The regular meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held August 16, 1968 at 8:00 P.M. with the Mayor, Welty H. Hensley presiding. The following council members were present: Mr. I. L. Flory 111, Mr. E. F. Garber, Mr. W. H. McGahey, Mr. A. R. Thompson and Mr. H. A. Workman. Mr. David C. Liskey, Town Superintendent and Mr. Thomas R. Stevens, Chief of Police were present.

Mr. E. F. Garber opened the meeting with prayer.

Mayor Hensley stated that as this was the last regular meeting before the new councilmen would take office, he wanted to take the opportunity to express appreciation on behalf of the council, the town employees and himself for the fine job that Mr. John McAllister and Mr. William McGahey have done during their terms of office.

Mr. Garber presented the budget for 1968-69. It was noted that the relocating of the electric, water and sewer lines had not been included in the budget as the majority of the cost would be financed from funds set aside for upkeep and rebuilding of the lines.

Mr. Johnny Hensley came before the council in regards to the request at the previous council meeting to use a P.A. System in their Evangelistic Services which they hold each Friday night on the land between the Post Office and the Tastee Freez. He also presented a signed statement of the business men and residents in that area that they have no objections to the use of the P. A. System. Mrs. Eunice B. Hall accompanied Mr. Hensley and stated she felt that the system would not create a hazard but had noticed that the traffic situation seemed to improve during the services.

After much discussion by the council, Mr. I. L. Flory 111 moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Workman and carried to give Mrs. Eunice Hall and her group permission to operate the P. A. System for two Friday nights August 16 and the 23. Permission for further use must be authorized by the Mayor.

Mr. E. F. Garber moved, seconded by Mr. W. H. McGahey and carried to dispense with the reading of the minutes as everyone had copies of them in advance and to accept the minutes of the regular meeting July 12, 1968.

Mr. A. R. Thompson moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Workman and carried to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting July 23, 1968.

Chief Stevens reported that the complaint by Mr. Berkeley Brooks in regards to dogs running loose had been turned over to the dog warden.

It was brought to the council's attention that on several occasions the fire & resque vehicles have used the wrong side of the road at the stop light on Stuart & Spotswood Avenue and it was felt this was a highly dangerous practice. Chief Stevens was asked to report this matter to the Fire Company.

Mr. Workman reported that the question of the width of Summit Avenue had been taken care of.

Mayor Hensley reported that the Railroad Company is going to send someone to look over the property on Terrace Avenue and that they will either buy the black top and fix the street or give us a lease for one or two years.

Mayor Hensley reported that the Rockingham County School Board wants included with the lease on the playground in Memorial Park an option to renew the lease for 30 years but to write a letter to the board stating that we feel this should in no way hinder or hold up progress toward a new elementary school here in our community.

Mr. E. F. Garber moved, seconded by Mr. W. H. McGahey and carried to approve the Finance Report.

Mr. Liskey had information and bids on several streets which need surface treatment or black top but it was decided to table any action until September.

Mayor Hensley announced that there would be an organizational meeting Thursday, August 29, 1968 at 8:00 P.M. in the council chambers. Mr. I. L. Flory 111 moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Workman and carried to run the water line to the Junior Order Park under a written agreement with the Junior O. U. A. M. that the town will furnish the material, the Jr. Order will lay the line and the line will become the property of the town upon installation.

Mr. I. L. Flory 111 reported that his committee had met and suggested that a Sewer Connection Fee for Outside of Town be set at $300.00 and the Sewer Rate be 50% higher than the in town rate.

Mr. I. L. Flory 111 moved, seconded by Mr. A. R. Thompson and carried to amend Section 32:28 of the Code to read:

In the case of sewer service for an individual inside the town, the sewer department shall run all sewer service lines to the applicant's property line for a distance not to exceed fifty feet for the connection charge in force at the time of application. If the distance exceeds fifty feet, the applicant shall pay all costs in access of fifty feet.

In case of sewer service for an individual outside the town, the sewer department shall run all sewer service lines to the applicant's property line and the applicant shall pay all costs plus a Sewer Connection Fee of $300.00 and the Sewer Rate will be 50% higher than the in-town rate in force at the time of application.

