

Town of Haysi
Minutes of Regular Town Council Meeting
November 1, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m.

On November 1, 2016, 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:
William "Billy" Counts
Barry Whitt
Tim Wallace
Michael Harris

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 Council Member Barry Whitt and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ITEM # IV - APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

At this time Mayor Yates asked for any changes or additions to the agenda. Motion was made by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood seconded by Council Member Barry Whitt to approve the agenda as presented. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting.

ITEM #V - 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 only person signed up for Public Comment was Assistant Chief of the Haysi Fire Department Chris Edwards. Mr. Edwards handed out a copy of three photos of the roof of the Haysi Fire Hall. Mr. Edwards said that the roof needed to be replaced and the building was owned by the town. Mr. Edwards noted that there were five really bad spots on the roof. Mr. Edwards stated that the photos were taken yesterday. The fire department is interested in replacing the shingles on the roof with metal. Haysi Town Maintenance worker, James Gilbert and a community service worker cleaned off the roof and the gutters. Vice Mayor Rocky Wood suggested that the fire department contact their insurance company. Mayor Yates asked if the roof had been recently damaged. Vice Mayor Wood said that it had not been damaged, however, the insurance company had covered it in the past. Mayor Yates thanked Assistant Chief Edwards for coming and agreed that the roof was in bad shape, but advised that the town didn't have contingency funds to cover the expense. Mayor Yates asked about the size of the roof. Vice Mayor Wood said that the roof was around eighty to one hundred feet long. Mr. Edwards said that a new roof he would estimate costing around ten thousand dollars, but didn't have a quote. Mayor Yates suggested checking with the insurance company as suggested by Vice Mayor Wood and the Dickenson County Board of Supervisors. Mayor Yates said that the town could review a request during the budget process for next year. Mayor Yates recommended that the fire

department patch the roof if immediate help could not be found. Mr. Edwards said that water was coming into the bay area now when it rained. Mr. Edwards stated that the fire department would try to take care of the building, but wanted to let the town know about the situation. Mayor Yates advised that the work would need to be put out to public bid if the amount exceeds five thousand dollars. A general discussion was held about the insurance on the building. Council Member Tim Wallace asked Mr. Edwards to keep the town informed. Mayor Yates concluded by saying that the town would like to help, but doesn't have the necessary extra funds in the budget.

ITEM # VI – APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

- October 4, 2016 Regular Town Council Meeting

Motion was made by Council Member Billy Counts and seconded by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood to approve the minutes as presented. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting.

ITEM # VII – FINANCIAL REPORT

Mayor Yates explained a few bills presented with the accounts payable. The payment to Northern Tool is for the purchase of a snow blower in accordance with the VML Risk Management Grant. The payment to Verizon Wireless was higher due to the purchase of new phones for the Mayor and Clerk. The council was also presented for approval the following:

- September 28, 2016 through October 24, 2016 Financial Report listing: beginning balance, revenue, expenditures and ending balance.
- September 28, 2016 through October 24, 2016 itemized listing of expenditures including checks # 13542-13588 & deposits
- September 28, 2016 through October 24, 2016 Profit & Loss Report
- Current payables to date for review

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

ITEM # VIII - NEW BUSINESS

None.

ITEM # IX – UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

Assistant Chief Edwards reported twenty-two calls for the month of October. He described four of the calls on the October Monthly Report. There was a DOA (dead on arrival) call on October 20, in Bartlick, because it was out of the police department's jurisdiction they just assisted. There was an abduction in Lickcreek involving a child on October 31. Assistant Chief Edwards assisted with a fight on Adam's Street in Clinchco on the same night, in which a guy tried to kill his wife then ran off. The Haysi Drug Store tested their alarm without prior police notice due to the incident that happened in Honaker on October 4. Mayor Yates asked if there were any injuries on the motor vehicle accident involving a deer on October 20. Assistant Chief Edwards advised that there were no injuries at all reported in the month.

