REGULAR
COUNCIL MEETING
February 8, 1971

The regular meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held February 8, 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. W. H. McGahey, Mr. A. R. Thompson and Mr. H. A. Workman. Mr. R. G. Harman was absent. Mr. Marvin C. Hillsman, Jr., Town Attorney, Mr. David C. Liskey, Town Superintendent, Mr. Noah Helsley, Town Sergeant and Mrs. Betty H. Engle, Asst. Clerk were present.

The following visitors were present: Mr. Douglas Cochran, Mr. Ditman Flory, Mr. Lynn Flory III, Frankie O'Byrne, Joey O'Byrne, Mr. Carl Schumacher and Mr. Bobby Whitfield. Mr. Charles Kibler's Weblo Scouts were also present.

Mr. Ditman Flory and Mr. Lynn Flory III came before the council in regards to the proposed water and sewer rate increase. They stated that they realize the town has to raise the water rates but that the purposed rates would increase their bills 70% and they felt this to be high as 20% to 25% of the water used goes into their product and not into the sewer. They asked the council to reconsider this sewer rate in regards to the effect it will have on the customers consuming large amounts of water in their business.

Mr. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. A. R. Thompson and carried to approve the minutes of the regular meeting January 11, 1971 with the correction in paragraph two, page two, adding highway after the word dual.

Mr. A. R. Thompson moved, seconded by Mr. E. O. Karow and carried to approve the minutes of the special meeting January 29, 1971.

Mr. A. R. Thompson moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Workman and carried to approve the Finance Report.

Mr. R. E. Davis read a letter which had been prepared to go to the Highway Department requesting the changes in signs which the Street Committee, after a through study, felt should be made on New Route 33. A copy of this letter is attached to the minutes.

Mr. H. A. Workman moved, seconded by Mr. W. H. McGahey and carried to approve this letter.

Mr. R. Davis moved, seconded by Mr. E. O. Karow and carried to purchase a Dump Truck from Edwin Leap for $500.00.

There was a discussion on the parking problem in town. Mr. Liskey reported that the parking lot Wirt Avenue could be ready for use in thirty days.

Mr. R. E. Davis moved, seconded by Mr. A. R. Thompson and carried to place four hour parking signs on the parking lot beside the bank.

Mr. Davis reported that the two hour parking signs are in need of repairs. Mr. Liskey stated he would take care of this matter.

Mr. E. O. Karow reported that the local automobile dealers cannot meet the State price for a police automobile.

Mr. E. O. Karow moved, seconded by Mr. W. H. McGahey and carried to accept the First Reading to purchase a new police car through the State at $3,177.19.

Mr. Karow reported that no progress has been made in hiring a Chief of Police.

Mr. Karow stated that it had been necessary to have so many Police Committee Meetings that the Committee on Annexation has not met.

Mr. Thompson reported that the back rooms at the Police Station need painting badly. Some of the town employees have offered to work overtime and paint these rooms.

Mr. A. R. Thompson moved, seconded by Mr. E. O. Karow and carried to appropriate $150.00 for overtime and paint to paint the back rooms at the Police Station.

Mr. Thompson reported that he had talked with Mr. Fitzwater of the Virginia National Bank about financing the covering of the Reservoir and Spring. $5,000.00 notes can be borrowed from eight to ten years at 5½% interest. No action was taken on this matter.

Mr. Liskey reported that Curtis Lawson who lives outside of town on East Spring has requested a water connection. The contract with Olen Mowbray will have to be checked before an answer can be given to Mr. Lawson.

Mr. Liskey presented the following bids for transformers:

Carolina Transformers	$2,090.00 each
Piedmont Electric	1,962.45 each
Tristate	2,091.00 each
Westinghouse	2,070.00 each

Mr. Liskey suggested that the transformers be purchased before the price goes up. Mr. Bobby Whitfield was present representing Piedmont Electric.

Mr. H. A. Workman moved, seconded by Mr. R. E. Davis and carried to purchase three transformers, enclosures and other needed materials from Piedmont Electric.

Mr. McGahey presented the following bids for steel to cover the reservoir and spring:

Reservoir	$18,635.00
Spring	1,965.00

Mr. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. E. O. Karow and carried to accept the prices for steel to cover the reservoir and spring.

A quote from Monger Brothers Contractors of $3,619.00 for complete covering and installation of the reservoir was presented. The Spring will be covered by town employees.

Mr. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Workman and carried to contract Monger Brothers Contractors to cover the reservoir at a cost of $3,619.00.

No action was taken on the following quoted from Sydnor for filtration at the well, $13,664.30 and $2,000.00 for pipe.

Mr. Hillsman reported that he had sent a copy of a letter from Mr. Simmerman in regards to the well situation with Sydnor to Sydnor Hydrodynamics.

