REGULAR
COUNCIL MEETING
August 21, 1970

The regular meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held August 21, 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. W. H. McGahey, Mr. A. R. Thompson and Mr. H. A. Workman. Mr. David C. Liskey, Town Superintendent, Mr. Marvin C. Hillsman, Jr., Town Attorney and Mr. T. R. Shifflett, Acting Chief of Police.

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

The following visitors were present: M. E. Alexander, G. W. Berry, Mr. & Mrs. Berkley Brooks, Douglas Cochran, Roy Gene Davis, N. V. Fitzwater, S. P. H. Flick, Ditman Flory, I. L. Flory Jr., Edward Garber, B. W. Gooden, L. P. Hale, George Hensley, C. Z. Hisey, Randall Holland, Mr. & Mrs. Eldridge Jenkins, Joe Leap, Harold Leet, William Madren and Carl Schumacher.

Mr. G. W. Berry came before the council in regards to the alley behind his property on Fourth Street. He explained to the council that a neighbor who just recently bought property on this street seems to be under the impression that the purchase included the alley behind and talks as if he has intentions of closing this alley. Mr. Berry stated that he and Mr. John Huddle wanted to go on record as being opposed to this alley being closed. The council reported to Mr. Berry that no request had been received to date to close this alley.

The next item of business was the Public Hearing on the new Zoning Ordinances. Mr. I. L. Flory, Jr. stated that his main objection was that the property he is now using and renting on the East side of Terrace and North of A Street is not designated as Industrial on the map. The other items which the others present were concerned about were the changing of the A-1 Residential to R-2 Residential, owning single lots and whether you can build on them, and rebuilding after fire or other destruction. Most of those present felt that the new ordinances were too restrictive.

The following 1970-71 Budget was presented for the Public Hearing:

TOTAL BUDGET INCOME	$284,095.00
LESS SINKING FUNDS	38,000.00
AMOUNT TO BE ALLOCATED TO DEPARTMENTS	$246,095.00
EXPENDITURES PER DEPARTMENT	
General Government	$ 39,600.00
Electric Department	83,633.50
Water Department	16,913.00
Sewer Department	12,815.00
Garbage Department	10,682.50
Street Department	26,442.00
Public Safety	56,009.00
	$246,095.00

Mr. A. R. Thompson moved, seconded by Mr. W. H. McGahey and carried to accept the First Reading of the Budget as presented.

Mrs. Eldridge Jenkins and Mr. James Hammel commented on the good job done by the men who pick up the garbage and expressed their appreciation to these men for the job that they do.

Mrs. Jenkins also brought it to the attention of the Public Safety Department that people are not observing the stop signs at C and Hill Avenue.

Mr. E. O. Karow moved, seconded by Mr. I. L. Flory III and carried to approve the minutes of the regular meeting July 10, 1970.

Mr. I. L. Flory III moved, seconded by Mr. A. R. Thompson and carried to accept the Finance Report for the month of July.

Mr. Flory reported that Martin, Clifford & Associates were working on the water problems.

Mr. Harold Workman expressed his appreciation for the flowers which he received while in the hospital.

Mr. A. R. Thompson moved, seconded by Mr. I. L. Flory III and carried to present a formal request to the Virginia Department of Highways to add 0.96 mile of secondary streets for maintenance payment effective July 1, 1970.

Mayor Hensley reminded the council that all we have been paid for the dump is the amount appropriated and that the holdup on this has been due to Judge Graves' death but that Judge Graves' son will be taking over his work. Also that Fifth Street and Marshall Avenue are to be black topped before the State completes the highway through town.

There was some discussion on the possibility of Marshall Avenue being closed. Mayor Hensley stated that the Virginia Department of Highways had never mentioned that it would be closed.

Mayor Hensley also reminded the council that they should continue to work toward our request to the Virginia Department of Highways to four lane Stuart Avenue through town.

Mr. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. E. O. Karow and carried to approve the First 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.

Mayor Hensley reported that he had received a letter from Norvelle A. Lapsley, attorney for Mrs. Louise M. Kite and her daughter, Mary Elizabeth Kite, informing the town that the lot just east of the intersection of Routes 340 and 33 which we have been leasing for a parking lot has been sold to Blue Bell, Inc. for the construction of a new plant. The letter was to give written notice to the town that they have thirty (30) days to vacate the premises. The letter was dated August 11, 1970.

The council was informed that the auditors, Bosserman, Alt, James and Stickley have been notified and will be working on the books in September. The tax tickets which are being done by the Rockingham National Bank will be ready by the end of September.

The Virginia Municipal League Convention will be held at the Marriott Motor Hotel at Twin Bridges, September 20 thru 23.

It was reported that the town's request for federal funds to help install our Secondary Trickling Filter System had been turned down and more data will be needed before reapplying.

Mr. I. L. Flory III moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Workman and carried to approve a building permit for Donald Crist for four houses on Summitt Avenue.

Mr. H. A. Workman moved, seconded by Mr. R. G. Harman and carried to approve a building permit for C. L. Custer Inc. on the corner of Rockingham Street and Stuart Avenue with entrances to be worked out.

Mrs. Berkley Brooks complained to the council on the burning of garbage in her area. She stated that she had a letter which stated the town did not allow burning of garbage. It was explained to Mrs. Brooks that you could burn garbage but the town will not pick up any trash cans in which garbage or trash has been burned.

Mr. R. G. Harman moved, seconded by Mr. E. O. Karow and carried to approve the proposed employee wages as presented.

Mayor Hensley and Mr. I. L. Flory III both expressed their appreciation to the council, attorney, press and citizens for the cooperation they received while on the Council and stated that they had enjoyed their four years of service with the town.

Mr. I. L. Flory III moved, seconded by Mr. A. R. Thompson and carried to send the Zoning Ordinances back to the Planning Commission with recommendations by a committee to be appointed by the new mayor.

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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

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