

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

On July 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
Tim Wallace
Susan Tiller

ABSENT: Carter Branham
William “Billy” Counts

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 Michael Harris to approve the agenda as presented. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting.

ITEM #V - 2022-2023 RE-ORGANIZATION

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

ITEM #VI – 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 Shelia Wallace of 109 Minnie Wallace Lane, Haysi, Virginia. Mrs. Wallace stated that she wanted to present a donation request for the Ridgeview Little League since the team had qualified for the state competition on Thursday. Mrs. Wallace explained that the team of eleven- to twelve-year-old boys had been undefeated for the season. The competition is scheduled to begin July 14, in Newport News. Mrs. Wallace said most of the team consisted of boys from Sandlick Elementary

School. Mayor Yates questioned the number of the team because the number served on the donation request form was answered as fifty. Mrs. Wallace answered eleven players plus their families. Vice Mayor Rocky Wood asked for the amount requested. Mrs. Wallace answered two-thousand dollars. Mayor Yates asked about families contributing to the cost. Mrs. Wallace answered that the families would have to contribute. Mayor Yates asked how much funding they had available thus far. Mrs. Wallace answered they had around three thousand five hundred dollars, which was about half of what was needed. There is a baseball tournament and fishing tournament planned this weekend as fundraisers. Mayor Yates stated that the town's fiscal year had just begun and how much was budgeted for donations. Clerk Amanda Perrigan answered that she thought it was three thousand dollars for the entire year. A general discussion was held about the way the state competition would work. Motion was made by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood seconded by Council Member Susan Tiller to approve a donation to the Ridgeview Little League for six hundred dollars. Mayor Yates called for a roll call vote. 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.

ITEM # VII – APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

- June 7, 2022 Public Hearing for 2021-2022 Budget Amendment Ordinance
- June 7, 2022 Public Hearing for 2022-2023 Budget Ordinance
- June 7, 2022 Regular Town Council Meeting
- June 14, 2022 Continuation of the June Meeting

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood and seconded by Council Member Tim Wallace to approve the minutes of the June 7, 2022 Public Hearings and the meeting on June 7, 2022 and June 14, 2022 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, 2022 through June 30, 2022 Financial Report listing: beginning balance, revenue, expenditures and ending balance.
- June 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022 itemized listing of expenditures including checks # 16353-16387 & deposits
- June 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022 Profit & Loss Report
- Current payables to date for review

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood 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 # IX - NEW BUSINESS

Donation Request from Ridgeview Little League

Mayor Yates said that the item would be tabled since a representative was not in attendance to make the request and answer questions.

VA Wildlife Management

Mayor Yates welcomed Seth Thompson. Mr. Thompson introduced himself as the District Wildlife Biologist for our area. Mr. Thompson gave a power point presentation on bears that details the responsibilities for the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources and the public. Mr. Thompson said he also had a presentation on bear biology that he would be happy to share as well. Mayor Yates thanked Mr. Thompson for his time and the information.

Motor Vehicle Code Ordinance

Mayor Yates read the following Motor Vehicle Code Ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTED BY THE TOWN OF HAYSI TOWN COUNCIL TO ENACT AND AMEND CERTAIN LAWS AND ORDINANCES PREVIOUSLY ADOPTED UNDER TITLE 46.2 OF THE CODE OF VIRGINIA, 1950, AS AMENDED, COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS THE MOTOR VEHICLE CODE

WHEREAS, in accordance to the powers given to it by its Town Charter and applicable State more particularly Title 15.2 and Title 46.2 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, the Town of Haysi by and through its governing body the Haysi Town Council desires to reenact Title 46. 2 of the Virginia Code 1950, as amended effective with any and all amendments made during the 2022 legislative session by the Virginia General Assembly and signed into law by the Governor of Virginia.

NOW BE IT THEREFORE ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE TOWN OF HAYSI, that the Town Council, the duly governing body for the Town of Haysi, Virginia hereby **ENACTS** and **ADOPTS** this **ORDINANCE** which has the effect of adopting as **ORDINANCES** of the Town of Haysi all provisions and sections as set forth in Title 46.2 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended by the Virginia General Assembly and signed into the law by the Governor of the Commonwealth that become effective July 1, 2022 and that the officers of the Town shall be permitted in their discretion to issue summons and or warrants as may be necessary and as the law allows and that said fines, if any from said violations shall be paid by the District and Circuit Courts to the Town of Haysi.

IT IS FURTHER DIRECTED that a copy of this **ORDINANCE** upon adoption be placed among the Town’s Ordinances and an attested copy shall be filed by the Town

Clerk with the District Court Clerk and the Circuit Court Clerk's for Dickenson County, Virginia.

THIS ORDINANCE shall be effective July 1, 2022.

Mayor Yates called for a roll call vote to adopt the Motor Vehicle Code Ordinance. Let the record show the motion on the floor was passed unanimously by verbal voting with Vice Mayor Rocky Wood and Council Members Susan Tiller, Michael Harris, and Tim Wallace voting aye.

ITEM # X – OLD BUSINESS

2020-2021 Audit Report from Rodefer, Moss, & Co. PLLC

Mayor Yates welcomed Tamara Greear with Rodefer, Moss, & Co to present the town's audit report. Copies of the Audit Report were given to the Haysi Town Council before the meeting began. Mrs. Greear started explaining the audit report beginning with the "Independent Auditor's Report", the town received an unmodified, clean opinion. Mrs. Greear gave a summary of page four "Statement of Net Position" and pointed out that the town's assets and liabilities, which reflect the Virginia Retirement System. Mrs. Greear reviewed page five "Statement of Activities," which she advised was a good tool for budgeting. Mrs. Greear reviewed page six "Balance Sheet" and page eight "Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances." Mrs. Greear advised that on page thirty-five and thirty-six was information regarding the coming standards and pointed out that accounting would be required for all town leases. Mrs. Greear explained the findings on the internal control report. Separation of duties, which the town has listed every year, but due to the town's small size that finding can't go away. She informed the Town Council that the only way to change that portion of the report is to hire more people where separation of duties can be implemented. Mayor Yates stated his appreciation for Mrs. Greear's work with the town.

ITEM # XI – UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Police Department Monthly Report (See Attachment)

Chief Bobby Edwards reported eleven calls for the month of June and read the hours worked. Chief Edwards stated that he had been busy working on grants including an infrastructure grant with Dickenson County. Chief Edwards reported that since the town had been unable to hire another full-time certified officer that an offer had been made to J.R. Stanley to work twenty-nine hours a week with a promotion to Assistant Chief and a pay increase. This change will allow the police department to have coverage all but two days each month.

Haysi Volunteer Fire Department Monthly Report

Chief Rocky Wood reported eight motor vehicle accidents, four structure fires, three road hazards, and three landing zones. There is no update on the frame assessment for the truck in Roanoke.

ITEM # XII - MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Yates reported the following:

- Mayor Yates reported that he is continuing to have regular meeting on the Russell Fork Trail Center. The Mayor met with the engineer for the roof, but they still haven't found a contractor to complete the demolition.
- Mayor Yates said that the invitation for bids on Haysi's Riverfront Trail Project is ready to be advertised again.
- Mayor Yates also reported that he met with the Virginia Department of Transportation regarding the town's Business Professional Occupation License Ordinance and addressed street maintenance concerns as well.

ITEM # XIII - COUNCIL COMMENTS

None.

ITEM # XIV – ADJOURN

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