

Town of Haysi
Minutes of Regular Town Council Meeting
August 4, 2015 @ 7:00 p.m.

On August 4, 2015, 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

Barry Whitt

Tim Wallace

William "Billy" Counts

ABSENT: Council Member 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 the Council to add Recreational Trails Program Resolution under Old Business with the DCR Riverfront Grant. Motion was made by Council Member Barry Whitt seconded by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood to approve the agenda as amended. 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 7, 2015 Regular Town Council Meeting

Motion was made by Council Member Billy Counts and seconded by Council Member Barry Whitt to approve the minutes of the July 7, 2015 Regular Town Council Meeting 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, 2015 through July 29, 2015 Financial Report listing: beginning balance, revenue, expenditures and ending balance.
- July 1, 2015 through July 29, 2015 itemized listing of expenditures including checks # 12881-12905 & deposits
- July 1, 2015 through July 29, 2015 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

Local VFW Post

Mayor Yates asked for a representative from the Local VFW Post, but no one came forward.

Partnership with the Town of St. Paul for Main Street Grant

Mayor Yates stated that since the creation of the agenda he had been told that the Town of Haysi is not eligible for this grant.

ITEM # IX – OLD BUSINESS

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

Assistant Chief Edwards reported twenty-nine calls for the month of July and said that the only item worth noting on the report was a larceny at the sewer plant. \$3,500 worth of wire to the sewer pump was stolen with the use of bolt cutters. Mayor Yates asked if the line was “live?” Assistant Chief Edwards said that he didn’t know, but didn’t think that the pump it was stolen from was used much. Assistant Chief Edwards reviewed the hours and miles driven for each employee of the Haysi Police Department on the July Report. Overall, Assistant Edwards reported that it was a slow month. He also said that one car was in the garage because it was pouring antifreeze from the exhaust. Mayor Yates stated that the Crown Victoria was a good car and he is currently waiting on a report for it. Vice Mayor Rocky Wood asked if the Dodge recall would affect the police department’s Charger. Assistant Chief Edwards said that he wasn’t sure, but he would call Dodge to find out since

the recall was large; covering models from 2009-2014. The police department's Charger is a 2012 model. Mayor Yates said that the town had not received a notice in the mail, but Assistant Chief Edwards should be able to check the website with the VIN number to see if the vehicle is affected by the recall. The town should know about the result of the VML Risk Management Grant application by October 15, 2015.

Community Development Block Grant – Streetscape Project

Mayor Yates said that the project is winding down with the close of the grant in October. Clerk Amanda Perrigan completed another drawdown last week. A letter of the Notice of Award was sent to Paisley Kerr and the contract is being prepared. Mayor Yates said that a new water main is needed for the old theater building of either four or six inch, which would result in digging up the alley, sidewalk, and street. Mayor Yates advised that Attorney Derrick Yates is working on the easements for that project.

DCR Riverfront Grant

Mayor Yates stated that the grant application is due at two o'clock in the afternoon on Thursday, August 6, 2015. The pool of money increased this year for the grant funds available. Mayor Yates advised that the town is applying for \$250,000, which would complete two-thirds of the trail.

Recreational Trails Program Resolution

Mayor Yates said a resolution needed to be included with the application. Mayor Yates read the following Resolution:

A resolution authorizing application(s) for federal funding assistance from the Recreational Trails Program to the Virginia Department of Conservation & Recreation (DCR) as provided by the Federal Highway Administration of the U.S. Department of Transportation.

WHEREAS, under the provisions of RTP, federal funding assistance is requested to aid in financing the cost of the construction and/or rehabilitation of recreational trails and trail related facilities,

WHEREAS, Town of Haysi considers it in the best public interest to complete the Riverfront recreational trail project described in the preliminary application and proposal description and environmental screening application;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that:

1. The Mayor be authorized to make formal application to DCR for funding assistance;
2. Any fund assistance received be used for implementation and completion of Riverfront Trail – Phase One within the specified timeframe;

3. Town of Haysi hereby certifies that project funding is committed and will be derived from;

- (1) Virginia Community Development Block Grant - \$34,400.00
- (2) Town of Haysi/Indiana State University – Volunteer labor - \$17,678
- (3) Town of Haysi/Local Landowners – Donated Easements - \$5,760
- (4) Town of Haysi – Line of Credit - \$250,000

4. We acknowledge that we are responsible for supporting all non-cash commitments to this project should they not materialize;

5. We are aware that the grant, if approved by the Federal Highway Administration, will be paid on an 80-20 reimbursement basis. This means we may only request payment after eligible and allowable costs have already been paid and remitted to our vendors and evidence of such has been provided to DCR in the format required by the project agreement.