ITEM # X - MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Yates reported the following:

- Mayor Yates advised that he and Clerk Perrigan met with Sandlick Elementary School Principal Dennis Deel about setting up an essay contest for fourth and fifth grade students, where the winners would judge the floats in the Annual Haysi Christmas Parade.
- Mayor Yates said that the town hosted a marketing meeting with Heart of Appalachia and Spearhead Trails about marketing strategies and proper protocol for those agencies on social media and other mediums.
- Mayor Yates met with Mr. Todd Christensen about the budget for the Haysi to Breaks Hiking, Biking, and Equestrian Trail.
- Mayor Yates attended the Dickenson County Public Service Authority Board Meeting on October 18. There were two projects of interest; the Haysi to Birchleaf Sewer Project and the Haysi to Splashdam Water Rehabilitation Project. Mayor Yates has been requested to report back on the projects. There has been a renewed interest in the Haysi to Birchleaf Project and the PSA is looking for funding on the Haysi to Splashdam Project.
- Mayor Yates advised that Mr. Shawn Lindsey was hired as the new Spearhead Trails Executive Director and will start work on December 21.
- Mayor Yates said that he is working with Flatwoods Job Corp on the demolition work for the Russell Fork Trail Center. Since Flatwoods Job Corp has agreed to do the demolition work, the town will save around \$20,000.00. The construction work on the trail center is still being negotiated with the low bidder.

- Mayor Yates stated that the Dickenson County Industrial Development Authority had accepted the town's application to the Virginia Coalfields Economic Development Authority for a grant to finish funding the trail center construction.
- Mayor Yates encouraged everyone who wants the new elementary school built in Haysi to attend the Dickenson County School Board Meetings and voice their opinion. The school board will do another study to determine the best site for the new elementary school. Mayor Yates noted that it was revealed at their last meeting that there was not suitable land to build a new elementary school at the Ridgeview location. There are not enough funds from the Corp of Engineers to build a consolidated elementary school. Council Member Michael Harris asked if there was a time limit for the project. Mayor Yates said that there was not and the project had been delayed due to the construction of the Dickenson County Judicial Center. They did not expect to get the money in a lump sum to pay off the debt for Ridgeview, but received all the funds including the money for the new elementary school. Mayor Yates mentioned that there was a good community turnout for the meeting on October 24. Mayor Yates also noted that the school board let everyone speak and gave the opportunity to everyone in attendance.
- Mayor Yates stated that Clerk Perrigan was working on the audit for the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year.
- Mayor Yates explained that the Breaks Interstate Park invited Spearhead Trails to give a proposal on allowing ATV use under their provisions inside the park. This would increase the number of trail miles by connecting directly to the park. Mayor Yates also explained that Haysi's Ridgeview Trail would look to open in the spring and the Russell Fork Equestrian Trail would look to open in March. The Virginia Department of Transportation has not approved the Land Use Permit for this project yet. Forestland Group also needs to "sign off" on some paperwork. Mayor Yates mentioned that he rode the trails again last week and everyone that rides them, loves them.
- Governor McAuliffe announced a 3.3 million dollar Power Grant award to Friends of Southwest Virginia for the Appalachian Spring Initiative which includes the Haysi to Breaks Trail Project. In addition, the funding will provide for increased staff at Spearhead Trails and about half of the elevated Riverwalk in town. Mayor Yates stated that Mr. Todd Christensen worked hard on the grant and also secured matching funds from the Virginia Tobacco Commission.
- Mayor Yates is trying to organize another tour of the ATV Trail for November 11, 2016, anyone interested should contact the Mayor or Clerk Perrigan. Council Member Barry Whitt said that he did not have an ATV. Mayor Yates advised that Spearhead Trails would provide the ATV and Helmets for those wishing to participate. Council Member Billy Counts asked for a time. Mayor Yates said "maybe around ten o'clock" in the morning and he would like to have eight to ten people for the tour.

ITEM # XI - COUNCIL COMMENTS

None.

ITEM # XII – EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Council Member Billy Counts and seconded by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood to adjourn into Executive Session pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711A3 for the discussion of Property and 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	Barry Whitt	Yes
Rocky Wood	Yes		

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

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood and seconded by Council Member Barry Whitt to sell Mr. Dean Hill the property he requested at Splashdam for \$4,000.00 an acre.

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 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