

Town of Haysi
Minutes of Regular Town Council Meeting
June 1, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m.

On June 1, 2021, 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

William "Billy" Counts
Susan Tiller
Tim Wallace

ABSENT: Carter Branham

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 any changes, additions, or corrections to the agenda. Vice Mayor Rocky Wood requested to add Board of Zoning Appeals under Unfinished Business. Motion was made by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood seconded by Council Member Billy Counts 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:

- May 4, 2021 Regular Town Council Meeting

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood seconded by Council Member Susan Tiller to approve the minutes of regular town council meeting on May 4, 2021 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:

- May 1, 2021 through May 28, 2021 Financial Report listing: beginning balance, revenue, expenditures and ending balance.
- April 29, 2021 through May 27, 2021 itemized listing of expenditures including checks # 15845-15889 & deposits
- April 29, 2021 through May 27, 2021 Profit & Loss Report
- Current payables to date for review

Mayor Yates brought up that there was an invoice in the Financial Report for Display Sales, which was to pay for new banners on the streetlights. The banners should be installed this week. Motion was made by Council Member Billy Counts seconded by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood to approve the financial report. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting.

ITEM # VIII - NEW BUSINESS

2019-2020 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 commented on what an accomplishment that an unmodified, clean opinion is for the town. 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 commented on the large liabilities that the town had at the time of their first audit and that the town had come a long way. 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 pointed out a change in capital assets, mostly due to the fire department on page seventeen, the debt to the United States Department of Agriculture on page eighteen, and compensated absences on page nineteen. Mrs. Greear advised that on page thirty-five, COVID 19 was acknowledged by the town and wasn't mentioned as positive or negative, but simply that the town was monitoring it. Mrs. Greear explained pages thirty-seven and thirty-eight as the town's budget totals. The town has a letter that will be placed on file with Clerk Amanda Perrigan at the Haysi Town Hall stating that there were no conflicts in the audit agreement. Mrs. Greear explained that the fire

department still needs to submit information regularly to Clerk Perrigan. 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.

2021-2022 Budget

Mayor Yates asked for any questions on the 2021-2022 Budget as presented. Mayor Yates read the following Ordinance:

TO ADOPT THE PROPOSED TOWN OF HAYSI 2021-2022 BUDGET

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Haysi, Virginia, that the Town of Haysi's

Projected Revenue: \$2,427,770.07

Expenditures: Administration: \$142,635.44
Economic Development: \$2,116,549.82
Maintenance: \$24,596.50
Haysi Police Department: \$85,663.31
Haysi Fire Department: \$58,325.00

THIS ORDINANCE shall be effective July 1, 2021.

Mayor Yates asked for a roll call vote on the approval of the 2021-2022 Budget Ordinance. Let the record show the ordinance passed unanimously by verbal voting with Vice Mayor Rocky Wood and Council Members Susan Tiller, Billy Counts, Tim Wallace, and Michael Harris voting aye.

ITEM # IX – OLD BUSINESS

None.

ITEM # X – UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

Chief Bobby Edwards reported 33 calls for the month of May. Chief Edwards said the new Police Tahoe was now estimated to arrive between ten and fourteen weeks from May 3. Chief Edwards reported 181 calls including 43 traffic stops 16 accidents since the beginning of the year. Chief Edwards advised that he was working on another COPS Grant application, which was the same grant program that the department was turned down for last year. Chief Edwards said the application this year would include strong support letters. Mayor Yates asked about the support letters. Chief Edwards answered that he had one from Congressman Griffith, Senator Warner, and Senator Hackworth. Chief Edwards stated that

the focus of the grant was an officer to deal with mental health issues and person in crisis calls.

Haysi Volunteer Fire Department Monthly Report

Chief Rocky Wood reported one hazmat call, four roadway hazards (trees), one ATV accident, and six car wrecks. Chief Wood advised that Tim O’Quinn at Coeburn Motor Speedway has requested the fire department every weekend, which was a nice “money opportunity.”

Board of Zoning Appeals

Chairman Rocky Wood advised that he had found four community members willing to serve on the Board of Zoning Appeals and requested they be appointed by the Haysi Town Council. The community members are Jason Deel (Haysi Supply Co.), Ray O’Quinn, Austin French (local contractor), and Phillip Cook (Haysi Volunteer Fire Department). Chairman Wood said he was still working on the by-laws and compensation. Mayor Yates advised that he had a set of by-laws that he could share for reference. Chairman Wood advised preparations to meet soon because they had one case for review. Motion was made by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood seconded by Council Member Billy Counts to approve the appointments of Jason Deel, Ray O’Quinn, Austin French, and Phillip Cook to the Board of Zoning Appeals. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting.

ITEM # XI - MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Yates reported the following:

- Mayor Yates reported that he had been attending management team meetings for Haysi’s Riverfront Trail Project and the Russell Fork Trail Center Project.
- Mayor Yates advised he had attended an Economic Development Workshop hosted by the Cumberland Plateau.
- Mayor Yates also advised that he had discussed improvements to the revolving loan fund program with the Department of Housing and Community Development. He was waiting to get information on changes to the program design.
- Mayor Yates reported that he continues to attend the Dickenson County Industrial Development Authority meetings.

ITEM # XII - COUNCIL COMMENTS

None.

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 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