

Minutes of Monthly Town Council Meeting  
May 7 2013 @ 7:00 p.m.

On May 7, 2013, 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.

Present: Mayor Larry Yates  
Vice Mayor Rocky Wood  
Council Member Mike Harris  
Council Member Barry Whitt  
Council Member Rocky Wood  
Council Member Tim Wallace  
Council Member Wm. "Billy" Counts

Absent: Council Member Susan Tiller

**ITEMS # I, II, III**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Larry Yates at 7:05 p.m. and the Invocation was held by Chief George Wallace and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**ITEM # IV – APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

At this time Mayor Yates asked Council for any additions or changes to the agenda. Mayor Yates said the following items needed to be added and changed to New Business – Remove Jeremiah Sluss-Grace Fellowship Baptist Church, add Haysi Fire Department Resolution allowing them to recover cost, and three budget request one from Southwest Virginia Cultural Heritage Foundation, one from the Health Wagon and one from the Southwest Regional Recreation Authority. The motion was made by Council Member Rocky Wood and seconded by Council Member Barry Whitt to approve the agenda with the changes. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting.

**ITEM # V – APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

April 2, 2013 Monthly Town Council Meeting

With no corrections or changes to the April 2, 2013, minutes the motion was made by Council Member Rocky Wood and seconded by Council Member Barry Whitt to approve the April minutes. Let the record show the motions on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting.

**ITEM # VI – FINANCIAL REPORT**

At this time the Council was presented for approval the following:

- Current listing of payables due for May 2013.
- April 2013 Financial Report listing: beginning balance, revenue, expenditures and ending balance.
- April 2013 itemized listing of expenditures including checks # 11502-11568, & deposits
- April 2013 Profit & Loss Report

With no further comments or changes to the financial report the motion was made by Council Member Rocky Wood and seconded by Council Member Tim Wallace to approve the financial report as presented. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting.

#### **ITEM #VII PUBLIC COMMENT**

Kay Owens extended an invitation to anyone who wanted to attend to the Dickenson County Fair meeting on Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, Peggy's Diner, McClure.

#### **ITEM # VIII- NEW BUSINESS**

##### Recognition, Regional Hazard Mitigation Advisory Committee

Mayor Yates mentioned he has a request from the Cumberland Plateau Planning District. He said the Cumberland Plateau staff is working with the Regional Hazard Mitigation Advisory Committee to complete a revision of the Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan, originally completed and adopted in 2005. The Plan is a requirement for any local government seeking certain types of future disaster assistance including funds for mitigation assistance. He said each community in the Planning District is being asked to official recognize the Committee, this is one of the action steps in the Plan. The recognition could be done by the motion process or a resolution. Mayor Yates said if the council decides to recognize the Committee by motion, then a copy of the minutes needs to be sent to the Cumberland Plateau by the end of May or early June, He mention later on the Cumberland Plateau will be forwarding a copy of the final plan for the town's adoption this summer after the Virginia Department of Emergency Management and FEMA approve it. Adoption of the revised plan will make our community eligible for certain future disaster and mitigation funding for five years. Mayor Yates stated the following serve on Mitigation Advisory Committee Members and the Hazardous Mitigation Management Team from Dickenson County:

##### **Mitigation Advisory Committee**

Dave Moore, Administrator, DCBS  
Ron Phillips, Director, DC PSA  
Richard Thacker, Dickenson Co Emer. Serv.  
Matt Slep, Coordinator 911, Dickenson Co.  
Doug Rose, Dickenson Co Schools  
Carl Turner, Building Official, Dickenson Co.  
Bobby Hammons, Sherriff, Dickenson Co.

##### **Hazardous Mitigation Management Team**

Richard Thacker, Dickenson Co Emergency Services  
Matt Slep, Coordinator, Dickenson County 911

With no further discussion the motion was made by Council Member Rocky Wood and seconded by Council Member Tim Wallace to recognize the Regional Hazard Mitigation Advisory Committee through the motion process. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed with all voting yes.

##### 2013/2014 Proposed Budget

Mayor Yates said in the council's packet is a copy of the 2013/2014 proposed budget, he asked are there any questions.

Mayor Yates said the town should have a balanced budget for the next year's fiscal budget; increases have been made to categories to allow for inflation. He said he would like to propose and increase in the cigarette tax. He said currently the town is charging a tax of 5 cents per pack, and the average state wide is 15 cents per pack. He said this is one way not to just increase taxes for residents living in town. He said if the council agrees to increase the cigarette tax the council needs to make a motion for the Mayor to precede with the process of increasing the tax. He said a public hearing will need to be scheduled. He said other towns in the state are average are about 15 cents per pack. Some towns charge different tax for the size of the pack. For example: a 20 pack , 20 cent tax, 25 pack, 25 cents, 30 pack, 30 cents, this might be something the council wants consider, currently, the town is charging a flat tax rate of 5 cents per pack.

Council Member Rocky Wood asked how a carton of cigarette would get taxed.

Mayor Yates replied per packs within the carton.

With no further discussion the motion was made by Council Member Tim Wallace and seconded by Council Member Rocky Wood to proceed with the process to increase cigarette tax in the Town of Haysi. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed with all voting yes.

Council Member Rocky Wood asked if the county increases their meal taxes how this affects the towns.

Mayor Yates replied it doesn't.