The Council of the Town of Elkton, Virginia hereby declares an emergency to exist and this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from the 16th day of August, 1968.

Mayor Hensley read a letter from Higgs and Shumate in reference to the study they were requested to make on the proposed sewage facilities to serve the North Avenue area at the Northern Corporation Limits of the Town. They proposed to conduct the following work:

1. Study the potential population growth in the North Avenue area.

2. Determine the location and size of the sewage collection system to serve this area.

3. Study alternate methods of conveying the sewage effluent from this area to the Town treatment facilities.

4. Prepare a map showing existing and proposed sewer facilities in the area.

5. Prepare a report which will include our recommendations and construction cost estimates.

6. Furnish 5 copies of the map and report to the Town.

The estimated fee for the above work is $550.00. The work will be conducted on a per diem basis.

Mr. I. L. Flory 111 moved, seconded by Mr. E. F. Garber and carried to hire Higgs and Shumate on terms of the above proposal.

Mr. Thompson reported that the supplements to the ordinances have been completed and requested that the ordinance books be brought into the town office to be brought up to date.

Mr. A. R. Thompson moved, seconded by Mr. W. H. McGahey and carried to approve the following ordinance:

46. 1-295.3 DEPTH OF TREADS ON TIRES-

(A) No person shall operate a motor vehicle registered in Virginia on any highway in this state, if such motor vehicle is equipped with one or more tires which either (1) when measured in any two adjacent tread grooves where the tread is thinnest, at three

equally spaced intervals around the circumference of the tire and exclusive of "Tiebars" by a tread depth gauge calibrated in thirty seconds of an inch, is found to have tread depth of less than two thirty seconds of an inch at such locations, or (2) when equipped with tread wear indicators, is found to have such indicators in contact with pavement at any two adjacent grooves at three equally spaced intervals around the circumference of the tire.

(B) No motor vehicle shall be issued an inspection sticker

(C) This section shall not apply to tires mounted on dual wheels installed on

It was brought to the attention of the council that there are no Route 33 or Route 340 signs in the town. It was decided to write a letter to Mr. Alexander notifying him of this situation.

Mr. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. I. L. Flory 111 and carried to rehire Martin B. Hendricks as a patrolman in the Police Department at the salary he was making when he left the department.

Mr. W. H. McGahey expressed his thanks to the Mayor and each Councilman for their help and cooperation during his term as councilman and stated he had enjoyed working with them.

There was a discussion in regards to the Uniform Closing Law. Mr. Stevens reported that the Tastee Freez is still staying open late and would like to have the law passed. Mr. Stevens was instructed to inform the Tastee Freez to close at midnight even though a uniform law has not yet been passed.

Mr. Workman reported that the last note on the Elkton Electric System would be paid Monday.

Mr. E. F. Garber moved, seconded by Mr. I. L. Flory 111 and carried to employ Bosserman, Alt and Stickley to do the Town Audit.

Mr. E. F. Garber moved, seconded by Mr. A. R. Thompson and carried to adopt the Budget as read.

Mayor Hensley read a letter from Mr. O. H. Adams, Regional Engineer for the State Department of Health that after inspecting the water system of the Town of Elkton's on July 24, 1968 they recommended that the storage reservoir be covered. This would eliminate a maintenance problem, possible complaints by customers and better protect the water supply from contamination.

Mayor Hensley read a letter from the Department of Highways in regards to their offer of $624.00 for the section of the dump property which they plan to take for the Relocation of Route 33. It was the opinion of all present that this offer was not acceptable. Mr. Workman suggested the letter be answered and state that the town feels this offer to be ridiculous and has no intentions of accepting the offer. Mayor Hensley stated he would send a letter asking that the Department of Highways reconsider this offer.

The council was reminded of the Virginia Municipal League Convention in Roanoke Sept. 22 thru 24th and the Biennial Institute for Councilmen and Mayors sponsored by the Virginia Municipal League at the University of Virginia August 26 thru the 28th.

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Deferred Business:

Custodian for dump
Filtering Water System
Playground Equipment - Memorial Park
Ordinance - Uniform Closing Law
Water - Trailer Court
Raising Speed Limit-25 Mile Zone

APPROVED: Welty H. Hensley
Mayor

RECORDER: Norma R. Leap
Norma R. Leap, Clerk