REGULAR
COUNCIL MEETING
May 10, 1971

The regular meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held May 10, 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. R. G. Harman, Mr. E. O. Karow, Mr. W. H. McGahey, Mr. A. R. Thompson and Mr. H. A. Workman. Mr. Charles Knott, Chief of Police, Mr. David Liskey, Town Superintendent and Mrs. Norma R. Leap, Clerk were also present.

Mayor E. F. Garber opened the meeting with prayer.

Mr. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. E. O. Karow and carried to approve the minutes of the regular meeting April 12, 1971.

Mr. E. O. Karow moved, seconded by Mr. A. R. Thompson and carried to approve the minutes of the special meeting May 3, 1971.

Mr. B. M. Snyder came before the council in regards to the water line on the Newtown Road which was installed by these residents around 1938 thus giving the people along this line the privilege to connect to the line. He asked that the town honor this verbal contract and allow Mrs. Margaret Meadows to connect to this line. The council told Mr. Snyder that they would act upon his request later in the meeting.

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

Mayor Garber reported that he had received a letter from Mr. Donald A. Perry of Donald A. Perry and Associates, Inc. stating that they had just received the detailed strand maps for the proposed American Cablevision Corporations CATV system for Elkton and ask to meet with the town council prior to commencement of construction. Mayor Garber stated that he had written Mr. Perry informing him of the time for the May council meeting but had received no reply.

Mr. Stephen Meem came before the council to present a Mapping Proposal. Mr. Liskey informed Mr. Meem that the town already has similar maps.

Mr. Harman reported that Clean-Up Week was very successful. There was a discussion in regards to the cement on the streets which had fallen from Superior Concrete trucks, and steps to be taken to eliminate this problem.

Mr. H. A. Workman moved, seconded by Mr. W. H. McGahey and carried to furnish water to Mrs. Margaret Meadows as contracted in 1938.

Mr. McGahey reported that he was contacting Higgs & Shumate to get an estimate for plans for the water filtration.

Mr. Liskey reported that the covering of the Reservoir and Spring had been completed. He also reported that it would be necessary to run some new sewer lines on Prospect Avenue and the approximate cost would be $1,342.00. He stated that Mr. Bartsch had denied permission to remove the fences at the Reservoir & Spring.

There was a discussion on the resolution for Flood Control Insurance. Due to the question as to whether the town would be required to enforce certain zoning requirements, etc. if this resolution was passed, Mr. Harman was asked to contact Mr. Hillsman and check to get the needed information before making a final decision.

Mr. Liskey presented three building permits. L. E. Baugher, Stuart Avenue; Noel Frazier, Terrace Avenue and Norris Shifflett, North Avenue. Mr. Liskey stated he could issue Mr. Baugher and Mr. Shifflett building permits but felt that Mr. Frazier's should have council approval.

Mayor Garber presented a letter dated April 8, 1971 from Mr. Frazier notifying the town that he was making claim against the Town for damages in excess of $20,000.00 caused to his rooming house by fire and charging them with negligence contrary to law in failing to provide adequate water for fire protection. Mayor Garber presented another letter dated April 15, 1971 from Mr. George W. Taliaferro stating that Mr. Frazier's building which was destroyed by fire was a total loss and he would like to dispose of the lot. Mr. Taliaferro reported that Mr. Frazier had asked him to dispose of the lot and he was offering it to the town as he felt like most town's they needed parking areas. Mayor Garber reported that Mr. Frazier had also contacted him to try to get him to go the F.H.A. to help get money to replace the roof on his building and now he has presented a building permit request for $1,000.00 to repair the roof.

Mr. R. G. Harman moved, seconded by Mr. E. O. Karow and carried to defer Mr. Frazier's request for a Building Permit and to refer the request for the Building Permit and the two letters to Mr. Hillsman and request Mr. Hillsman to contact the State Fire Marshall to get a written report on this property.

Mr. Liskey reported that he needed a new mower for the tractor. Baker Brothers had quoted a price of $590.00 (this price includes a $60.00 discount and no trade-in of old mower) or $500.00 (this price does not include a discount but allows $150.00 trade-in of old mower) and a quote for chain guards at $130.00.

Mr. R. E. Davis moved, seconded by Mr. A. R. Thompson and carried to purchase a new mower from Baker Brothers for $500.00 which includes the trade-in of the old mower.

Mr. R. E. Davis moved, seconded by Mr. W. H. McGahey and carried to purchase chain guards for the mower from Baker Brothers for $130.00.

The following bids were received for street paving:

	Elkton Paving, Inc.	M. A. Layman & Sons
1. Parking lot - Treasurer's Office		
a- 1" S-5 resurface paved portion	$ 548.00	$ 492.50
b- 4" Base on unpaved portion	1,720.00	1,655.75
2. Lucas Alley - 4" Base = 12' x 867	1,734.00	1,727.35
3. E Street (Stuart to Terrace) 2" I-2, 20' x 190' plus wings	690.00	604.50
4. C St. (Ashby to Hill) 2" I-2, 18' x 345'	800.00	771.90
5. Ashby St. (B to C) 2" I-2, 18' x 437'	1,000.00	976.50
6. 7th. St. (Washington to Marshall) 2" I-2, 18' x 696'	3,100.00	1,553.10
7, Wirt Ave. (Shenandoah Ave. to 1st. St.) 4" B-3, 18' x 930'	2,050.00	3,660.55
8. 1st. St. (Wirt to Old 33) 4" B-3 18' x 270'	1,000.00	1,065.05
9. Newtown Road - I-2, 1" center to 5" on side 585' x 18'	2,000.00	2,194.80
Grand Total - all projects	$14,642.00	$14,702.00

Mr. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. A. R. Thompson and carried to turn the bids over to the Street Committee for further study as to which streets should be paved first and the amount left in the budget for paving and to then call a special council meeting to act on these proposals.

