REGULAR
COUNCIL MEETING
April 10, 1970

The regular meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held April 10, 1970 at 8:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers with the Mayor, Welty H. Hensley presiding. The following council members were present: Mr. I. L. Flory III, Mr. R. G. Harman, Mr. E. O. Karow, Mr. A. R. Thompson and Mr. H. A. Workman. Mr. Marvin C. Hillsman, Town Attorney, Mr. David C. Liskey, Town Superintendent and Mr. Lyle E. Williams, Chief of Police were present.

Mr. Alan R. Thompson opened the meeting with prayer.

Mayor Hensley presented the following bid for the 1969 Plymouth Fury I Police Car which had been advertised:

Mr. Ernest Pence	$1200.00

The following report was presented by Mr. E. O. Karow for the Committee appointed by the council to study the proposed school merger:

> The Committee of the Elkton Town Council appointed by Mayor Hensley at the Council Meeting held on December 12, 1969 to study the proposed merger of Elkton High School into Montevideo High School has held several meetings. At an organization meeting it was decided to approach the subject in two broad categories: (1) the impact the proposed merger would have on the education of the children, and (2) the impact the proposed merger would have on the Town of Elkton and the Community.
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> With this in mind the Committee met with representatives of the Rockingham County School System and with the Executive Board of the Save our School Committee and their attorney, Mr. Donald E. Litten. It was hoped by the Committee that it would have an opportunity to review and analyze the reports of the Committees to be appointed by the School Board. However, when the Committees were announced in the Daily News Record on March 16 it was noted that no deadline was set for a report by these Committees.
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> It is, thus, the consensus of this Committee that no further benefit would accrue from postponment of its report, and that at the present time, and with the lack of information on the benefits of the proposed merger, it must go on record as opposing a merger of Elkton High School into Montevideo High School.
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> It is recommended by the Committee that the Elkton Town Council approve this report, adopt the following resolution, and that the Committee be discharged.
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> A Resolution
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> Whereas, the Committee of the Elkton Town Council, established to study the proposed merger of Elkton High School into Montevideo High School, has met with officials of the Rockingham County Schools and with members of the Save Our School Committee;
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> And whereas, public opinion at this time dictates that the Committee and the Elkton Town Council take a formal stand on this proposal;
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> Be It Therefore Resolved That, the Committee of the Elkton Town Council, established to study the said merger goes officially on record as opposing this merger due to lack of information on the benefits of the proposed merger;
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> And Be It Further Resolved That, the Committee recommends that the Elkton Town Council adopts a similar stand and go on record as opposing the merger;

Whereas, the Elkton Town Council is appreciative of the efforts of the teachers, coaches and principals in the Elkton Schools;

Be It Therefore Resolved That, the Elkton Town Council commends the Rockingham County School Board for its proposal that a new Elementary School be built in Elkton in the near future.

Mr. Harold A. Workman stated that he was very happy to receive this report and moved that the report be adopted as presented in its entirety. Mr. A. R. Thompson seconded the motion and it carried.

Mrs. Neil Hillsman was present on behalf of the garden club in regards to the project of planting trees, flowers, etc. on the parking lot on Rockingham Street. Mrs. Hillsman explained that after talking with a man from one of the nursery's it is going to cost $60.00 rather than the $25.00 the club orginally thought would take care of this project. Mrs. Hillsman asked the council for their support financially.

Mr. R. G. Harman moved, seconded by Mr. I. L. Flory III and carried to donate $35.00 to the Garden Club to plant shurbery on the triangle lot.

Mr. R. B. Hutton asked to be heard by the council and requested that it be noted officially that he did so. Mr. Hutton asked Mr. Thompson if he had made any arrangements with the Rockingham County School Board in regards to closing Warren Avenue. Mr. Hutton stated that Warren Avenue runs through the school property past the gymnasium. Mr. Liskey and Mr. Garber stated that they were sure Warren Avenue stops at B Street. Mayor Hensley stated that the council would see that this was checked into.