6. This resolution becomes part of a formal application to the Virginia Department of Conservation & Recreation;

7. We acknowledge that we are responsible for compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act, Endangered Species Act, Historic Preservation Act and all applicable state and federal laws provided appropriate opportunity for public comment on this application

8. We acknowledge that appropriate opportunity for public comment has been provided on this application and evidence of such is a required component for approval.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood seconded by Council Member Billy Counts to approve the Recreational Trails Program Resolution. Mayor Yates called for a roll call vote. Council Members Barry Whitt, Billy Counts, Michael Harris, Tim Wallace and Vice Mayor Rocky Wood voted aye. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting.

Marsh Blood Drive

Mayor Yates said that letters detailing the success of the blood drive were included in the council's board packs. Twenty-three citizens attempted to give blood and 19 of those were able to donate, which could save up to 54 lives. Mayor Yates said that the town has not committed to host another drive, but hasn't closed the door for the opportunity either. Mayor Yates thanked all everyone who participated in the blood drive last month.

ITEM # X - MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Yates reported the following:

- At the SRRA meeting the Mayor attended the night before it was reported that issue with the gas well crossings are being worked through. It may be October before the application for construction funds can be submitted. TerraTech is working on the project. Dickenson County has waited over seven years for a trail and supported the initiative with \$10,000 each year, so Mayor Yates advised everyone to encourage their supervisor to oversee follow through of the project.

Council Member Billy Counts mentioned the Elected Officials Dinner to be held on August 18, 2015 at Mountain Empire Community College. Mayor Yates invited the council members to coordinate with Clerk Amanda Perrigan if they wanted to attend.

ITEM # XI - COUNCIL COMMENTS

Vice Mayor Rocky Wood said that he wanted to encourage the community to come to the Dickenson County Fair. Vice Mayor Wood stated that he had been told that some individuals in the county were interested in moving the fair toward Clintwood. Vice Mayor Wood said that the community needed to try to keep the fair in Haysi. The Dickenson County Board of Supervisors has the ability to choose the location of the fair. Mayor Yates added that the Haysi Kiwanis has invested a lot of money and time into the current location.

Attorney Derrick Yates is working toward getting the fence repair.

Mayor Yates advised that the street lights were ordered last week with an eight week estimated lead time. Mayor Yates suggested that the council hold a special called meeting to discuss how to spend the remaining \$34,400 on the streetscape later in the month.

Council Member Barry Whitt mentioned that the sewer line was being rerouted near his house. Mayor Yates said that it was part of a rehabilitation project from around the New Road Trade Center to the man hole. Mayor Yates asked Assistant Chief Edwards to make sure that the company had obtained a 2015 Merchant License from the town.

Assistant Chief Edwards asked if the Haysi High School property had been turned back over to the Dickenson County Board of Supervisors. Mayor Yates said that it had not taken place yet, but may in September. The Ridgeview School Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will be held on Friday at three o'clock in the afternoon.

Council Member Barry Whitt said that he saw on the news that Bristol had received a grant for children to receive two meals a day. Mayor Yates said that the community had been looking for grants and asked if the recipient was Bristol, Virginia or Bristol, Tennessee. Vice Mayor Wood said that he thought it was Bristol, Tennessee. Mayor Yates said that he planned to attend the Dickenson County School Board Meeting in September for a project that would provide free clothes to needy children. Mayor Yates also added that attention needed to be brought to the Haysi Elementary School since the Ridgeview School would be opened.

ITEM # XII – 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 Barry Whitt 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