Mr. Liskey reported that he had received the following quotes on checking out the Substation.

Westinghouse Electric Corporation	$1,200.00
Carolina Transformers	
Service Man	15.00 an hour (8 hr. day)
	22.50 an hour (overtime)
Helper	8.00 an hour (8 hr. day)
	12.00 an hour (overtime)
Car Expense	.10 a mile
Truck Expense	.25 a mile
Service & testing Equipment if used	25.00 a day
Plus traveling and living expenses	
Plus parts	

Mr. H. A. Workman moved, seconded by Mr. R. G. Harman and carried to approve the First Reading to contract with Carolina Transformers to do the work at the Substation.

Mr. Liskey reported that no decision had been made on the ladder truck.

There was a discussion in regards to parking for the Fire Company, Emergency Squad Members, Maintenance Department and Police Department. Mr. Liskey explained that the eight hour parking had been posted there to eliminate the shift workers parking and give the necessary parking needed. It was suggested that the Police Department give warning tickets for a week and then give parking tickets to see if this will eliminate the problem.

Mr. Liskey and Chief Knott were asked to check the signs in town. There was a suggestion that a "Children at Play" sign was needed on Lee Avenue.

Mr. Karow read a letter from Mr. R. P. Mason, Jail Superintendent, Virginia Department of Welfare and Institutions stating that a routine inspection was made of the Elkton Town Lockup April 1, 1971 and the condition of cleanliness and sanitation was good.

Mr. Karow reported that the report on Safety Regulations had been filed.

Mr. E. O. Karow moved, seconded by Mr. W. H. McGahey and carried to hire David Gordon Coffman as a patrolman for a probationary period of one year and at a salary of $5400.00 per year, increase upon recommendation of Chief Knott.

Mr. E. O. Karow moved, seconded by Mr. R. G. Harman and carried to purchase for the Police Department a Lake Erie Emergency Gas Gun Kit and Mask at a cost of $346.43.

The following bid was received for the 1969 Plymouth Fury I Police Car:

Carl A. Schumacher	$900.00

Mr. E. O. Karow moved, seconded by Mr. W. H. McGahey and carried to accept Mr. Schumachers bid of $900.00 for the 1969 Plymouth Fury I Police Car.

Chief Knott reported that he had contacted Mr. Evans of the State Highway Department in regards to the request that a sign be placed at the top of the hill on North 340 informing motorists of turning vehicles at the Jr. Order Park. Mr. Evans stated that the State would place another "35 Mile Zone" sign at the top of the hill to help slow down traffic.

Mr. A. R. Thompson moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Workman and carried to approve the Second Reading of the resolution to go on record asking for Federal Assistance in the form of a Federal Grant of $20,000.00 and a Federal Loan of $20,000.00 to upgrade their public water facilities.

There was a discussion on the Retirement Plan from Virginia Supplementary Retirement System and Mr. Liskey asked the council to give further consideration to picking up some prior service. The council felt that they had to start somewhere and that they could not pick up the prior service.

Mr. R. G. Harman moved, seconded by Mr. E. O. Karow and carried to approve the Second Reading to make available to the town employees the Virginia Supplementary Retirement System with the option "No Prior Service Credited" to be effective June 1, 1971.

Mr. H. A. Workman moved, seconded by Mr. E. O. Karow and carried that meters on multiple units be marked with location and apartment numbers.

The council deferred the appointing of a new member for the Planning Commission.

There was a discussion in regards to naming the street leading to the high school. This was turned over to the Street Committee.

Mayor Garber read a letter from The Rev. J. B. Martin of the Elkton Presbyterian Church expressing his appreciation to the Town Council for the strong stand they took in regard to the family and the trouble that manifested itself on Rockingham Street.

Mayor Garber read a letter from Shelby A. Wood, Secretary of the Gold Medallion Majorettes of Elkton asking the town to grant them permission to place a trophy case, bought and paid for by the Gold Medallion's, in the hall outside the library in the Municipal Building.

Mr. E. O. Karow moved, seconded by Mr. R. G. Harman and carried to turn the matter of the trophy case over to the Finance Committee.

Mayor Garber asked each department to start working on their budget for next year.

It was reported that reservations had been confirmed at the Princess Anne Inn at Virginia Beach for the Municipal League Convention in September.

A request for a taxi license by Mr. Homer Soule was turned over to Chief Knott.

Mr. R. G. Harman moved, seconded by Mr. W. H. McGahey and carried to approve the standard resolution required by the Virginia National Bank authorizing night depository.

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