REGULAR
COUNCIL MEETING
August 9, 1971

The regular meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held August 9, 1971 at 8:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers with the Mayor, Edward F. Garber presiding. The following council members were present: Mr. R. E. Davis, Mr. E. O. Karow, Mr. H. A. Leet, Mr. A. R. Thompson and Mr. H. A. Workman. Mr. W. H. McGahey was absent. Mr. C. B. Knott, Chief of Police, Mr. David C. Liskey, Town Superintendent and Mrs. Norma R. Leap, Clerk were also present.

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

Mr. E. O. Karow moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Workman and carried to approve the minutes of the regular meeting July 12, 1971.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Crider who are building a home in the Liberty Heights area came before the council asking for town services. Mr. Liskey explained that they are in an area where town services are available but the question which the council would have to decice would be in regards to whose expense it would be to run the sewer lines. This matter was tabled until further in the meeting.

Mr. Donnie McDonald came before the council in behalf of Mr. Lester McDonald asking for a water connection on the Newtown Road which is out of town. This was tabled until further in the meeting.

Mr. A. R. Thompson moved, seconded by Mr. E. O. Karow and carried to approve the Finance Report.

Mr. Davis stated that he did not have a report on the flood insurance as Mr. Hillsman was to check into this and he was unable to attend the meeting.

As the thirty day period for sending in suggestions for the naming of the street leading to the high school is not up yet, this matter was tabled until the next meeting.

There was a further discussion on the request by Mr. and Mrs. Crider for town services and the request by Mr. McDonald for town water. The Crider's were told that they definately could get town services but the question would be the cost. These two matters were turned over to the Water and Sewer Committee to study and have something within the next 30 days.

Mr. Liskey requested that the town consider sending Mr. William T. Herring to school to take an advanced course for sewer operators which is being offered at V.M.I.

Mr. E. O. Karow moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Workman and carried to send Mr. William T. Herring to V.M.I. at Lexington, Virginia to take the advanced course on Sewer Operations at the town's expense.

Mr. E. O. Karow moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Workman and carried to accept the resignation of David G. Coffman as patrolman effective August 6, 1971.

Mr. E. O. Karow moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Leet and carried to employ Frank Arlington Rodgers as a patrolman at a salary of $5100.00 per year, to be raised to $5400.00 per year at the end of six months upon the recommendation of the Chief of Police with further raises on the Chief's recommendations.

Mr. E. O. Karow moved, seconded by Mr. A. R. Thompson and carried to appoint Mr. John A. Paul as a Substitute Trial Justice for the Town of Elkton effective July 1, 1971.

The following petition was presented:

> We, the undersigned residents of Lee Avenue, would like to request stop signs placed at the intersection of "D" and Lee and "E" and Lee so the traffic on Lee Avenue will yield to "D" & "E". This is to try to control the rate of speed of traffic which has become a hazard to the small children playing in the neighborhood.

Mrs. Stephen W. Shifflett	Mrs. Robert G. Veith
Mrs. Bill Louderback	Mrs. Gary Hensley
Gary W. Hensley	Pearle Downey
R. G. Veith	Earl L. Brill
Jewell Brill	Mrs. J. B. Martin
Rev. J. B. Martin	Dr. & Mrs. Garner Downey

After considerable discussion on this petition, the matter was turned over to the Police Committee.

There was a discussion on the parking on Rockingham Street during the day by people living out of town and coming into town to catch rides to work. The Police Committee was asked to work on this problem.

It was reported that the alley beside Robinson's Department Store has been made one-way going North and the alley between Ben Snyder's and Leo Lam's buildings has been made one-way going West.

The Police Committee was asked to check into the fact that there are no "yield" signs on the approach to new Route 33 West from Route 340.

Mr. Leet reported that the Recreation Commission has met and asked that the council appoint a replacement for Mr. G. J. Levandoski. He also reported on a study planned for the county as a whole on recreation and the interest in Memorial Park. They would like to make a study of the park and recommend a layout for further recreation. 50% of the cost of development could be obtained from the Federal Government, 25% from the State and possibly some help from the County.

Mr. Leet also requested approval to make a small skating pond in Memorial Park and to cut off the unnecessary posts on the basketball court. The cutting off of the posts were okayed and the other requests were tabled until the next meeting.

It was reported that the plans on the filtration system have not been received.

Mr. Workman reported on a letter from a Mr. Smith in regards to the VEPCO situation but which he would hold until after the Municipal Electric Power Association meets again.

Mayor Garber and Mr. Workman reported on the Dedication they attended at Luray, Virginia on August 7, 1971 at 2:00 P.M. at which time Lake Arrowhead, the future water supply for the Town of Luray, was dedicated.

Mr. Thompson reported that the Virginia Supplemental Retirement System Office has been contacted in regards to the Town joining this system and they are sending a guide resolution which the town will have to adapt to suit the needs of our town. The adopted Resolution will then have to be forwarded to the Va. Supplemental Retirement System Office in order that it may be brought before their Board of Trustees for approval.

Mr. A. R. Thompson moved, seconded by Mr. R. E. Davis and carried for the Town of Elkton to rent a float for the Field Day Queen for the annual Jr. Order Field Day, Saturday August 14, 1971 at a cost of $85.00.

The Mayor and Council were invited to ride in the Field Day Parade Saturday, August 14, 1971.

The proposed budget for 1971-72 was presented by the Finance Committee. The totals are as follows:

TOTAL BUDGET INCOME	$307,504.00
LESS SINKING FUNDS	34,829.00
AMOUNT TO BE ALLOCATED TO DEPARTMENTS	$272,675.00
EXPECTED DISBURSEMENTS:	
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	$ 40,224.00
ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT	100,647.00
WATER DEPARTMENT	20,421.00
SEWER DEPARTMENT	13,835.00
GARBAGE DEPARTMENT	11,252.00
STREET DEPARTMENT	22,752.00
PUBLIC SAFETY	63,544.00
	$272,675.00

Mr. A. R. Thompson moved, seconded by Mr. R. E. Davis and carried to approve the First Reading of the proposed 1971-72 Budget.

A Public Hearing on the Budget was scheduled for the Special Council Meeting Thursday, August 26, 1971 at 8:00 P.M.

The regular September Council Meeting was changed from September 13 to September 20, 1971 at 8:00 P.M. due to the Virginia Municipal League Convention which will be held from September 12th. through September 15th. in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Mr. A. R. Thompson moved, seconded by Mr. R. E. Davis and carried to employ the firm of Bosserman, Alt, James & Stickley to do the annual audit for the Town of Elkton.

Mayor Garber reported that he had received a copy of the Preliminary Comprehensive Water and Sewerage Plan for Rockingham County, Virginia and this copy will be placed in the office.

Mayor Garber reported that Mr. Hillsman has advised that the town do nothing on the T.V. Franchise until after September 1, 1971.

Mayor Garber presented a letter from the Skyline Cablevision, Inc. expressing their interest in building a system in Elkton. This letter was tabled until the next meeting.

Mr. E. O. Karow moved, seconded by Mr. R. E. Davis and carried to accept Mr. James T. Hammel's resignation as a member of the Elkton Planning Commission.

The appointment of a new member to the Planning Commission was tabled until the next meeting.

A letter from Mr. R. P. Mason, Jail Superintendent, Department of Welfare and Institutions was read in which he stated that upon inspection of our Town Lockup, July 2, 1971, their representative found the condition of cleanliness and sanitation in the building was good.

As there was no further business, Mr. E. O. Karow moved, seconded by Mr. R. E. Davis and carried to adjourn.

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

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