

Town of Haysi
Minutes of Regular Town Council Meeting
March 5, 2019 @ 7:00 p.m.

On March 5, 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: Mayor Larry D. Yates
Vice Mayor Rocky Wood

Council Members:
Susan Tiller
Michael Harris
Tim Wallace

ABSENT: Carter Branham
William "Billy" Counts

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 Chief George Wallace 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 Vice Mayor Rocky Wood seconded by Council Member Susan Tiller 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:

- February 5, 2019 Regular Town Council Meeting

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood and seconded by Council Member Susan Tiller to approve the minutes of the meeting on February 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:

- February 1, 2019 through February 28, 2019 Financial Report listing: beginning balance, revenue, expenditures and ending balance.
- February 1, 2019 through February 28, 2019 itemized listing of expenditures including checks # 14783-14822 & deposits
- February 1, 2019 through February 28, 2019 Profit & Loss Report
- Current payables to date for review

Clerk Amanda Perrigan gave a budget update summary on the town's revenues and expenditures. Currently, the difference between the two is five percent, with the overall budget being close to the projected amounts.

Motion was made by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood 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

Donation from Haysi Little League

Mayor Yates welcomed David O'Quinn to present the donation request. Mr. O'Quinn said that this year the Haysi Little League requests eight hundred dollars, stating that the town is the biggest supporter of the program by far. Mr. O'Quinn noted that he usually asks for one thousand dollars, but reduced the amount because of the amount donated by the town for the fence a couple years ago. Mr. O'Quinn continued that local businesses sponsor the teams and the town paid for uniforms for all the children. Mr. O'Quinn said that over forty children had already signed up for t-ball. He also stated that he had a good rotation on equipment and specifically mentioned the new bats that they were required to purchase last year. Mr. O'Quinn said that the program gained more players and may have five teams this year, but the children that couldn't pay would benefit from the town's donation. Mayor Yates explained that the town had been very supportive that he knew of since 2008, but advised that only one thousand four hundred and fifty dollars remained in the budget for the donation line item and the town had another request for one thousand dollars on the agenda tonight. Mayor Yates continued that the town had donated three thousand three hundred fifteen dollars and twenty four cents to the Haysi Little League program over the last three years, but had made donations as high as two thousand dollars per year in the past. Mayor Yates asked if Mr. O'Quinn would ever be able to fully fund the program. Mr. O'Quinn replied that the jerseys cost eight hundred eight dollars and he would take whatever the town wanted to give since it was a big expense, but stated that the program got financial assistance from the county too. Mayor Yates asked how much financial assistance he received from the county. Mr. O'Quinn answered that Supervisor David Yates donated two hundred dollars and the county pays the power and water bills. Mr. O'Quinn stated that he was afraid to put the full cost on the parents, so he also tries to get seven or eight business sponsors too. Mayor Yates asked him how many total teams he

expected. Mr. O'Quinn answered two or three softball teams, two baseball teams, two boys coach pitch teams, two girls coach pitch teams, and four or five t-ball teams. Mr. O'Quinn said that they could do more fundraising and maybe hold softball tournaments. Mayor Yates asked how much money the program had received historically from private sponsorships. Mr. O'Quinn replied between one thousand five hundred dollars and two thousand dollars. Vice Mayor Rocky Wood commented that the town had received a lot of donation requests. Motion was made by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood seconded by Council Member Susan Tiller to donate three hundred dollars to the Haysi Little League. Let the record show the motion on the floor was passed by verbal voting with Vice Mayor Rocky Wood and Council Members Susan Tiller, and Michael Harris voting aye and Council Member Tim Wallace voting nay.

