

Town of Haysi  
Minutes of Regular Town Council Meeting  
August 2, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.

On August 2, 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. Motion was made by Council Member Billy Counts seconded by Council Member Michael Harris 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:

- July 5, 2022 Regular Town Council Meeting

Motion was made by Council Member Tim Wallace and seconded by Council Member Susan Tiller to approve the minutes of the meeting on July 5, 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:

- July 1, 2022 through July 29, 2022 Financial Report listing: beginning balance, revenue, expenditures and ending balance.
- July 1, 2022 through July 29, 2022 itemized listing of expenditures including checks # 16388-16403 & deposits
- July 1, 2022 through July 29, 2022 Profit & Loss Report
- Current payables to date for review

Motion was made by Council Member Tim Wallace seconded by Council Member Susan Tiller 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 Dickenson County Fair Committee

Mayor Yates welcomed Lisa Rowe to present the donation request. Ms. Rowe introduced herself as a representative from the Dickenson County Fair Committee. Ms. Rowe explained that the 2022 Dickenson County Fair would feature five days of entertainment at a cost of sixty-five thousand dollars, with twenty-five businesses donating. The programming includes local talent, gospel, the pink room nostalgia, up and coming singers, T.G. Sheppard, live animals, horse show, kids day, and beauty pageant. Ms. Rowe stated that their focus now was on marketing the fair, with a specific target to Buchanan County since they do not have a fair scheduled for 2022. Ms. Rowe also mentioned competition with the Washington County Fair during the same dates, but scheduling was due to ride availability. A general discussion was held about the Dickenson County Fair. Council Member Carter Branham suggested after review of upcoming agenda items, helping the Dickenson County Fair and Dickenson County Flood Relief instead of Buchanan County by giving each seven hundred and fifty dollars. Mayor Yates commented that the fair was beneficial economically to the town and he had seen more community involvement. Ms. Rowe advised that they were still looking for volunteers. Motion was made by Council Member Carter Branham seconded by Council Member Billy Counts to donate seven hundred fifty dollars to the Dickenson County Fair Committee. Let the record show the motion on the floor was passed by verbal voting, with Council Members Carter Branham, Susan Tiller, Billy Counts, and Michael Harris voting aye and Council Member Tim Wallace voting nay.

Mayor Yates brought up for discussion who the donation for Dickenson County Flood Relief should be given. Haysi Police Chief Bobby Edwards said that he asked Richard

Thacker the same question prior to the meeting and was told that the county was in the process of creating a 501c3 for that purpose. Motion was made by Council Member Carter Branham seconded by Council Member Billy Counts to donate seven hundred fifty dollars to the Dickenson County Flood Relief created 501c3. Let the record show the motion on the floor was passed unanimously by verbal voting.

**ITEM # IX – OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**ITEM # X – UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Police Department Monthly Report (See Attachment)

Chief Bobby Edwards advised that the report format had changed to reflect calls listed by officer. Chief Edwards said the calls were some of the roughest including two stolen cars, bank robbery, multiple motor vehicle accidents, and shots fired. Chief Edwards read off hours worked by each officer and advised that seventy-four and a half hours would be reimbursed by New Peoples Bank. Mayor Yates had a question regarding three warrants served calls. Chief Edwards answered that they were part of the drug indictments.

Haysi Volunteer Fire Department Monthly Report

Police Chief Bobby Edwards said that Chief Rocky Wood told him that the fire truck was being repaired for one hundred and six thousand dollars and the parts were on order.

**ITEM # XI - MAYOR COMMENTS**

Mayor Yates reported the following:

- Mayor Yates reported that Haysi’s Riverfront Trail Project was re-bid and the pre-bid conference was held last week. Bids are due on August 18 and there is another management team meeting tomorrow for the project.

**ITEM # XII - COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Council Member Carter Branham thanked Police Chief Bobby Edwards for his work and concern during the call that involved him last month. Council Member Susan Tiller also thanked Chief Edwards for his response to the library alarm.

Mayor Yates mentioned that he was working to arrange a visit with Nick Proctor from the Nature Conservancy on the mine portal closures. Mayor Yates indicated that there may be reclamation funding for abandoned mine land projects over the next ten years.

**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.

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Larry D. Yates, Mayor

Attest:

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Clerk