022, which means it will likely open again soon. Mayor Yates told Mr. Boyd if he could find a grant that the town would pay the match, or similar to the previous arrangement with Haysi Supply Co., the cost could be split. Mr. Boyd answered that splitting the cost wasn't an option right now. Mr. Boyd said their dumpster was purchased from Superior Fabrication and paid in payments, however, Superior Fabrication wasn't willing to accept a payment plan for the bear proof lid. Mayor Yates said the town would have Chief Edwards contact the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources to see what could be done. A general discussion was held about the grant and dumpster usage. Mayor Yates stated that Mr. Boyd wasn't the only one with bear problems, but the town would do what it could to assist.

No one else was registered for public comment during the Public Hearing.

At 2:46 p.m., Mayor Yates closed the Public Hearing.

Mayor

Attest:

Clerk of Council