Donation Request from Sandlick Elementary School

Mayor Yates welcomed Dennis Deel and Jesse Neece to present the donation request from Sandlick Elementary School. Mr. Deel said that the school is requesting a one thousand dollar donation. Mr. Deel explained that the school is getting ready to participate in a t-shirt sales fundraiser to raise money to purchase tablets for every child that has perfect attendance for the year. Mr. Deel stated that in the first year there were eight children with perfect attendance and eighteen last year. He continued that majority of those children had parents that couldn't afford to buy them tablets. Mr. Deel pointed out that not every child can make good grades, but all children can come to school. Children are deemed chronically absent when they miss eighteen days of school and if fifteen percent of the school's population are chronically absent the school will lose accreditation. Mr. Deel mentioned that the school had recently closed two days due to the flu. Dickenson County School System has implemented a slogan "great with eight," which encourages children to miss eight days or less for the year and Mr. Deel has been working on incentives. Each month the grade level with the best attendance gets ice cream, but Mike Setser had asked Mr. Deel to address those that children that missed less than eight days. Mr. Deel explained that he contacted the Grundy Community Center and got a deal for each child to watch a movie and receive a popcorn and drink for four dollars. Mr. Neece stated that as of last week the school has two hundred sixty seven students that have missed less than eight days and before the flu hit they had fifty with perfect attendance. Attendance helps with getting needed instruction, which relates to better grades and other benefits. Mayor Yates asked about competition. Mr. Neece advised that Sandlick Elementary is fully accredited, green in all areas, and attendance had improved by ten percent. Mayor Yates asked if the students were able to keep the tablets. Mr. Deel answered that the tablets belonged to the students and were "theirs forever." Mayor Yates thanked Mr. Deel and Mr. Neece for their work at Sandlick Elementary School and advised that the amount left in the budget for donations was now one thousand one hundred fifty dollars. Motion was made by Council Member Susan Tiller seconded by Vice Mayor Rocky Wood to donate four hundred dollars to Sandlick Elementary School. Let the record show the motion on the floor was passed by verbal voting with Vice Mayor Rocky Wood and Council Members Susan Tiller, and Michael Harris voting aye and Council Member Tim Wallace voting nay.

ITEM # IX – OLD BUSINESS

None.

ITEM # X – UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

Chief George Wallace reported twenty-three calls for the month of February, which he stated were not only of a wide variety, but calls out of the ordinary. Chief Wallace continued, for instance the call reported as a gunshot on February 4; the guy was found in Buchanan County. On February 15, there was a call regarding a threat at Sandlick Elementary School. Assistant Chief Bobby Edwards explained that it was more of a mental health issue with one student threatening another, but it was unfounded. Vice Mayor Rocky Wood asked about the breaking and entering call at the Pizza Factory. Assistant Chief Edwards answered that the quality of the camera footage was poor and addressed consideration for expanding the town's camera system in the future with emphasis on a license plate reading camera. Chief Wallace added that on February 27, someone broke the glass out of the front door at the Western Auto and the police department was able to use video to solve the case. A warrant was issued for the suspect in that case. Mayor Yates asked about the call regarding a parking complaint on February 22. Assistant Chief Edwards said that the complaint was made by David Ratliff, but he was busy on another call and didn't have time to follow up on it.

Haysi Volunteer Fire Department Monthly Report

Chief Rocky Wood reported that the Haysi Volunteer Fire Department had ten lifting assistance calls for a lady, but on the eleventh one she was dead on arrival. Chief Wood also reported three motor vehicle accidents; one of which was dead on arrival, two house fires; one they were able to save and one they were not and a flood check. Mayor Yates asked if Chief Wood had an opportunity to research the information in the link that he had sent to him. Chief Wood answered that he had not had much time. Mayor Yates informed Chief Wood that he had private donor information that he would share with him as well. Chief Wood asked when the application for the United States Department of Agriculture's grant was due. Mayor Yates answered that he wasn't sure, but he would also check program information with the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development tomorrow. Chief Wood asked about the Fire Programs paperwork. Clerk Amanda Perrigan said that it was mailed out today. Chief Wood stated that the fire department was looking at a pickup truck with a tool box, but they were trying to figure out what would work best. Assistant Chief Bobby Edwards asked about the Federal Emergency Management Agency grant. Chief Wood replied that the fire department has not heard back yet, although he didn't know why because they usually already know by this time with Fire Fighter Assistance.

ITEM # XI - MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Yates reported the following:

- Mayor Yates advised that People, Inc. had not been forthcoming since contacting them about the issue determined in the town’s audit. Mayor Yates said he has contacted other organizations and researching a move, however, it will require approval from the Department of Housing and Community Development. Council Member Michael Harris asked if People, Inc. had finalized their figure on our account for the audit reporting year. Mayor Yates answered that he had not gotten any definite back from them yet although he was advised they would “get right on it”, nothing has happened to date. Mayor Yates asked if TruPoint could administer the revolving loan program. Council Member Harris answered that he didn’t think they could, but he would check. Mayor Yates said Janet Silcox with New Peoples Bank is checking with their corporate office on it as well, but it may have to be bid out with a request for proposals. Mayor Yates asked Clerk Perrigan for the amount of the program. Clerk Perrigan said that she didn’t get the report from People, Inc., they sent the number directly to Tamara Greear, however, she estimated it was around ninety-six thousand dollars.

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