

Town of Haysi
Minutes of Regular Town Council Meeting
July 7, 2020 @ 7:00 p.m.

On July 7, 2020, 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
William "Billy" Counts

ABSENT: Carter Branham
Susan Tiller

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 Vice Mayor Rocky Wood 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 - 2020-2021 RE-ORGANIZATION

Mayor Yates stated that the purpose of the annual re-organization was to choose the Vice Mayor, set the meeting date, time, and location. Motion was made by Council Member Billy Counts and seconded by Council Member Rocky Wood to continue Council Member Rocky Wood's appointment as Vice Mayor and to hold the Town Council Meetings on the first Tuesday of the month at seven o'clock in the evening with the alternate meeting on the second Tuesday of the month at seven o'clock in the evening at the Haysi Town Hall. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting.

ITEM #VI – PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ITEM # VII – APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

- June 2, 2020 Public Hearing
- June 2, 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 public hearing and the regular town council meeting on June 2, 2020 as presented. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting.

ITEM # VIII – FINANCIAL REPORT

At this time the council was presented for approval the following:

- June 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020 Financial Report listing: beginning balance, revenue, expenditures and ending balance.
- May 28, 2020 through June 30, 2020 itemized listing of expenditures including checks # 15406-15468 & deposits
- May 28, 2020 through June 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 # IX - NEW BUSINESS

USDA Loan Resolution

Prior to the meeting council had received for consideration of approval a copy of the USDA Loan Resolution. Mayor Yates summarized the document, pointing out the amount of loan at twelve thousand five hundred dollars and the amount of grant at thirty-seven thousand three hundred dollars. Motion was made by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood seconded by Council Member Billy Counts to approve the USDA Loan Resolution. Mayor Yates asked for a roll call vote:

Wm. “Billy” Brice Counts	Yes	Michael Harris	Yes
Tim Wallace	Yes	Rocky Wood	Yes

Let the record show the motion on the floor was passed unanimously by verbal voting.

USDA Code of Conduct

Mayor Yates read the following Code of Conduct document:

This written code of conduct will govern the performance of all officers, employees or agents engaged in the award and administration of contracts supported by Rural Development administered funds. No employee, officer, or agent of the Town of Haysi, Virginia shall participate in the selection; award or administration of a contract supported by the Rural Development administered funds if a conflict of interest, real or apparent, would be involved. None of the above-mentioned officers, employees or agents will accept anything of monetary value from contractors, potential contractors or parties for sub-agreements. Violation of this code shall result in penalties, sanctions, and other disciplinary actions as permitted by state and local laws and regulations.

Motion was made by Council Member Billy Counts seconded by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood to approve the USDA Code of Conduct. Let the record show the motion on the floor was passed unanimously by verbal voting.

CARES Act County Funding

Mayor Yates stated that the town need to take action to allow the town to receive CARES Act funding through Dickenson County. Mayor Yates advised that the funding was for hazard pay, sanitation supplies, and sanitation equipment. Motion was made by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood seconded by Council Member Billy Counts to approve the CARES Act Funding from Dickenson County. Let the record show the motion on the floor was passed unanimously by verbal voting.

Mutual Aid Agreement

Prior to the meeting council had received for consideration of approval a copy of the Mutual Aid Agreement. Police Chief Bobby Edwards advised that the last time the town had a mutual aid agreement with the Dickenson County Sheriff's office was in 2004 under Sheriff Bobby Hammons. The agreement was provided by the state for mutual aid inside the town of Haysi and Dickenson County. Motion was made by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood seconded by Council Member Billy Counts to approve the Mutual Aid Agreement as presented. Mayor Yates advised that the agreement included language for assistance in emergencies and disasters. Let the record show the motion on the floor was passed unanimously by verbal voting.

ITEM # X – OLD BUSINESS

None.

ITEM # XI – UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

Chief Bobby Edwards read off the hours worked for the month of June on the Police Department Report. Chief Edwards advised that he had ran into issues with officers working the needed hours for the town, so the police department is looking to hire a new part time officer to get the required hours covered. Chief Edwards also advised that the grant for another officer has been turned down. Chief Edwards reported that the ATV was down due to a manufacturer recall. Chief Edwards explained that the part had been ordered, but many ATV's had the same recall. Vice Mayor Rocky Wood stated that the forestry department was dealing with the same situation. Chief Edwards said that the dealership has agreed to move the town's ATV to the top of the list due to EMS status. Chief Edwards also said that Clinchco Fire Department's ATV was down too because it is the same type, but he hopes to have it back in time for the UTV Takeover. Chief Edwards advised that the winning bid for the new vehicle was a 2021 Chevrolet Tahoe from Johnson Chevrolet. Chief Edwards stated that he is still gathering bids on the EMS package, but delivery of the Tahoe is still eight weeks out.

Haysi Volunteer Fire Department Monthly Report

Chief Rocky Wood reported a slow month with two motor vehicle accidents. Chief Wood said that he learned the department was a licensed EMS responder, but since they were not notified in December at the time when licensed; they had gotten out of compliance. Chief Wood said that they were getting fingerprints and Police Chief Bobby Edwards had submitted the run sheet. Chief Wood advised that Chief Edwards truck was certified and they were trying to get another vehicle certified. Chief Wood stated that the department wanted to buy another vehicle with fire program funds, as a straight cash purchase. Chief Wood explained that the fire department was a call selective first responder to help the community and the rescue squad. Mr. Terry Bartley stated that the rescue squad had a hard time over the past year getting calls covered. Chief Wood added that the fire department was working on some other items, but he didn't want to disclose those at this time. Mayor Yates commented that it was part of economic development for the area too. Chief Wood commented about increasing tourism and noted that the fire department was cooperating with Buchanan County on the UTV Takeover. Chief Wood stated that the fire department would provide escort to the Breaks Interstate Park, Thunder River Campground, and the Mountain Top Campground at night. Mayor Yates advised that more trails were being developed. Chief Wood asked about Chris Sturgill with Spearhead Trails. Mayor Yates answered that Mr. Sturgill had been gone about a year, but he was not replaced; his duties were divided among existing employees. Mayor Yates added that the Nature Conservancy didn't want any more motorized trails right now, so the focus is on the development of non-motorized trails. A general discussion was held about Spearhead Trails.

ITEM # XII - MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Yates reported the following:

- Mayor Yates said that he appreciated everyone’s work and reported that the Haysi Town Hall had resumed normal business hours. Mayor Yates said he was happy to report that the town hall had stayed open the entire time.

ITEM # XIII - COUNCIL COMMENTS

Vice Mayor Rocky Wood asked if Joe Boyd had responded. Attorney Taylor Hay answered that Mr. Boyd had contacted her, but she knew that he had an attorney, so forwarded the information to Mr. Boyd’s attorney. Attorney Hay stated that obviously the property has been unblocked. Mayor Yates said that he made Mr. Boyd the offer discussed at the previous council meeting, but Mr. Boyd didn’t want to take the deal and still opened the property back up for use. A general discussion was held about Joe Boyd’s property.

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 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