

Town of Haysi  
Minutes of Regular Town Council Meeting  
June 7, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.

On June 7, 2022, 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  
William "Billy" Counts  
Tim Wallace  
Susan Tiller

ABSENT: Vice Mayor Rocky Wood

### **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. Mayor Yates noted the change to item XIII of the agenda from adjourn to recess because the 2022-2023 Budget Ordinance must wait seven days after the public hearing to be approved according to the code of Virginia. Motion was made by Council Member Billy Counts seconded by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood to approve the agenda as amended. 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:

- May 3, 2022 Regular Town Council Meeting

Motion was made by Council Member Billy Counts and seconded by Council Member Carter Branham to approve the minutes of the meeting on May 3, 2022 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:

- May 1, 2022 through May 31, 2022 Financial Report listing: beginning balance, revenue, expenditures and ending balance.
- April 29, 2022 through May 31, 2022 itemized listing of expenditures including checks # 16301-16352 & deposits
- April 29, 2022 through May 31, 2022 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**

##### Donation Request from Haysi Community Library

Mayor Yates welcomed Sarah Rose to present the donation request. Mrs. Rose handed out brochures regarding the Summer Reading Program and advised that Kathy Harrison, who ran the program in the past had retired. Mrs. Rose said the program has already received donations from local citizens. Friends of the Haysi Community Library allowed the program to provide free crafts. Mrs. Rose explained that Mrs. Harrison always did extra things to make the program special and she wanted to continue that practice by offering a prize for a family reading challenge. Council Member Billy Counts asked what ages would be included. Mrs. Rose answered up to eighteen years old and she had forty children pre-registered. Mrs. Rose said she wanted the prize to be outdoor related to get the kids away from electronic devices, so possibly a small grill with charcoal. Motion was made by Council Member Carter Branham seconded by Council Member Billy Counts to approve a two-hundred-and-fifty-dollar donation to the Summer Reading Program. Let the record show the motion on the floor was passed unanimously by verbal voting.

##### Cable Plus Franchise Agreement

Mayor Yates welcomed Attorney Scott Powers to discuss the matter. Mr. Powers said that he was the attorney for Cable Plus, Inc. and gave some background on the company. Cable Plus, Inc. is a regional internet and cable provider that has been in business for over twenty years and is owned by David and Jodi Eaton. Cable Plus has served around ten customers in a two mile stretch of Haysi since 2009. Mr. Powers summarized the sections of the agreement and highlighted that it was a nonexclusive agreement with a ten-year term.

stated the purpose was to memorialize the existing agreement in writing. Mayor Yates said he has read the agreement and it included an indemnification clause. Mayor Yates asked Attorney Susan Wood for her comments. Attorney Wood said that the only question she had regarding the agreement had been answered. Mayor Yates asked if Attorney Wood approved of the agreement. She replied yes. Mayor Yates said that the town would collect communications tax as a result of the agreement. Motion was made by Council Member Carter Branham seconded by Council Member Billy Counts to enter into the proposed franchise agreement with Cable Plus, Inc. Let the record show the motion on the floor was passed unanimously by verbal voting.

2020-2021 Audit Report from Rodefer, Moss, & Co. PLLC

Mayor Yates said that the item would be tabled since the auditor was not in attendance.

2021-2022 Budget Ordinance Amendment

Mayor Yates had Clerk Amanda Perrigan discuss the need for the amendment. Clerk Perrigan advised that the American Recovery Plan Act Funds that were received in the prior fiscal year were deferred by the auditor to the current fiscal year and a change in budget that exceeds one percent requires an amendment to be in compliance. Motion was made by Council Member Billy Counts seconded by Council Member Carter Branham to approve the 2021-2022 Budget Ordinance Amendment as presented. Mayor Yates called for a roll call vote on the approval of the 2021-2022 Budget Ordinance Amendment. Let the record show the ordinance passed unanimously by verbal voting with Council Members Carter Branham, Susan Tiller, Billy Counts, Michael Harris, and Tim Wallace voting aye.

Discussion of 2022-2023 Budget Ordinance

Mayor Yates what date the Haysi Town Council would like to continue the June meeting. After a general discussion, it was decided that the meeting will resume on June 14, 2022 at seven o'clock in the evening.

**ITEM # IX – OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**ITEM # X – UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Police Department Monthly Report (See Attachment)

Chief Bobby Edwards reported twenty-four calls for the month of May and read the hours worked. Chief Edwards pointed out the call from May 17 for a motor vehicle accident with property damage. Chief Edwards advised that the accident involved the Haysi Volunteer Fire Department's truck in the curve near Brad's Auto. The truck has been sent to Roanoke and is estimated to have incurred eighty-five thousand dollars or more in damage. The fire truck is covered under Dickenson County's insurance policy. A general discussion was

held regarding the accident and road work safety. Chief Edwards noted that the suicide call on Frying Pan turned out to be an airsoft gun.

Haysi Volunteer Fire Department Monthly Report

None.

**ITEM # XI - MAYOR COMMENTS**

Mayor Yates reported the following:

- Mayor Yates announced that Stone Mountain Clinic has a dentist back on staff and asked for everyone to help spread the news.
- Mayor Yates reported that he is continuing to work with the team regarding the Abandoned Mine Land project development. He will send the latest information to Council Member Billy Counts.
- Mayor Yates also reported that Trails Day was a successful and well received by the town and visitors.

**ITEM # XII - COUNCIL COMMENTS**

None.

**ITEM # XIII – RECESS**

There being no other business to be brought before the Council, a motion was made by Council Member Billy Counts seconded by Council Member Carter Branham to recess the meeting. Let the record show the motion was passed unanimously by verbal voting and the meeting was recessed.

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Larry D. Yates, Mayor

Attest:

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Clerk