Mayor Yates asked the council did they want to have a budget workshop. He said the town has received budget request from the following: The Health Wagon, Southwest Virginia Cultural Heritage Foundation, and Southwest Regional Recreation Authority. He said these are three organizations which the town does do annual appropriations for and has done for years.

Mayor Yates said the Southwest Regional Recreational Authority is getting ready to announce trails opening in Dickenson County this time next month. He said a trail head will not be available in Haysi for a several months, but the Old Mountain View Trails near Sandy Ridge next to St. Paul comes next to Dickenson County. VCEDA has awarded Southwest Regional Recreation two pools of money one was to go over the existing trails and to do maintenance work such as installing signs, safety work, etc... the other pool of money was to do construction work on trails in the county with trailheads in Dickenson County. He said Appalachian Auto Parts, in Haysi will be selling the permits to ride the trails.

Council Member Tim Wallace asked who gets the proceeds from the sales of the permits.

Mayor Yates replied the money goes back to the Southwest Regional Recreational Authority to help with funding of policing and maintenance of the trails. Where the town will gain revenue is by trail riders purchasing parts for their ATV, gas, food, drinks, cigarettes, etc...

Council Member Rocky Wood, mention he thinks the council needs to amend the donation policy if an organization does not request their donation within 30 days of approval, then donation need to go back in the general fund. He suggested, since the Haysi Little League has not requested their funding a letter needs to be wrote to them letting them know if the money is not used within the next thirty days it will be returned to the general fund, and remind them the money is to be used to purchase equipment for the boys and girls and be spent equally on the boys and girls and not on field maintenance.

Mayor Yates said the policy needs to be amended to address this problem. He asked who served on the donation policy committee.

Clerk Ramona Duncan replied, Council Members Tim Wallace, Barry Whitt, and Rocky Wood.

Mayor Yates said he would look at the policy and try to address the issue.

Council Member Barry Whitt mentioned if a donation check is not picked up before the next council meeting then the money should go back into the general fund. He asked could the donation be wrote in two separate checks \$500.00 to the boys, \$500.00 to the girls.

Clerk, Ramona Duncan replied, yes, but it still goes into one account.

Mayor Yates again asked does the council want to have a budget workshop.

Council Member Rocky Wood replied he does not think this is need.

Mayor Yates said if everyone is in agreement the council needs to set two public hearings for their next meeting one for the increase on cigarette tax and the other on the 2013/2014 FY budget.

The council agreed to hold public hearings on June 4, 2013 at 6:30 PM for the Cigarette Tax and 6:45 PM for the 2013/2014 FY budget.

With no further discussion on the budget the motion was made by Council Member Rocky Wood and seconded by Council Member Barry Whitt to include the Southwest Regional Recreation Authority request, the Southwest Virginia Cultural Heritage Foundation request, and the Health Wagon request as line items to the 2013/2014 FY Budget and to allocate the same amount to the three organizations as last year. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting.

Mayor Yates said just for information purposes \$19,113.11 will be withdrawn from the town's savings account and placed into the general fund to help with renovation cost on the theater building and other expenses. This will leave a balance in the town's saving account of \$20,000.00. He said the general fund will pick back at the beginning of the fiscal year.

#### Resolution 2013-001 Allowing for Recovery Cost of Emergency for Haysi Fire Department.

Mayor Yates stated the Haysi Volunteer Fire Department has requested the town to pass a resolution allowing for recovery of the cost of emergency response.

After a general discussion the motion was made by Council Member Barry Whitt and seconded by Council Member Billy Counts to pass a resolution allowing the Haysi Volunteer Fire Department to recover the cost of emergency response for fire, safety and rescue responses, hazardous materials responses, including pipeline and power line incidents. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting.

#### ITEM # IX – OLD BUSINESS

- A. Police Department Report – Chief Wallace report the police department answered 46 calls. He said they ranged from assisting motorist to prowlers. Along with these calls the department issued 30 citations. Chief Wallace wanted to bring to the council's attention the reasons why the department has purchased different types of ammunition. He said some of the ammo is used to qualify at the shooting range, and the other type is used inside of the schools. Chief Wallace asked are there any question on the report.

#### ITEM #X – MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Yates reported the following:

- All utilities at the theater building are on.
- Moving forward on the bid process on the façade.
- The Splashdam project has hit a snag; due to the fact the land has already been reclaimed. He said he hopes the Forest Land Group is going to make an amendment to release the property.

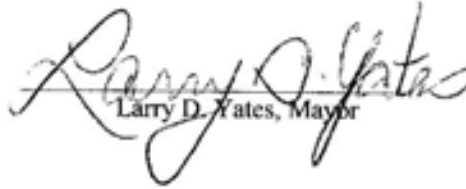
#### ITEM # XI- COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Rocky Wood asked the council to consider helping with funding of garage door openers and cameras for the fire department... He said there are two reasons why the department would like to have these items installed one is the electric bill, and the other is theft.

Mayor Yates said he had some funding ideas and asked for Council Member Rocky Wood to get back in touch with him on this issue.

#### ITEM XIV ADJOURN

There being no other business to be brought before the Council, a motion was made by Council Member Rocky Wood and seconded by Council Member Barry Whitt to adjourn the meeting. Let the record show the motion was passed unanimously by verbal voting and the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM

  
Larry D. Yates, Mayor

Attest:  
  
Clerk