

Town of Haysi  
Minutes of Regular Town Council Meeting  
April 5, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.

On April 5, 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  
Vice Mayor Rocky Wood

Council Members:  
Michael Harris  
Carter Branham  
William "Billy" Counts  
Tim Wallace  
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 Vice Mayor Rocky Wood to approve the agenda as presented. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting.

### **ITEM #V – PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Yates asked Town Clerk Amanda Perrigan to read the following Public Comment Policy out loud:

A Public Comment Period will be held during the regular Town Council monthly meetings, during Special Called meetings, and Public Hearings. The Public Comment period will be on the agenda for the meeting. The Town Council asks that speakers only comment on the items listed on the Agenda for the Town Council meeting or Special Called meeting and only comment on the specific reason for the Public Hearing. All

comments made during the Public Comment period shall be subject to the following procedures:

- 1.) Anyone who wishes to make a statement during the Public Comment period will register on a sign-up sheet available 30 minutes before the start of the meeting.
- 2.) Persons who have signed the register to speak shall be taken in the order in which they are listed.
- 3.) Persons addressing the Town Council are asked to limit their comments to 3 minutes.
- 4.) Speakers will be acknowledged by Mayor Larry Yates in the order in which their names appear on the sign-up sheet. Speakers shall stand at their seat to address the Council and not approach the Mayor or Town Council members. Speakers will start their comment by stating their name and address.
- 5.) Speakers will direct comments at the Town Council as a whole and not to individuals. Public Comment is not intended to require the Town Council to provide any answer to the speaker right away. Discussions between speakers and members of the audience will not be allowed.
- 6.) Speakers will be courteous in their language, tone, and presentation.
- 7.) Only one speaker will be acknowledged at a time. If a large number of people are present to register concerns about the same subject, it is suggested that they might be acknowledged as a unified group and a designated speaker will cover the various points.
- 8.) In the event that there are more people who wish to speak than can be accommodated in the 30 minutes set aside for public comment, the Town Council may extend the period, delay it until the rest of the agenda has been completed, or continue it to the next regular council meeting.

The first person signed up for Public Comment was Joseph Boyd of 227 Haysi Main Street, Haysi, Virginia. Mr. Boyd stated his name and address. Mr. Boyd said that Clerk Amanda Perrigan was listed as the town's FOIA officer and he has forwarded an email response that he received from her about the meeting notices and minutes to the FOIA Council for clarification because he was not in agreement with her reply.

The second person signed up for Public Comment was Brenda Ramey of 2027 Rose Ridge, Clintwood, Virginia. Mrs. Ramey introduced herself as President of the Haysi-Clinchco Lions Club. Mrs. Ramey advised that the club was resuming the Community Easter Egg Hunt after two years without it due to the pandemic. Mrs. Ramey presented a donation request for five hundred dollars, which has also been requested of the town of Clinchco. Mayor Yates asked Clerk Perrigan about the donation request forms. Clerk Perrigan answered that they had trouble locating a printer, so they brought the forms with them tonight and they were passed around for review. Mrs. Ramey also advised that the location had been changed to the field at Sandlick Elementary School. Mrs. Ramey thanked the Haysi Town Council for their consideration of the donation request. Mayor Yates pointed

out that their request stated that the event served over three hundred attendees in the past. Council Member Billy Counts asked about the Breaks Easter Egg Hunt. Mrs. Ramey said that she didn't know anything about it this year. Council Member Counts said that the one held by the Haysi-Clinchco Lions Club may be the only one in the county. A general discussion was held about the club. Motion was made by Council Member Billy Counts seconded by Council Member Susan Tiller to approve the five hundred dollar donation request from the Haysi-Clinchco Lions Club for the Community Easter Egg Hunt. Let the record show the motion on the floor was passed by verbal voting with Vice Mayor Rocky Wood and Council Members Susan Tiller, and Michael Harris voting aye and Council Member Tim Wallace voting nay. The event will begin at eleven o'clock on April 16. Mrs. Melissa Charles advised that the club was purchasing pizza for the event from Haysi. Mrs. Ramey thanked the Haysi Town Council for the donation.

#### **ITEM # VI – APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

- March 1, 2022 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 March 1, 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:

- March 1, 2022 through March 31, 2022 Financial Report listing: beginning balance, revenue, expenditures and ending balance.
- February 24, 2022 through March 31, 2022 itemized listing of expenditures including checks # 16224-16272 & deposits
- February 24, 2022 through March 31, 2022 Profit & Loss Report
- Current payables to date for review

Mayor Yates asked Clerk Amanda Perrigan if she had anything to say regarding the financial report. Clerk Perrigan advised that the town's audit was scheduled to be presented at the next meeting. 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 (See Attachment)

Chief Bobby Edwards reported twenty-one calls for the month of February. Chief Edwards noted that the part time officers had more hours worked last month. Chief Edwards advised that he and J.R. Stanley had a week long training for crisis intervention, which was a requirement for one of the grants the department had been awarded. The animal control issue on Fearls Branch has been resolved, but the one above the funeral home had not been. Chief Edwards said it was outside the department’s jurisdiction and the county had been contacted. Chief Edwards said there was three wanted person arrests that pertained to drugs and drunk in public.

Haysi Volunteer Fire Department Monthly Report

Chief Rocky Wood reported sixteen calls including: one ATV accident, one power line, five motor vehicle accidents, five brush fires, one landing zone, and three Viers Medical Clinic fires. A general discussion was held about the burning at the Viers Medical Clinic, which should be concluded.

**ITEM # XII - MAYOR COMMENTS**

Mayor Yates reported the following:

- Mayor Yates reported that he was working with Appalachian Voices to identify property owners. Mayor Yates said he has taken photos and GPS coordinates of seven mine portals that were not identified in the databases at the Department of Mines, Minerals, and Energy. A team from DMME will review it before a project can be established, but a zoom meeting is scheduled for Friday to discuss it. Council Member Billy Counts will join the zoom meeting.
- Mayor Yates reminded everyone about the 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of Haysi’s Ridgeview Trail Event on April 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Mayor Yates reported that he attended the Cumberland Plateau Planning District meeting last week and broadband deployment for our area was still being addressed.

**ITEM # XIII - COUNCIL COMMENTS**

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