

Town of Haysi
Minutes of Regular Town Council Meeting
January 5, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m.

On January 5, 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
Vice Mayor Rocky Wood

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

ABSENT: None.

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 Vice Mayor Rocky Wood 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 Tim Wallace 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 1, 2020 Regular Town Council Meeting

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood and seconded by Council Member Tim Wallace to approve the minutes of the regular town council meeting on December 1, 2020 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, 2020 through December 31, 2020 Financial Report listing: beginning balance, revenue, expenditures and ending balance.
- November 25, 2020 through December 30, 2020 itemized listing of expenditures including checks # 15656-15721 & deposits
- November 25, 2020 through December 30, 2020 Profit & Loss Report
- Current payables to date for review

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood 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

None.

ITEM # IX – OLD BUSINESS

None.

ITEM # X – UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

Chief Bobby Edwards reported 27 calls for the month of December and added that nothing was notable on the report. Chief Edwards also provided an annual report and summarized the call number, hours worked, and miles driven. Chief Edwards advised that the Dodge Charger was sold to the Breaks Interstate Park for three thousand five hundred dollars. Chief Edwards said the town retained ownership of the radio, which is valued between five and six hundred dollars. Chief Edwards also advised that the second Tahoe was scheduled to be built on February 8 and hopefully delivered by the first of March. Chief Edwards reported that the police department had received the other Tahoe. Chief Edwards reported that his and Mayor Yates' credit cards had been compromised with fraudulent charges, which would be investigated by the state police. A general discussion was held about the fraudulent charges. Chief Edwards informed everyone that sealed bid are being accepted

for sale of the Impala and expects to sell the camo truck in the near future. Lastly, Chief Edwards reported that the tags had arrived for the white maintenance truck.

Haysi Volunteer Fire Department Monthly Report

Chief Rocky Wood reported eight motor vehicle accidents; four of which happened at one time in the same location on Turner Road, one call for a road lane blocked by debris, and vehicle fire. Chief Wood advised that the fire department had received their new truck, which is very nice and are waiting on supplies for it. Chief Wood explained that over eight thousand dollars' worth of supplies were purchased for it with CARES Act funding. Chief Wood reported that the fire department had also purchased new air packs for around thirty-one thousand dollars. Mayor Yates thanked both Police Chief Edwards and Fire Chief Wood for their work.

ITEM # XI - MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Yates reported the following:

- Mayor Yates thanked the employees and Haysi Town Council Members for the Christmas gifts.
- Mayor Yates again mentioned that the Dodge Charger was sold to the Breaks Interstate Park for three thousand five hundred dollars. Mayor Yates advised that the money would be used to pay off debt on the Silverado. Mayor Yates explained that the new Tahoe was debt free, but the Tahoe on order was purchased through a loan/grant from the United States Department of Agriculture. Chief Edwards said that the loan amount was around twelve thousand dollars. Mayor Yates stated that he did not want multiple debt payments.
- Mayor informed everyone that the CPROP Grant application for the Haysi Downtown Riverwalk Project was approved for two hundred thousand dollars. Mayor Yates stated that the town will partner with Friends of Southwest Virginia to manage the grant due to multiple funding sources on the project.
- Mayor reported that he continues to have regular meetings with the Corp of Engineers. Mayor Yates explained that the old theater building, which was planned for acquisition is eligible for flood proofing under a "buy up" option. He said that the town will move ahead with the project.
- Mayor Yates gave an update on the Riverfront Project. The town has close to one million dollars in grant funding for construction. The town recently placed an ad for comments on the Riverfront Project in the Bristol Herald Courier and received a nice letter from a lady in Abingdon.

Vice Mayor Rocky Wood asked about the demolition of the old Haysi High School building. Mayor Yates answered that the company should be back to start on the demolition anytime now. Vice Mayor Wood asked if they would block the road. Mayor Yates answered that he wasn't sure about that, but he would find out from E. Luke Green; the company contracted to perform the work. Vice Mayor Wood asked who

would own the property. Mayor Yates answered that the county owns the property, but the Dickenson County Industrial Development Authority may take ownership in an effort to develop it. A general discussion was held about the possibilities for the old Haysi High School property.

ITEM # XII - COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council Member Billy Counts asked about the tourism meeting with Elkhorn City. Mayor Yates said that they wanted to coordinate a bike race, but the town would need help and people to organize it. Council Member Billy Counts commented that Elkhorn City seemed to be “piggybacking” off Haysi’s ideas. Mayor Yates advised that Kirsten Deel had resigned as Economic Development/Special Events Coordinator for the town with no hard feelings; she didn’t have the time needed to devote to the position. Mayor Yates said the town may look to hire someone with the next month.

ITEM # XIII – 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 Tim Wallace 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