Mr. McGahey presented the following proposals on new water and sewer rates:

✓ Proposal 1. Raise Water Connections Fees to:

3/4 Inch	$100.	was $75.	(Including Meter)
1 Inch	$150.	was $100.	(Including Meter)
Over 1 Inch	$ 50.	Plus time and material.	

✓ Proposal 2. Increase Water rates slightly:

First	5,000	$5.00 Minimum	was $4.50
Next	10,000	.65 thousand	was .55
Next	20,000	.55 thousand	was .45
Next	25,000	.45 thousand	was .35
Next	40,000	.35 thousand	was .25
Over	100,000	.25 thousand	was .20

✓ Proposal 3. Sewer rates be 3/4 or 75% of Water bill with a Minimum of $5.00 was $4.25 minimum quarterly.
Sewer is now 50% of water bill billed quarterly as now.

✓ Proposal 4. Consumers outside the Town:

First	5,000 gal.	$6.00 minimum
Next	10,000 gal.	.80 thousand
Next	15,000 gal.	.75 thousand

Sewer outside of Town 100% of Water bill.

There was more discussion on the new rates. Mr. W. H. McGahey moved,

seconded by Mr. E. O. Karow to accept the First Reading to approve the new proposed water and sewer rates. The vote was as follows:

Davis	- nay	Thompson	- yea
Karow	- yea	Workman	- yea
McGahey	- yea		

Mr. Garber stated that they would like the new rates to become effective for the next quarter billing but would try to have a Public Hearing before the Second Reading.

Mr. H. A. Workman moved, seconded by Mr. A. R. Thompson and carried to approve the Second Reading to purchase transformers from the Town of Manassas at a cost of $2,258.00.

A report was given on the meeting attended by Mayor Garber, Mr. Liskey and Mr. Workman in Fredricksburg and a letter was read giving the increased rates proposed by VEPCO.

Mr. Garber reported that Mr. Spevak from VEPCO had been to see him in regards to the proposed rate increase. The Co-ops have met and compromised on a 9.2 increase.

Mr. Workman announced that the Municipal Electric Power Association of Virginia is holding a meeting in regards to VEPCO requests for a rate increase. They plan to hire attorneys to fight the increase and the towns will share the cost of attorney fees. The towns portion will be approximately $565.00.

Mr. H. A. Workman moved, seconded by Mr. E. O. Karow and carried to appropriate $565.00 as the towns portion to fight the rate increase proposed by VEPCO.

Mr. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. R. E. Davis and carried to authorize Mr. Liskey and Mr. Workman to make a trip to Burlington, N. C. to purchase the truck best suited to the towns needs up to $6500.00.

It was suggested that the old electric truck be put up for bids.

Mr. H. A. Workman moved, seconded by Mr. A. R. Thompson and carried to write in a five year clause as suggested by Mr. Hillsman in the contract with City Supply, Inc. distributors for Tyler Oil Company.

Mr. Garber reported on a letter received from the State Air Pollution Board in regards to stopping the burning at the dump due to pollution. Mr. Karow suggested Mr. Garber write a letter asking that the town be allowed to burn at a minimum until the results of the Rockingham County study is received. Mr. Garber will also write a letter to Rockingham County expressing our interest in the study being made by them for solid waste disposal.

Mr. Karow moved, seconded by Mr. A. R. Thompson and carried to recommend to the Rockingham County Circuit Court that Gerald J. Levandoski be appointed to fill the unexpired term on the Board of Zoning Appeals, Town of Elkton, Va., of William R. Horne who resigned April 1, 1970 and that I. L. Flory, Jr. be appointed to a four year term on said Board, such term beginning on March 1, 1971.

Mr. Garber read a letter of resignation from Mr. A. H. Louderback, who is resigning from the Elkton Planning Commission.

Mr. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. E. O. Karow and carried to accept Mr. A. H. Louderback's resignation from the Elkton Planning Commission.

The council agreed to table until the next meeting the appointment of two new members to fill the vacancies on the Elkton Planning Commission.

Mr. Garber read a letter from W. H. Derr, General Manager of the Rockingham Cooperative Farm Bureau, Inc. in regards to the increase in their electric bills. They appealed to Mr. Garber to have this matter investigated with consideration toward establishing a commercial rate commensurate with their useage and contribution to the business community.

Mr. Garber reported on a letter from the State Water Control Board wanting to inspect the Sewage Plant. This is a regulation effecting all localaties receiving Government aid.

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Mr. Garber reported that the preliminary application for federal grant for Sewage Treatment Works had been submitted to the proper department.

Mr. Garber read a letter from V.P.I. in regards to flood control to insure against flood damage.

Mr. Garber reported that he is working toward financial assistance from the F.H.A. and the granting of long term loans.

As there was no further business the meeting adjourned.

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

RECORDER: Betty H. Engle
Betty H. Engle, Asst. Clerk