

Town of Haysi
Minutes of Regular Town Council Meeting
May 3, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.

On May 3, 2022, 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
Carter Branham
William "Billy" Counts
Tim Wallace
Susan Tiller

ABSENT: None

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.

Mayor Yates stated that he wanted to address the questions that had recently come about regarding the town's policies and procedures. Mayor Yates informed everyone that Clerk Amanda Perrigan was the town's FOIA officer and worked to meet the associated requirements. Mayor Yates asked Attorney Susan Wood to give a statement from her standpoint on the town's FOIA standing. Attorney Wood said that recent issues had been communicated to the attorneys in Richmond for clarification regarding notice of meetings and minutes. Attorney Wood advised that local public bodies must post notice of regular meetings in three locations posting on its website, placing a notice in a public location where notices are regularly posted, and at the office of the clerk. She stated that the town was doing more than required, since the town has posted meeting minutes on their website, which will not be required until July 2022. Mayor Yates asked as far as Attorney Wood is aware that the town is in compliance. Attorney Wood answered yes.

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 Vice Mayor Rocky Wood to approve the

agenda as presented. Let the record show the motion on the floor passed unanimously by verbal voting.

ITEM #V – PUBLIC COMMENT

The first person signed up for Public Comment was Jane Moore of Box 525, Haysi, Virginia. Ms. Moore stated that she owned a building up the road and was trying to get it open this summer. Ms. Moore said she would like to see the town spend money in that area of town and also wanted to inquire about use of the town’s bucket truck to get a gutter repaired. Mayor Yates advised of business funding opportunities with the Dickenson County Industrial Development Authority or the town’s revolving loan fund. Mayor Yates also advised that she could contact him or Police Chief Bobby Edwards regarding the gutters. Council Member Carter Branham asked about her plans. Ms. Moore answered that it depends on developing factors, but she mentioned a restaurant and working on a business plan. Mayor Yates told her that the Small Business Administration at Southwest Virginia Community College could assist her with a business plan.

ITEM # VI – APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

- April 5, 2022 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 April 5, 2022 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:

- April 1, 2022 through April 29, 2022 Financial Report listing: beginning balance, revenue, expenditures and ending balance.
- April 1, 2022 through April 28, 2022 itemized listing of expenditures including checks # 16273-16300 & deposits
- April 1, 2022 through April 28, 2022 Profit & Loss Report
- Current payables to date for review

Mayor Yates advised that the check in the financial report for \$7,415.00 was for new Christmas decorations for the upcoming season. Mayor Yates informed everyone that Clerk Amanda Perrigan had completed the American Recovery Plan Act fund reporting. 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

Donation Request from Haysi Volunteers

Mayor Yates welcomed Shane Hillman to present the donation request. Mr. Hillman said that the event for June 4th had been changed from the original paperwork submitted in January and the Haysi Volunteers were requesting supplies such as poker chips and radios for the Trails Day event. Mr. Hillman summarized the donation request form and noted that the property purchased would belong to the town for future use. Council Member Carter Branham asked about the event location. Mayor Yates replied that the event would be held just at the Kiwanis. A general discussion was held about the swap meet and its anticipated popularity. Haysi Trails Day will also be a free ride day for Spearhead Trails. Motion was made by Council Member Carter Branham seconded by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood to approve the Haysi Volunteers donation request for one thousand dollars. Council Member Billy Counts voiced concern about the amount being deducted from the donation line item. Clerk Amanda Perrigan replied that since it was for a regular town event that it would be deducted as general economic development or town seasonal purchases. Let the record show the motion on the floor was passed by verbal voting with Vice Mayor Rocky Wood and Council Members Carter Branham, Billy Counts, and Michael Harris voting aye and Council Member Tim Wallace and Susan Tiller voting nay.

2020-2021 Audit Report from Rodefer, Moss, & Co. PLLC

Mayor Yates said that the item would be tabled to next month since the auditor was unable to attend the meeting due to illness.

Discussion of 2022-2023 Budget Workshop

Mayor Yates asked Clerk Amanda Perrigan if she would give an update on the budget status. Clerk Perrigan said that the numbers are between twenty-five to thirty thousand dollars apart with the preliminary entries. A general discussion was held about whether a budget workshop would be held. The Haysi Town Council concluded not to hold a budget workshop, but to have Clerk Perrigan and Mayor Yates prepare the upcoming budget for approval.

ITEM # IX – OLD BUSINESS

None.

ITEM # X – UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Police Department Monthly Report (See Attachment)

Chief Bobby Edwards reported twenty calls for the month of April. Chief Edwards said the most notable call was a missing child that was recovered. There was also a property dispute on J&M Belcher Drive and animal control call for a bear Council Member Susan Tiller's home. Chief Edwards advised that the Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources has

received the bear complaints especially regarding the issue with the dumpster at FasMart and have been using a taser on the bears for the past few weeks. The representative from DWR has suggested that the town adopt an ordinance to regulate the trash and allow the citizens a year to get compliant before issuing fines. The town recently received a grant for a new bear proof dumpster. DWR has requested a community meeting after which a presentation would be made at the next Haysi Town Council meeting. Council Member Carter Branham stated that people outside of town put trash into the dumpster behind the Virginia Workforce building. Chief Edwards replied that an ordinance would strength the town's chances of being awarded future grants. Mayor Yates asked if the ordinance would help with feral cats. Chief Edwards answered that it would depend on the content of the ordinance. A general discussion was held about the trash/bear issue in town.

Haysi Volunteer Fire Department Monthly Report

Chief Rocky Wood said that he did not have a report prepared because he had been too busy. Chief Wood did mention the air bottles that Dickenson County gave the fire department nineteen thousand dollars to purchase had arrived and been installed in the trucks.

ITEM # XII - MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Yates reported the following:

- Mayor Yates announced that the LoveWorks sign near the Rescue Squad was unveiled and being enjoyed by the public.
- Mayor Yates announced that Stone Mountain Clinic has a dentist back on staff.
- Mayor Yates reported that he continued to be busy with county meetings.

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 Billy Counts seconded by Council Member Michael Harris 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