

Town of Haysi  
Minutes of Regular Town Council Meeting  
January 8, 2019 @ 7:00 p.m.

On January 8, 2019, 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:  
William "Billy" Counts  
Susan Tiller  
Michael Harris  
Tim Wallace

ABSENT: Carter Branham

### **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 Chief George Wallace 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 # VI – APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

- December 4, 2018 Regular Town Council Meeting

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood and seconded by Council Member Billy Counts to approve the minutes of the meeting on December 4, 2018 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:

- December 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 Financial Report listing: beginning balance, revenue, expenditures and ending balance.
- November 29, 2018 through December 31, 2018 itemized listing of expenditures including checks # 14680-14742 & deposits
- November 29, 2018 through December 31, 2018 Profit & Loss Report
- Current payables to date for review

Mayor Yates asked for any questions regarding the financial report. Motion was made by Council Member Billy Counts seconded by Council Member Tim Wallace to approve the financial report. Let the record show the motion on the floor was passed unanimously by verbal voting.

**ITEM # VIII - NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**ITEM # IX – OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**ITEM # X – UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Police Department Monthly Report-Chief George Wallace (See Attachment)

Chief George Wallace allowed Assistant Chief Bobby Edwards to discuss last month's activity. Assistant Chief Edwards advised that there were more miles on the report due to a trip to Fort Campbell, Kentucky to pick up a new truck for the police department's use. The transmission is "gone" in the camo truck, so the department got a 1986 model truck with around 30,000 miles from the military. The Mayor commented that it was a nice truck. Chief Wallace added that the engine looks new. The Mayor suggested keeping the camo truck for spare parts for at least a few months. Assistant Chief Edwards stated that Chief Wallace and he used a lot of vacation time last month. Assistant Chief Edwards explained that the truck he drives incurred an expense for new tires due to the snow. Mayor Yates mentioned changing the tires on the newly acquired white truck since it has road tires, but he said it could be discussed at a later time.

Haysi Volunteer Fire Department Monthly Report

Chief Rocky Wood reported that the Haysi Volunteer Fire Department didn't have a lot of calls, but a lady burned her hand pretty bad at Centennial Heights due to a grease fire. Chief Wood reminded everyone not to use water on a grease fire. Mayor Yates asked if the lady required a visit to the emergency room. Chief Wood replied that she did. Chief Wood advised a gentleman came and demonstrated a battery operated Jaws of Life. Chief Wood

stated that the fire department plans to submit an application in May to the Rescue Squad Assistance Fund. Mayor Yates asked if the fire department liked the battery operated model. Chief Wood answered that they did because it was fast and there were a lot of good things about it, however, it was expensive. Chief Wood explained that the gentleman told him the demo model was sale, but the fire department would prefer to apply for funding to purchase a new one. Mayor Yates stated that the town would support their application.

#### **ITEM # XI - MAYOR COMMENTS**

Mayor Yates reported the following:

- Mayor Yates reported that the town has submitted a grant application to the Appalachian Regional Commission for the Russell Fork Trail Center Project. Mayor Yates added that the building would have to be flood proof, but Hill Studio worked with Building Inspector Chris Rakes and estimated that cost to be around \$45,000, which is part of the new budget. Flood proofing would consist of sealing the outside walls eight feet high, work to the crawl spaces, and door louvers. The allowable time to flood proof a building is ninety minutes.
- Mayor Yates advised that the town also assisted with a grant application from the Dickenson County Public Service Authority to the Appalachian Regional Commission to get water to Thunder River Campground. Mayor Yates commented that owner, Dean Hill has spent over half a million dollars on the property already.

Vice Mayor Rocky Wood asked about the situation regarding zero rise. Mayor Yates said that the town was waiting for approval on a Memorandum of Understanding between the Town of Haysi and Friends of Southwest Virginia. The approval from Attorney Stephen Mullins was received last week, so now the town can drawdown funds to pay LDA and Hill Studio to work on the Riverwalk Project. Mayor Yates stated that the community was supposed to be invited to a presentation of the Riverwalk concept tentatively set for tomorrow, but will be rescheduled. Mayor Yates asked Clerk Amanda Perrigan if she had a copy of the PowerPoint file. Clerk Perrigan answered that she did not, but David Hill had said that he would be present to give the presentation and answer questions. Mayor Yates stated that he was supposed to give the town a copy of the file, but may have forgotten. Vice Mayor Wood said that he was asking about the zero rise because he had recently gotten a lesson involving that topic. Mayor Yates explained that Building Inspector Rakes has encouraged the town to update the Flood Plain Ordinance since the Corp of Engineers may ask for it to be updated and some changes may beneficial if they are the same as the ones the county is making.

#### **ITEM # XII - COUNCIL COMMENTS**

None.

#### **ITEM # XIII – EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

**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.

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Larry D. Yates, Mayor

Attest:

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Clerk