

Town of Haysi
Minutes of Regular Town Council Meeting
December 7, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m.

On December 7, 2021, 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

Council Members:
Michael Harris
Carter Branham
Susan Tiller
William "Billy" Counts

ABSENT: Vice Mayor Rocky Wood
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 Council Member Susan Tiller 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 Council Member Michael Harris 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

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.

The first person signed up for Public Comment was Joseph Boyd. Mr. Boyd said that he getting his business license to offer paid parking and signage on his lot. Mr. Boyd also wanted to advise that the town should be eligible for federal grants for its own 5G cell service network because of the town owned fiber network. Mr. Boyd said that public notices are required to be posted on the town’s website. Mayor Yates advised that the town didn’t have a relationship with the cell service companies to provide a network, and asked about the reach. Mr. Boyd suggested a study. Mayor Yates raised concerns about personnel capacity, but told Mr. Boyd if he would provide the town a link to the grant that the town would be interested in applying.

The second person signed up for Public Comment was Paul O’Quinn. Mr. O’Quinn introduced himself as someone looking to promote the economy in the area. He said that he had moved away for thirty-five years and had returned to live in the county. He said that he was in attendance to learn more about ways to help the community.

ITEM # VI – APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

- November 2, 2021 Regular Town Council Meeting
- November 23, 2021 Emergency Meeting

Motion was made by Council Member Billy Counts and seconded by Council Member Carter Branham to approve the minutes of the meeting on November 2, 2021 and November 23, 2021 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:

- November 1, 2021 through November 30, 2021 Financial Report listing: beginning balance, revenue, expenditures and ending balance.
- October 29, 2021 through November 30, 2021 itemized listing of expenditures including checks # 16071-16131 & deposits
- October 29, 2021 through November 30, 2021 Profit & Loss Report
- Current payables to date for review

Motion was made by Council Member Susan Tiller 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 # VIII - NEW BUSINESS

Develop a Committee for the Personnel Policy Update

This topic will be tabled until a later date due to Council Member attendance.

ITEM # IX – OLD BUSINESS

November Election Ordinance

Mayor Yates advised that the Ordinance providing for the Election of Mayor and Town Council Members in November Pursuant to the Virginia General Assembly Mandate had been sent to Council Members prior to the meeting for review. Mayor stated that the ordinance had been reviewed by Attorney Taylor Hay. Motion was made by Council Member Billy Counts seconded by Council Member Susan Tiller to approve the Ordinance providing for the Election of Mayor and Town Council Members in November Pursuant to the Virginia General Assembly Mandate as presented. Mayor Yates asked for a roll call vote:

Michael Harris	Yes	Carter Branham	Yes
Susan Tiller	Yes	Billy Counts	Yes

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

ITEM # X – UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

Chief Bobby Edwards reported twenty-three calls for the month of November. Chief Edwards said there was more mileage this month due to trips to pick up the trailer and bucket truck. Chief Edwards advised that it was a “pretty quiet month.”

Haysi Volunteer Fire Department Monthly Report

None.

ITEM # XI - MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Yates reported the following:

- Mayor Yates said that he had a discussion with Robert Kell from Appalachian Voices about an Abandoned Mine Land Grant. He is waiting for Mr. Kell to get back in touch with him.
- Mayor Yates reported that the town had signed the contract with the Corp of Engineers and they had been collected by their personnel the next day.
- Mayor Yates also reported that the old Haysi High School property was finished and ready for occupancy. A team from Virginia Tech visited the property last week and would be performing a study and to offer a potential design.

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 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.

Larry D. Yates, Mayor

Attest:

Clerk