Mr. Lewis Workman came before the council stating that he had bought the Maynard Downey property and had subdivided this property into seven lots. He offered to give the town a 24 foot right-of-way off his land and asked that the town run water and sewer to these lots. It was felt that the town would have to have a 50 foot right-of-way before they could give Mr. Workman water and sewer service to these lots. After some discussion, Mr. Flory and Mr. Hillsman were asked to look into this matter.

Mr. Lurty Taylor came before the council. Mr. Taylor stated that he was not asking for money but co-operation. Trash from the businesses in his area is still blowing onto his yard and creating problems. Mr. R. G. Harman was asked to take care of this matter.

Mr. Lonnie Hale asked that some gravel be placed in front of his place of business due to a mud hole beginning there.

Mr. Bobby Gooden brought to the council's attention that the property which he had been discussing with Mr. Flory and had been involved in the outhouse problem was now vacant and he would like to recommend that the town not service this house with water and electricity until proper sewer facilities are installed.

Mr. Jerry Levandoski came before the council in regards to the Elkton Lion's Club observing a "White Cane Day" Saturday April 18, 1970, Mayor Hensley read the following proclamation:

Whereas the Town of Elkton recognizes the lasting importance of a program of sight conservation and assistance to the blind, and

Whereas said Town acknowledges with gratitude the continious and valuable contributions and endeavors of the Elkton Lions Club in this field,

Now, Therefore, it is hereby proclaimed by the Town of Elkton, Virginia that the 18th of April, 1970 shall be known, designated and observed as "White Cane Day", when the citizens of the Town are requested and encouraged to support the Elkton Lions Club in continuing their program of sight conservation and assistance to the blind.

Dated this day of April 10, 1970.

Mr. E. O. Karow moved, seconded by Mr. I. L. Flory III and carried to approve the minutes as presented of the regular meeting March 13, 1970.

Mr. A. R. Thompson moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Workman and carried to approve the minutes of the special meeting March 10, 1970.

Mr. I. L. Flory III moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Workman and carried to approve the Finance Report.

Mr. R. B. Hutton asked why the Finance Report did not reflect the cost of the North Avenue Sewer Project. Mrs. Leap explained to Mr. Hutton that the North Avenue Project was being run under one of the sinking funds and when the project was completed a complete finance report would be presented on this project.

Mr. I. L. Flory III moved, seconded by Mr. E. O. Karow and carried to approve a building permit for Millard L. Dearing for a dwelling.

Mr. H. A. Workman reported that the Virginia Municipal Electric Association would hold a meeting April 23rd. and 24th. in Salem, Virginia and that he and Mr. Liskey would attend.

Mayor Hensley reminded the council that they would attend church Sunday at the Elkton Mennonite Church and invited the candidates running for election in June to attend also.

Mr. I. L. Flory III moved, seconded by Mr. R. G. Harman and carried to amend Section 32-9. "Town electric and sewer service prerequisite to water connection outside town." by deleting the last eight words of this section "provided of course, that the same are available".

Mr. Flory reported that he and Mr. Liskey had met with Jesse Snyder of Sydnor Hydrodynamics Inc. in regards to a filtering system for the well and that Mr. Snyder had quoted an approximate cost of ten to thirteen thousand dollars to install this system, $7,900.00 of which would be equipment. Mr. Flory indicated that he would get with his committee to discuss this proposal. Mayor Hensley asked that they have a firm written proposal by the next meeting.

Mr. A. R. Thompson moved, seconded by Mr. I. L. Flory III and carried to approve the Second Reading to award the contract for street work to Painter & Mundy Inc. at an estimated cost of $4729.00.

Mr. A. R. Thompson moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Workman and carried to approve the Second Reading to employ Painter & Mundy Inc. to apply 1½ Type I-2 Bit. Conc. on Fourth & "O" Street at an estimated cost of $380.00.

Mr. A. R. Thompson moved, seconded by Mr. R. G. Harman and carried to approve the Second Reading to employ Painter & Mundy Inc. to pave "F" from Lee to the Corporate Limits East at an estimated cost of $1058.00.

