

Town of Haysi  
Minutes of Regular Town Council Meeting  
May 8, 2018 @ 7:00 p.m.

On May 8, 2018, 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

Susan Tiller

Tim Wallace

William "Billy" Counts

ABSENT: Carter Branham  
Vice Mayor Rocky Wood

### **ITEMS # I, II, & III**

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Larry D. Yates at 7:00 p.m. The Invocation was held by Chief George Wallace and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### **ITEM # IV - APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

At this time Mayor Yates requested that the April 3, 2018 Budget Workshop Minutes and April 3, 2018 Public Hearing Minutes be added under Approval of the Minutes to the agenda. Mayor Yates mentioned that he considered requesting to add Executive Session pursuant to VA Code Section 2.23711A1 for Personnel under Unfinished Business to the agenda, but since two Council Members were absent he wanted their thoughts as to move forward with the discussion at tonight's meeting, holding a meeting on a different date, or meeting early at the next regular meeting. Mayor Yates added that the budget didn't have to be passed until June 30, 2018. Mayor Yates stated that he could call the absent members or meet with them individually to discuss what happened in Executive Session if held. Council Member Susan Tiller suggested that Executive Session be added to the agenda as requested. Motion was made by Council Member Billy Counts seconded by Council Member Susan Tiller 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:

- April 3, 2018 Regular Town Council Meeting
- April 3, 2018 Budget Workshop
- April 3, 2018 Public Hearing

Motion was made by Council Member Billy Counts and seconded by Council Member Susan Tiller to approve the minutes of the all three meetings on April 3, 2018 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:

- April 1, 2018 through April 30, 2018 Financial Report listing: beginning balance, revenue, expenditures and ending balance.
- March 29, 2018 through April 30, 2018 itemized listing of expenditures including checks # 14343-14403 & deposits
- March 29, 2018 through April 30, 2018 Profit & Loss Report
- Current payables to date for review

Motion was made by Council Member Billy Counts seconded by Council Member Tim Wallace to approve the financial report. Let the record show the motion on the floor was passed unanimously by verbal voting.

#### **ITEM # VIII - NEW BUSINESS**

##### Disposal of Surplus Property

Mayor Yates asked Assistant Chief Bobby Edwards to give the details on the surplus property matter. Assistant Chief Edwards explained that the town got a John Deere Gator at the same time the Fire Department got their trailer last year, which the town invested around five hundred dollars into. Now, however, the town has a new ATV to use and no longer needs the Gator. Assistant Chief Edwards continued that the town also has a gas powered John Deere Gator that was donated by Clinchco Fire Department. Assistant Chief Edwards asked if the town would be interested in auctioning both of the Gators, allow James to use, or give the one back to Clinchco Fire Department. Mayor Yates commented that the town sold the very first ATV. Assistant Chief Edwards stated that it sold for nine hundred dollars. Mayor Yates asked what type of ATV it was. Assistant Chief Edwards answered that it was a Polaris Rancher. Council Member Billy Counts asked if it was sold through the Gov Deals website. Assistant Chief Edwards answered that it did well on auction through Gov Deals because the town only had invested about one hundred dollars

in it. Assistant Chief Edwards recommended that the town take the battery though. Mayor Yates asked if Clincho Fire Department would want the Gator donated from them back. Assistant Chief Edwards replied that he wasn't sure that they would care because the Gator had transmission issues. He noted that the diesel powered Gator runs good. Mayor Yates advised that the town doesn't have adequate storage space. Council Member Billy Counts commented to check with Clincho Fire Department to see if they want the Gator they donated back and if not then auction it. Assistant Chief Edwards asked for direction on the other Gator. Mayor Yates recommended that the gas powered Gator would be offered back to Clincho Department first and if they don't want it, then auction both Gators. Mayor Yates also mentioned that James has a good truck for use. Motion was made by Council Member Susan Tiller seconded by Council Member Billy Counts to allow the Haysi Police Department to auction surplus property, specifically the John Deere Gators, according to the recommendations in the preceding discussion. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting.

### **ITEM # IX – OLD BUSINESS**

#### 2018-2019 Budget

Mayor Yates said the matters needed to be discussed would be done in Executive Session.

