REGULAR
COUNCIL MEETING
September 11, 1970

The regular meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held September 11, 1970 at 8:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers with the Mayor, Edward F. Garber presiding. The following council members were present: Mr. R. G. Harman, Mr. E. O. Karow, Mr. W. H. McGahey, Mr. A. R. Thompson and Mr. H. A. Workman. Mr. R. E. Davis was absent due to a recent operation. Mr. David C. Liskey, Town Superintendent, Mr. Marvin C. Hillsman, Jr., Town Attorney and Mr. Lyle E. Williams, Chief of Police were present.

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

The following visitors were present: Mr. Berkley Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Cochran, Mr. L. P. Hale, Mr. Randall Holland and Mr. H. F. Rodgers.

Mayor Garber expressed his appreciation for the confidence shown by the citizens in electing him and stated he would do his best the next two years. Mayor Garber announced that he would hold office hours each Wednesday from 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Mr. A. R. Thompson moved, seconded by Mr. W. H. McGahey and carried to approve the minutes of the regular meeting August 21, 1970.

Mr. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. R. G. Harman and carried to accept the Finance Report for the month of August.

Mr. E. O. Karow moved, seconded by Mr. R. G. Harman and carried to accept the following committees:

Electric
- H. A. Workman, Chairman
- R. G. Harman, Vice Chairman
- R. E. Davis

Water & Sewer
- W. H. McGahey, Chairman
- E. O. Karow, Vice Chairman
- H. A. Workman

Streets & Sidewalks
- R. E. Davis, Chairman
- A. R. Thompson, Vice Chairman
- E. O. Karow

Health, Ordinances & Recreation
- R. G. Harman, Chairman
- R. E. Davis, Vice Chairman
- A. R. Thompson

Finance
- A. R. Thompson, Chairman
- W. H. McGahey, Vice Chairman
- H. A. Workman

Public Safety
- E. O. Karow, Chairman
- W. H. McGahey, Vice Chairman
- R. G. Harman

Mr. R. G. Harman moved, seconded by Mr. A. R. Thompson and carried to reappoint Mr. Marvin Hillsman, Jr. as Town Attorney at an annual retaining fee of $400.00.

Mr. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Workman and carried to reappoint Mr. Beverly B. Bowers as Judge at a salary of $1800.00 and Mr. James R. Sipe as Substitute Judge.

Mr. E. O. Karow moved, seconded by Mr. W. H. McGahey and carried to reappoint Mr. R. K. Babington as Warrant Justice and to appoint Mr. John Adams as Substitute Justice.

Mr. A. R. Thompson moved, seconded by Mr. W. H. McGahey and carried to appoint Mr. H. A. Workman President Pro Tempore.

Mr. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. R. G. Harman and carried to set the meeting date for the Town Council for the second Monday of each month beginning October 12, 1970.

Mr. R. G. Harman moved, seconded by Mr. A. R. Thompson and carried to approve the Second Reading of the Budget.

Mr. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. R. G. Harman and carried to approve the Second Reading to install a new boiler and convert the system to hot water at a cost of $3,088.40 work to be done by Snyder Plumbing and Heating.

Mr. H. F. Rodgers came before the council to ask that they give consideration to the following items:

1. The town consider installing lights along the access road going to the high school as a safety feature for our children.
2. At the intersection of Jackson Avenue and North Avenue where there is a yield sign as you go off Jackson, the view is obstructed by brush. It was suggested that the responsible owner clean off this corner.
3. At the intersection of North Avenue and Route 340, people coming down North pull across in the left lane and block people turning off Route 340 into North Avenue. Mr. Rodgers stated this should be corrected as it was quite dangerous. Mr. Liskey explained that this intersection is out of town and is State property. Mayor Garber referred the other two suggestions to the proper committees.

Mr. H. A. Workman moved, seconded by Mr. W. H. McGahey and carried to appropriate $1700.00 for running water and sewer lines to the four new homes being built on Summitt Avenue by Donald Crist.

Mr. Liskey presented a quote from Mr. Cal Rocker of the L. C. Williams Co. for Christmas decorations. There was a discussion in regards to the merchants participating in the purchase of new decorations.

Mr. R. G. Harman moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Workman and carried to endorse the buying of new Christmas decorations and to have Mrs. Leap and Mrs. Engle contact each business and organization in town on a volunteer basis to contribute toward the purchase of these decorations and the town would match the amount contributed.

Mr. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. E. O. Karow to approve the First Reading to pay Hajoca Corp. $1442.25 for the new pump at the well.

There was a discussion on the cleaning of the well by Sydnor Hydrodynamics Inc., the loss of the pump and whether to pay the invoice presented by Sydnor.

Mr. R. G. Harman moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Workman to not pay Sydnor but to notify them and take appropriate action to regain from Sydnor for the loss of the pump and expenses. After further discussion, Mr. Harman withdrew his motion.

Mr. R. G. Harman moved, seconded by Mr. E. O. Karow and carried to have the Water Committee meet with all those who were involved in the well situation, the employees, Mr. Simmerman and the men from Sydnor to discuss the problem and try to resolve it.

Mr. Liskey reported that Mr. Elwood Shifflett had asked for a water connection and that he was due this one due to the original contract made with the land owners in regards to water.

Mr. R. G. Harman moved, seconded by Mr. W. H. McGahey and carried that Mr. Liskey be authorized to give Mr. Elwood Shifflett the water connection as was set up in the original contract.

Mr. E. O. Karow moved, seconded by Mr. A. R. Thompson and carried to give Mr. Liskey permission to request bids on a new dump truck.

Mr. Liskey reported that there was a new parking area on the corner of Wirt and Fifth.

It was reported that the State had approved two entrances on Route 340 for C. L. Custer's Texaco Station and plans had been laid out for these entrances and the one onto Rockingham.

Mr. Workman reported that it looks as if the electricity to the new elementary school is going to run quite a bit higher than thought at first due to the transformers.

Mr. Workman also reported that the Electric Association of Virginia which is composed of Municipalities, many of which are involved in rate increases in their purchase of electricity, is going before the Federal Power Commission to oppose this increase.

A letter from Blue Bell asking that the town annex the property behind Cook Burger which they have purchased to build a new factory was read.

Mr. E. O. Karow moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Workman and carried to refer this letter to Mr. Hillsman, Town Attorney, to contact Blue Bell in regards to this annexation request.

Mayor Garber appointed the following special committees:

Committee to Negotiate and Work with State Highway Department on Completion of Route 33 Proj.

Welty H. Hensley, Chairman
Roy Eugene Davis
Alan R. Thompson

Committee to Return to Zoning Board the new Proposed Zoning Ordinances and Explain Complaints Made by Citizens

Rodney G. Harman, Chairman
Harold A. Workman
B. W. Gooden

Committee to Work with School Board on New Elementary School

William H. McGahey, Chairman
Roy Eugene Davis
Harold A. Workman
Edward O. Karow

The letter from the State Water Control Board was read which stated that the Town of Elkton had not been recommended for a grant but that they could reapply for the 1971-72 fiscal year.

A letter from the State Water Control Board was read regarding training for Wastewater Treatment Plant Operators.

The letters were referred to the proper committees.

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned.

MAYOR: Edward F. Garber
Edward F. Garber, Mayor

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