Mr. A. R. Thompson moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Workman and carried to appropriate $150.00 for drain pipe on Prospect Avenue.

Mr. H. A. Workman moved, seconded by Mr. I. L. Flory III and carried to approve the Second Reading to purchase 3 mobile Business Band Radios with antennas for the town trucks and a monitor with antenna for a base station at $1300.00.

Mr. R. G. Harman moved, seconded by Mr. I. L. Flory III and carried to approve the Second Reading to employ Mr. H. R. Breeden to do painting, etc. as indicated in his bid at a cost of $1592.80.

Mr. E. O. Karow moved, seconded by Mr. I. L. Flory III and carried to approve the Second Reading to purchase a Police Walkie Talkie Radio at a cost of $608.40 out of the Route 33 Administrative Account.

Mr. R. G. Harman reminded those present that Clean Up Week would be May 4th. thru May 9th. It was also reported that the State Highway Department would be sweeping the streets on Route 33 East and West during the week of April 20th. and asked that the citizens cooperate by keeping the street as clear as possible of automobiles.

Mr. R. G. Harman moved, seconded by Mr. I. L. Flory III and carried to adopt the following ordinance:

Sec. 5-4a Keeping of Poultry Prohibited

It shall be unlawful for any person to keep or maintain upon his property or any property chickens, turkeys ducks, geese, guineas or poultry of any description, whether or not such animals are penned or confined. Each day such animals are kept or maintained shall give rise to a distinct and separate punishable violation of this ordinance.

Mr. R. G. Harman moved, seconded by Mr. I. L. Flory III to repeal Sec. 4-2 of the Town Code and this section will read as follows:

Sec. 4-2 When sale of beverage of not more than three and two tenth per cent alcohol prohibited -- Generally.

It shall be lawful for any person to sell beverages, as defined in Section 4-3, in town between the hours of 11:00 p.m. of each Saturday and 6:00 a.m. Monday.

Mr. Lonnie Hale spoke against the passing of this change in that he not only opposes the sale of beer on Sunday but does not believe in it at any time. Mr. Alan Thompson stated that he also did not approve. Mr. H. A. Workman stated that 3.2 beer is classified as a food beverage and that other food items are sold on Sunday and that if people want to purchase beer they will go to Page County, Swift Run or Harrisonburg and he felt that the town businesses should get this profit, and it also helps eliminate some of this travel to and from these places for beer. Roy Gene Davis felt that there would be others opposed to this and that they should be given the opportunity to express their views before the council took action. Mrs. Neil Hillsman stated that she did not know if it was always necessary to know the will of the majority. Michael Hammel stated that the people elected the council to decide the issues. Mayor Hensley reminded those present that if this was passed by the council and the people were definately opposed that it could also be repealed.

A vote was taken on this motion and all voted for the motion except Mr. A. R. Thompson who voted against the motion. The motion was carried.

Mr. H. A. Workman moved, seconded by Mr. E. O. Karow and carried to reject the bid from Mr. Ernest Pence on the Police Car and to readvertise for bids to be opened May 8th.

Mayor Hensley reported that the town had met with the Shenandoah Town Council March 10 and that a final T.V. Franchise Ordinance ahd been agreed upon. Mr. E. O. Karow moved, seconded by Mr. I. L. Flory III and carried to approve the T.V. Franchise Ordinance as presented.

Mr. I. L. Flory III moved, seconded by Mr. R. G. Harman and carried to appoint Mr. Lonnie P. Hale to fill the unexpired term of Mr. E. F. Garber.

Mr. A. R. Thompson moved, seconded by Mr. E. O. Karow and carried that Mr. Lonnie P. Hale be authorized to sign checks and bills for the Finance Committee.

Mr. I. L. Flory III moved, seconded by Mr. R. G. Harman and carried to have the 1970 tax tickets prepared by the RNB Computer Services, Inc. at an approximate cost of $114.08.

As there was no further business, Mr. I. L. Flory III moved, seconded by Mr. A. R. Thompson and carried to adjourn.

MAYOR: Welty H. Hensley
Welty H. Hensley, Mayor

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