### **ITEM # X – UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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

Chief George Wallace reported twenty-seven calls on the April, which was down a little from normal. Chief Wallace stated that there was a big variety including traffic hazards involving the large trucks traveling to the Kiwanis for the AEP project. A general discussion was held about the equipment and gravel. There was a call that reported shots fired on Caney Ridge, but there was nothing to it since the person that mistakenly reported it was "methed out." Mayor Yates asked about the shots fired on Tildy Branch on April 25. Chief Wallace said that Assistant Chief Bobby Edwards, Office Brent Wallace, and himself responded to a call that started as a welfare check, but deputies thought someone shot at them. The lady that fired the weapon was "stoned" and barely missed the officers, which was a dangerous situation. Chief Wallace summarized several other calls including a couple of suspicious vehicle calls, ATV accident, shoplifting at Dollar General, and breaking and entering at the old Haysi High School building. Mayor Yates asked for Chief Wallace to give a report on his car. Chief Wallace said the dealership told him a price and sent the information to the manufacturer in Detroit, which has since been assigned to a new case worker. Chief Wallace said that they are supposed to let him know something soon. The cam is out and all associated parts, the car is under warranty based on the mileage, but over on the time allowance by six months. Chief Wallace said he was told that the manufacturer has a good record of helping police departments, but the cost is estimated at \$4,800 right now. Mayor Yates asked if it would be a total rebuild. Chief Wallace answered that it would be and hopes they will take care of the cost. Mayor Yates stated that there needed to be a warranty on the work once completed. Assistant Chief Edwards mentioned

checking on the possibility of getting another grant with the United States Department of Agriculture’s Rural Development program for a vehicle, while still paying for the truck. Mayor Yates replied that he spoke with Mr. Dwight Pierson, but wanted to get the truck taken care of first. Assistant Chief Edwards will call Mr. Pierson to check the possibility and Mayor Yates will check on some other funding sources. Mayor Yates asked about a program with the Department of Criminal Justice Services for that. Assistant Chief Edwards explained that since the Haysi Police Department is not a certified Crime Prevention Agency that we are now “pushed down the list” after the last grant class. Mayor Yates asked about the accreditation. Assistant Chief Edwards estimated that it would probably end up costing around three thousand dollars to overcome their new restrictions and regulations. Mayor Yates stated that if it opened grant opportunities for the department then it may be worth the investment. Mayor Yates advised that he inspected the equipment at the playground and he asked Chief Wallace if Officer Brent Wallace did. Chief Wallace replied that he had not, but the base is solid. Mayor Yates said that he thought the equipment may be able to be fixed, but he would need to inspect it more. Chief Wallace will have Officer Brent Wallace inspect it. Chief Wallace reported that the Ford Explorer needed a new battery and the battery from the Crown Victoria didn’t last. Chief Wallace said that New Road Trade Center told him that the alternator was not producing enough to charge the battery. Mayor Yates asked if New Road did an amp test. Chief Wallace replied that he did not, but said a new alternator would be one hundred fifty dollars. Assistant Chief Edwards made the comment that he had to boost the Explorer after every weekend when he drove it regularly. Mayor Yates instructed the police department to have the alternator replaced.

Haysi Volunteer Fire Department Monthly Report-Chief Rocky Wood

None.

Executive Session

Motion was made by Council Member Susan Tiller and seconded by Council Member Billy Counts to adjourn into Executive Session pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711A1 for the discussion of Personnel. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting.

Only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under this chapter, and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard discussed or considered in the meeting by the public body.

Mayor Yates asked for a roll call vote to certify the statement:

Wm. “Billy” Brice Counts	Yes	Michael Harris	Yes
Tim Wallace	Yes	Susan Tiller	Yes

Upon motion made by Council Member Susan Tiller and seconded by Council Member Billy Counts the Council was now convened in Open Session. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting.

**ITEM # XI - MAYOR COMMENTS**

None.

**ITEM # XII - COUNCIL COMMENTS**

None.

**ITEM # XIII - ADJOURNMENT**

There being no other business to be brought before the Council, a motion was made by Council Member Susan Tiller 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