

Town of Haysi
Minutes of Regular Town Council Meeting
August 4, 2020 @ 7:00 p.m.

On August 4, 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
Susan Tiller
Carter Branham
William "Billy" Counts

ABSENT: Tim Wallace

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.

ITEM # IV – APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

At this time Mayor Yates asked for changes to the agenda as presented. Motion was made by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood seconded by Council Member Billy Counts 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 # VII – APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

- July 7, 2020 Regular Town Council Meeting

Motion was made by Council Member Billy Counts and seconded by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood to approve the minutes of the public hearing and the regular town council meeting on July 7, 2020 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:

- July 1, 2020 through July 31, 2020 Financial Report listing: beginning balance, revenue, expenditures and ending balance.
- July 1, 2020 through July 30, 2020 itemized listing of expenditures including checks # 15469-15512 & deposits
- July 1, 2020 through July 30, 2020 Profit & Loss Report
- Current payables to date for review

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

ITEM # IX - NEW BUSINESS

None.

ITEM # X – OLD BUSINESS

None.

ITEM # XI – UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Police Department Monthly Report-Officer Grant Garrett (See Attachment)

Officer Grant Garrett summarized the calls on the July Monthly Report. Officer Garrett pointed out a few items specifically; the town lost community service workers due to drug screens, the county law enforcement discovered around three hundred marijuana plants with helicopter aid, dirt bike vandalism at Splashdam Freewill Baptist Church had been solved and cleaned up, and there was a fatal vehicle accident at Bee. Officer Garrett stated that the drug use in the area is all meth now and not pill usage. Officer Garrett thanked the Mayor and Haysi Town Council for everything they do in support of law enforcement and said that he thanked God for where we live. Mayor Yates thanked Officer Garrett for his work.

Haysi Volunteer Fire Department Monthly Report

Chief Rocky Wood reported a couple of trees down during storms, three motor vehicle accidents including the fatality that Officer Garrett mentioned earlier, a lady hit a log truck in town, and another lady that had went over the hill on Crooked Branch. Mayor Yates mentioned that someone had went over the guardrail at the old Haysi High School and possibly hit the concrete wall. Chief Wood replied that he heard the brakes went out in that accident. Chief Wood also reported that the fire department had all been fingerprinted, that they assisted with the UTV Takeover night ride escorts, and had sold Engine 11 to Council. Chief Wood said they were still hunting for a four door pickup, but couldn't find anything and new orders were four months out. Mayor Yates updated that the town's new Tahoe delivery was pushed back to October, but the order had been placed.

ITEM # XII - MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Yates reported the following:

- Mayor Yates advised that he received word on the funding for the Riverwalk Trail from the Federal Highway Department. Mayor Yates said that total available funds to spend on the project was around seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars. A conference call is being scheduled and more than likely will take place on August 12, to get the project started. Mayor Yates said that the timeline for completion is three years and the preliminary environmental work has been done.
- Mayor Yates said that he appreciated the town employees' reported that the town hall had stayed open the entire time. He said that the town's hours were reduced, but the staff continued to be available each day.

ITEM # XIII - COUNCIL COMMENTS

Vice Mayor Rocky Wood asked if the Corp of Engineers had talked to any of the businesses. Mayor Yates answered that he had only heard rumors. Council Member Billy Counts advised that the Corp had done surveying. Mayor Yates confirmed that the Corp had spent two or three weeks conducting surveys. Mayor Yates said he gave contact information to Johnnie Branham, but wasn't sure if he got the answers he was looking to get. Mayor Yates advised that everything in the project would "go through the county." Mayor Yates asked if the town would even be involved in the contract. Clerk Amanda Perrigan answered yes, since the town has to agree to the demolition of the current town hall. Mayor Yates advised that the three Mayors, County Administrator, and County Attorney were to discuss the project collectively soon. Council Member Carter Branham said he would be one of the first people the Corp would contact, but they would probably research information such as deeds and tax records first. Mayor Yates recommended that everyone read the Section 202 for themselves and advised that it explained the entire process. A general discussion was held about the Section 202.

ITEM # XIV - ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to be brought before the Council, a motion was made by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood seconded by Council Member Billy Counts 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