

Town of Haysi  
Minutes of Regular Town Council Meeting  
April 9, 2019 @ 7:00 p.m.

On April 9, 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: Vice Mayor Rocky Wood

Council Members:

Carter Branham

William "Billy" Counts

Michael Harris

Tim Wallace

ABSENT: Mayor Larry D. Yates  
Susan Tiller

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

The meeting was called to order by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood at 7:00 p.m., and the Invocation was held by Chief George Wallace and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

At this time Vice Mayor Wood asked for changes to the agenda as presented. Motion was made by Council Member Billy Counts 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 – 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:

- March 5, 2019 Regular Town Council Meeting

Motion was made by Council Member Tim Wallace and seconded by Council Member Michael Harris to approve the minutes of the meeting on March 5, 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:

- March 1, 2019 through March 29, 2019 Financial Report listing: beginning balance, revenue, expenditures and ending balance.
- March 1, 2019 through March 31, 2019 itemized listing of expenditures including checks # 14823-14866 & deposits
- March 1, 2019 through March 31, 2019 Profit & Loss Report
- Current payables to date for review

Motion was made by Council Member Billy Counts 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**

Proclamation for Census Awareness Day

Vice Mayor Wood read for following proclamation for consideration:

WHEREAS, every ten years, Article 1, Section 2 of the United States Constitution mandates a count of all the people living in the United States and its territories; and

WHEREAS, the 2020 Census will address every household in the nation with a simple questionnaire with the goal of counting everyone once, only once, and in the right place; and

WHEREAS, data obtained by the survey will be used to help determine how approximately \$675 billion will be distributed from the federal government to state, local, and tribal governments annually; and

WHEREAS, up to \$2,000 of federal funding will be lost for each person not counted; as well as upwards of \$20,000 of federal funding lost every ten years; and

WHEREAS, a complete count requires that we bring together leaders from all communities of the Commonwealth, so that every Virginian regardless of racial, social, or economic background is counted; and

WHEREAS, Governor Ralph S. Northam has established the Virginia Complete Count Commission, which is comprised of 40 members to collaborate with community partners and local Complete Count Committees to ensure an accurate 2020 Census count;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Town of Haysi hereby proclaims April 1st, 2019, as Census Awareness Day.

Council Member Tim Wallace questioned the need for the proclamation. Vice Mayor Wood answered to show that the town is in favor of it. Vice Mayor Wood continued that Rita Surratt had been appointed to the Census Committee by the governor and she would report back that the Town of Haysi is in favor of it. Motion was made by Council Member Carter Branham seconded by Council Member Billy Counts to approve the Proclamation for Census Awareness Day. Let the record show the motion on the floor was passed unanimously by verbal voting.

#### Personnel

Vice Mayor Wood stated that Assistant Chief Bobby Edwards' title needed to be changed to Interim Chief due to the upcoming expected leave by Chief George Wallace prior to his retirement. Vice Mayor Wood explained that the new title would give Officer Edwards authority during that period of time, but Officer George Wallace would remain acting Chief. Motion was made by Council Member Carter Branham seconded by Council Member Billy Counts to approve the title change from Assistant Chief to Interim Chief for Bobby Edwards. Let the record show the motion on the floor was passed unanimously by verbal voting. Interim Chief Edwards added that it would help in situations for example where the chief has to sign forms while George is gone.

#### **ITEM # IX – OLD BUSINESS**

None.

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

##### Police Department Monthly Report-Chief George Wallace (See Attachment)

Chief George Wallace reported twenty-six calls for the month of March, which he stated were of a wide variety, but nothing big. He briefly mentioned a few of the calls including vandalism at Western Auto, which Interim Chief Edwards and Officer Viers were able to solve by watching video, a call on March 12 to assist the Forestry Department with a civil summons to a gentleman, a call on March 13 about a wallet found at Centennial Heights, and calls on March 20 about dogs in the area of Tom's Bottom where new residents were given copies of the town animal ordinance. Chief Wallace added that Interim Chief Edwards went to New Police Chief School during the month thanks to a scholarship from the Virginia Chiefs Association. Vice Mayor Wood thanked the police department for their assistance on the call from March 12.

##### Haysi Volunteer Fire Department Monthly Report

Chief Rocky Wood reported that the Haysi Volunteer Fire Department had two house fires, four motor vehicles accidents, two brush fires, and four med flights. Chief Wood explained that one of the med flight calls was for a junior fire fighter that had injured his knee, but is doing well now. Chief Wood said the two house fires took place on Sunday. Chief Wood advised that there had been an accident at the fire station and he is currently working with

insurance adjustors, one on the building and one on the truck. Council Member Tim Wallace asked about the truck damage. Chief Wood answered that there wasn't a lot of damage, but a compartment door needed to be replaced. Chief Wood explained the urgency of the situation when the accident occurred, stating that the fire was threatening another home.

**ITEM # XI - MAYOR COMMENTS**

None.

**ITEM # XII - COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Vice Mayor Wood asked about the Annual Town Wide Cleanup Event. Clerk Amanda Perrigan explained that the Mayor was working with Eugene Mullins and Lester Turner to get it scheduled, it was attempted to be scheduled for April 5, which didn't work out. Vice Mayor Wood requested to be informed of the date when it has been scheduled. Vice Mayor Wood stated that he met with Kristi Rose of Southern Gap Outdoor Adventure regarding the upcoming UTV Takeover Event. Vice Mayor Wood advised that Mrs. Rose didn't have a count at the time of their conversation, although she hoped for two thousand five hundred attendees, the actual expected number is possibly between five hundred and one thousand attendees. Vice Mayor Wood said there would be a lot activities going on and advised that Southern Gap Outdoor Adventure, Thunder River Campground, and Comfort Inn were all booked. Vice Mayor Wood pointed out that the event includes Haysi's Ridgeview Trail and expects Saturday to be the day for the best attendance. Interim Chief Edwards said the police department has worked on an emergency plan and will be on call to work call on the Haysi's Ridgeview Trail side and will have another agency to call for back up if they receive a call. Likewise, Haysi Police Department will back up Buchanan County. Spearhead Trails will handle all mechanical calls or issues. Vice Mayor Wood also reminded everyone that 361 Adventures will hold The Breakdown, a twenty-four race only this weekend too. All emergency service agencies will be working together. Interim Chief Edwards advised that Clintwood Rescue Squad had an extra truck. Vice Mayor Wood urged everyone to be careful during the events.

**ITEM # XIII - ADJOURNMENT**

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