

Town of Haysi
Minutes of Regular Town Council Meeting
November 3, 2020 @ 7:00 p.m.

On November 3, 2020, 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

Council Members:
Michael Harris
Tim Wallace
Carter Branham
William "Billy" Counts
Susan Tiller

ABSENT: Vice Mayor Rocky Wood

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 Susan Tiller 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 Council Member Billy Counts seconded by Council Member Tim Wallace 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:

- October 6, 2020 Regular Town Council Meeting

Motion was made by Council Member Susan Tiller and seconded by Council Member Carter Branham to approve the minutes of the regular town council meeting on October 6, 2020 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:

- October 1, 2020 through October 30, 2020 Financial Report listing: beginning balance, revenue, expenditures and ending balance.
- October 1, 2020 through October 30, 2020 itemized listing of expenditures including checks # 15586-15608 & deposits
- October 1, 2020 through October 30, 2020 Profit & Loss Report
- Current payables to date for review

Motion was made by Council Member Billy Counts seconded by Council Member Susan Tiller 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 – OLD BUSINESS

Haysi Kiwanis Grant Partnership Request

Mayor Yates said David Yates was again supposed to have been in attendance to present the request. Mayor Yates directed Clerk Amanda Perrigan to leave the item off the agenda for future meetings until requested again by David Yates.

Transient Occupancy Tax Ordinance

Mayor Yates asked for any questions regarding the Transient Occupancy Tax Ordinance. Motion was made by Council Member Susan Tiller seconded by Council Member Carter Branham to adopt the Transient Occupancy Tax Ordinance as presented. Mayor Yates asked for a roll call vote:

Michael Harris	Yes	Tim Wallace	No
Susan Tiller	Yes	Carter Branham	Yes
Billy Counts	Yes		

Let the record show the motion on the floor was passed by verbal voting.

ITEM # X – UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

Chief Bobby Edwards reported 28 calls for the month of October and advised that the number of miles driven was high, mostly due to the trip to South Carolina to pick up the used maintenance truck. Chief Edwards offered to answer any questions. Council Member Billy Counts asked about the branching firearm on October 2, 2020. Chief Edwards answered that it was a spelling error on his report. Mayor Yates requested that Chief Edwards give an equipment update. Chief Edwards reported that he expects to get the new Tahoe from the CARES Act Funding within the next two weeks, but he didn't have an updated time estimate on the Tahoe purchased with the Rural Development Grant from Johnson Chevrolet. Chief Edwards said he had spent over eleven thousand dollars on equipment purchased with grant funding as seen in tonight's financial report. Mayor Yates advised that the town's CARES Act purchases have included the Tahoe, a pressure washer, personal protective equipment, cleaning supplies, furniture, benches, contactless trash cans, a television, iPads, computer batteries, Windows, and Quickbooks to date. Mayor Yates welcomed any ideas or suggestions on what the town should purchase, but all purchases must be connected back to COVID-19. Chief Edwards discussed removing the Dodge Charger from the fleet of police department vehicles. Mayor Yates explained that the plan was to have two Tahoes and one Silverado for the police department, dispose of the Camo Truck, Dodge Charger, and Chevrolet Impala, transfer the Ford Explorer to the Mayor's vehicle, have the maintenance department use the two white trucks, and work on getting a replacement bucket truck with Appalachian Power. Chief Edwards commented that he had a rough time keeping the bucket truck in working condition. Mayor Yates stated that the bucket truck was needed by the town and was often loaned to responsible citizens when needed and not in use. Mayor Yates said if a replacement could not be obtained from Appalachian Power then the town may look at alternatives in the future. Chief Edwards advised that the Dickenson County Sheriff's Office is interested in purchasing the Dodge Charger from the town, otherwise the town would look to request sealed bids. Mayor Yates stated that it was a good time to sell to the county; before lots of other police vehicles become available.

Haysi Volunteer Fire Department Monthly Report

None.

ITEM # XI – EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made by Council Member Michael Harris and seconded by Council Member Billy Counts to adjourn into Executive Session pursuant to 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	Susan Tiller	Yes
Carter Branham	Yes		

Upon motion made by Council Member Billy Counts and seconded by Carter Branham 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 Council Member Billy Counts seconded by Council Member Carter Branham to increase the full time salaries by three percent, to update the other wages and distribute Christmas Bonuses as discussed. Let the record show the motion was passed unanimously by verbal voting.

ITEM # XII - MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Yates reported the following:

- Mayor Yates reported that he met with the Corp of Engineers last week and there were a couple of surprises to be worked through. The monthly conference call will take place on Thursday morning. Council Member Carter Branham asked about the deadline for returning applications. Clerk Amanda Perrigan stated that the deadline is six months from when the letter were mailed. A general discussion was held about inclusion in the Section 202 Project and the new Hopkins Medical Associates business in town. Council Member Carter Branham commented on how quickly the old Haysi High School building is "coming down." Mayor Yates explained that the contractor has moved back to the old Clintwood High School property to complete the demolition there by Christmas. Mayor Yates said the demolition on the old Haysi High School property is expected to be completed by April 2021. Mayor Yates also advised that there is a fence in place now around the property and those that would cross the fence would be trespassing. Council Member Michael Harris asked about the Christmas Parade. Mayor Yates advised that the town had filed the permit for it and would be sending funding request letters to the merchants soon. Council Member Michael Harris asked for the date of the Christmas Parade. Clerk Amanda Perrigan answered December 4, 2020. Mayor Yates said that he would like to continue with the tree lighting as usual. Mayor Yates stated that the town planned to give out three hundred treat bags to the children. A general discussion was held regarding details of the Christmas Parade event. Mayor Yates commended Clerk Perrigan, Police Chief Bobby Edwards, and the community service workers for their hard work on the Christmas lights. Mayor Yates explained that the town reconditioned some fixtures and planned to decorate the town nicely. There will not be a Town Christmas Dinner this year after discussion, arrangements may be made to attend the December Haysi Town Council Meeting early to exchange cards, etc.

ITEM # XIII - COUNCIL COMMENTS

None.

ITEM # XIV – ADJOURNMENT

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