

Town of Haysi  
Minutes of Regular Town Council Meeting  
September 3, 2019 @ 7:00 p.m.

On September 3, 2019, 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  
Carter Branham

ABSENT: 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 Amanda Perrigan 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 Billy Counts to approve the agenda as presented. 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:

- August 6, 2019 Regular Town Council Meeting

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood and seconded by Council Member Carter Branham to approve the minutes of the meeting on August 6, 2019 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:

- August 1, 2019 through August 30, 2019 Financial Report listing: beginning balance, revenue, expenditures and ending balance.
- August 1, 2019 through August 28, 2019 itemized listing of expenditures including checks # 15024-15039 & deposits
- August 1, 2019 through August 28, 2019 Profit & Loss Report
- Current payables to date for review

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood seconded by Council Member Carter Branham to approve the financial report. Let the record show the motion on the floor was passed unanimously by verbal voting.

**ITEM # VIII - NEW BUSINESS**

Resolution Supporting the Town of Haysi and Haysi Kiwanis Application to SWVA Regional Water/Wastewater Construction Fund

Mayor Yates said that he had a request from the Cumberland Plateau Planning District and the Haysi Kiwanis to partner on a grant application. Mayor Yates explained that only towns and public entities were eligible to apply. Mayor Yates read the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the Town Council of the Town of Haysi believes a diversified economy is a better economy and

WHEREAS, a key component of the Town of Haysi's efforts to diversify its economy is to attract outdoor enthusiasts, adventure outdoor enthusiasts and other types of tourism and

WHEREAS, the Town of Haysi is a Gateway Town to the Southwest Virginia Regional Recreation Authority, Spearhead Trails, an all-terrain vehicle, hiking, biking and equestrian trail and

WHEREAS, Spearhead Trails has trailheads located on Haysi Kiwanis Club property at 100 Kiwanis Park Road, Haysi, Virginia and Haysi Kiwanis Club wishes to develop on their property campgrounds and other related facilities to accommodate visitors to the trails.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Haysi supports and will partner with the Haysi Kiwanis Club on a grant application to the Southwest Virginia Regional Water/Wastewater Construction Fund for infrastructure funding, (Sewer) at Haysi Kiwanis Park.

Mayor Yates advised that the Cumberland Plateau Planning District will do the grant administration. Mayor Yates said the Haysi Kiwanis received thirty-five thousand from the Virginia Coalfields Economic Development Authority for water, and they have their electrical, but now need sewer. Council Member Tim Wallace asked about if there was an associated expense to the town. Mayor Yates answered that there was not, but would use his time for phone calls. Motion was made by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood seconded by Council Member Carter Branham to approve the resolution as presented. Let the record show the motion on the floor was passed unanimously by verbal voting.

**ITEM # IX – OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**ITEM # X – UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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

Interim Chief Bobby Edwards reported forty-seven calls for the month of August and read off the hours worked on the report. Interim Chief Edwards advised that Officer Brent Wallace, Officer Grant Garrett, and Officer Scottie Owens were back as part time officers. Mayor Yates asked if the cars and equipment were all okay at this point. Interim Chief Edwards answered yes, they were “back in line.” Interim Chief Edwards pointed out the emergency custody order calls on the report and explained that the Haysi Police Department is responsible to mental health transports. However, Interim Chief Edwards continued, he had been on duty for twenty-eight hours and without sleep for over forty hours so he refused the transport. Mayor Yates commented that they may need to look at a contractor to preform transports in the future. Interim Chief Edwards also pointed out that there were several cat complaints last month, but he was trying to get that resolved and the number had gone down.

Haysi Volunteer Fire Department Monthly Report

Chief Rocky Wood reported three alarms; a fire alarm at Centennial Heights due to a hot water heater, a fire alarm at the adult day care, and a gas alarm. Chief Wood also reported two motor vehicle accidents, one of the accidents resulted in the death of a twenty-five year old gentleman from Big Stone Gap.

**ITEM # XI - MAYOR COMMENTS**

Mayor Yates reported the following:

- Mayor Yates advised that the town had a conference call on the Recreational Trails Program Grant through the Department of Conservation and Recreation this morning. He stated that the town has to make some changes to the design of the trail for it to qualify as a motorized trail. Those involved are working to see if the change is possible, but the parking lot work is eligible to be approved.

- Mayor Yates also advised that all elected officials will need to complete ethics training by the end of the year. Clerk Amanda Perrigan will research the details and give more information on this at the October meeting.

**ITEM # XII - COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Vice Mayor Rocky Wood drew attention to copies of a letter received by Mr. Joseph Boyd. Mayor Yates said that Mr. Boyd has always wanted the town to buy the property. Vice Mayor Wood stated that the property would be more beneficial to Mr. Matt Owens. Council Member Carter Branham commented that Mr. Boyd just wanted to sell the property. Mayor Yates said that he explained to Mr. Boyd in the past how the Riverwalk would enhance his property, but he refused to work with the town and as a result the Riverwalk was shortened. Mayor Yates stated that the town needed businesses on street front property. Council Member Carter Branham asked if Mr. Boyd had mentioned a dollar figure. Mayor Yates answered that he had not been given one recently. A general discussion was held about competition between business owners and the town for property. Council Member Carter Branham suggested that the town stay out of the matter because it doesn't need the property and it shortened the Riverwalk. Vice Mayor Rocky Wood questioned the use for the property as parking and whether it would be benefit a business more. Mayor Yates advised that more parking would be available at the current Haysi Town Hall location in the future. Council Member Carter Branham asked if a location had been chosen yet for the new town hall. Mayor Yates answered Backbone Ridge is the site preferred by the Corp of Engineers at this time. A general discussion was held about the Backbone Ridge site and nearby properties. Mayor Yates advised that he would report back to Mr. Boyd that the town is not interested in purchasing his property.

**ITEM # XIII – 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 Carter Branham 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