REGULAR
COUNCIL MEETING
March 8, 1971

The regular meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held March 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. R. G. Harman, Mr. E. O. Karow, Mr. W. H. McGahey, Mr. A. R. Thompson and Mr. H. A. Workman. Mr. Noah Helsley, Town Sergeant, Mr. Marvin Hillsman, Town Attorney, Mr. David Liskey, Town Superintendent and Mrs. Betty H. Engle, Asst. Clerk were also present.

Mr. Lewis Workman came before the council on behalf of the Elkton Volunteer Fire Company to ask that the town consider donating their old ladder truck to the fire company. This matter was referred to the Electric Committee to study until the next meeting.

Mr. Joe Flick came before the council in regards to parking across from the Fire Company. He asked the council to consider marking six or eight parking spaces for Fire Company members only. This matter was turned over to the Street Committee.

Mr. Ditman Flory came before the council in regards to the new water and sewer rates and asked that they consider amending the change in sewer to have a maximum of $100.00 and also consider the 20% which they use that does not go into the sewer. No action was taken.

Mr. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. E. O. Karow and carried to approve the minutes of the regular meeting February 8, 1971.

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

Mr. H. A. Workman moved, seconded by Mr. E. O. Karow and carried to approve the Second Reading on the purchase of the truck for the Electric Department at a cost of $6500.00.

Mr. Liskey gave a report on the meeting in Richmond on the purposed rate increase by VEPCO. VEPCO made an offer to the municipalities to lower their proposed rate increase to 9.24%, retroactive to July 1, 1970 with a period of twelve months to pay the back portion. The new rates would go into effect April 1, 1971.

Mr. H. A. Workman moved, seconded by Mr. A. R. Thompson and carried to pass a resolution to accept VEPCO's offer on the new rate increase of 9.24% retroactive to July 1, 1970 with a period of twelve months to pay the back portion.

Mr. A. R. Thompson moved, seconded by Mr. W. H. McGahey and carried to have Snyder Plumbing and Heating install a new shower in the Police Department at a cost of $122.60.

Mr. R. E. Davis reported that most of the requests the town had made to the State Highway Department in regards to changes in signs on new Route 33 have been completed and the cooperation between the town and highway department had been good.

Mr. Garber read a letter from the State Highway Department in regards to the additional mileage which has been added to our upkeep grants.

Mr. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. E. O. Karow and carried to approve the Second Reading to accept the prices for steel to cover the reservoir and spring of $18,635.00 Reservoir and $1,965.00 Spring and to contract Monger Brothers Contractors to cover the Reservoir at a cost of $3,619.00.

Mr. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. E. O. Karow to approve the Second Reading of the new water and sewer rates which will become effective April 1, 1971. The vote was as follows:

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

Mr. Davis stated that he felt we should hold off a little longer before

doing anything about the rates and to further consider the people using the minimum water and sewer in order to find a rate which would be fair to all. Several of the other councilmen explained that they felt we could not wait as the need for additional money was immediate and could not be postponed.

Mr. McGahey suggested that the council consider having Martin, Clifford and Associates draw up plans and specifications for a filtration system at the well to be placed for bids and their fee to be 10% of the total cost of installing the system. This matter was deferred for further study.

Mr. Karow read a letter from Sgt. Charles B. Knott of Covington, Virginia accepting the position of Chief of Police effective March 29, 1971 at a salary of $600.00 per month. Mr. E. O. Karow moved, seconded by Mr. R. G. Harman and carried to hire Mr. Knott.

Mr. Karow read a letter of resignation from Patrolman Charles Freeman who was resigning to go with the Border Patrol in Texas. Mr. E. O. Karow moved, seconded by Mr. W. H. McGahey and carried to accept Mr. Freeman's resignation.

Mr. E. O. Karow moved, seconded by Mr. R. G. Harman and carried to approve the Second Reading to purchase a new police car through the State at $3,177.19.

Mr. Karow reported that the Annexation Committee were looking into the possibility of hiring consultants. He plans to look into this and report at the next meeting.

Mr. R. G. Harman moved, seconded by Mr. W. H. McGahey and carried to amend Sec. 17-40 of the Elkton Town Code to read as follows:

> Sec. 17-40. Checking on Speed With Electrical Devices; Certificate as to Accuracy of Device; Arrest Without Warrant.
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> The speed of any motor vehicle may be checked by the use of radio microwaves or other electrical device. The results of such checks shall be accepted as prima facie evidence of the speed of such motor vehicle in any court or legal proceedings where the speed of the motor vehicle is at issue.
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> In any court or legal proceedings in which any question arises as to the calibration or accuracy of any such radio microwave or other electrical device, a certificate, executed and signed by the officers calibrating or testing such device as to its accuracy as well as to the accuracy of the speedometer of any motor vehicle used in such test, and stating the time of such test, type of test and results of testing, shall be admissible when attested by one such officer who executed and signed it as evidence of the facts therein stated and the results of such testing.
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> The driver of any such motor vehicle may be arrested without a warrant under this section; provided, that the arresting officer is in uniform or displays his badge of authority; provided further, that such officer has observed the registration of the speed of such motor vehicle by the radio microwaves or other electrical device, or has received a radio message from the officer who observed the speed of the motor vehicle registered by the radio microwaves or other electrical device; provided, that in case of an arrest based on such a message that such radio message has been dispatched immediately after the speed of the motor vehicle was registered and furnished the license number or other positive identification of the vehicle and the registered speed to the arresting officer.
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> The council of the Town of Elkton, Virginia hereby declares an emergency to exist and this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from this date March 8, 1971.

Mr. Liskey reported that he had obtained one price on fiber glass doors for the Maintenance Department. The council suggested that Mr. Liskey check around and get some more prices before making a decision on a door.

Mr. Garber read a letter from the State Water Control Board informing the town that they would inspect the Sewer Plant March 16, 1971 between 10:00 A.M. and 12:00 noon.

Mr. Garber read a letter from the Continental Telephone Company in regards to the Cable T.V. coming into Elkton and suggested that there be a joint meeting between the T.V. Company, Telephone Company and the Town of Elkton.

Mr. Garber read a letter from the Donald A Perry Associates who are doing the mapping of the Town of Elkton for the American Cablevision Corporation in regards to the cable T.V.

A letter in regards to insurance was turned over to Mr. Hillsman to check into.

Mr. Garber read a letter in regards to a Flood Control Program and Flood Insurance. Mr. Garber had filled out a form and received a reply in regards to this program. There will be a meeting in Richmond March 24, 1971 to explain the program. The council agreed to pay expenses to send a representative from the council.

There was a discussion on the Farmer's Home Administration Federal Aid Program. This matter was tabled until a resolution could be drawn up and presented.

Mr. Garber read a letter from Irvin Dean requesting the town to annex the lots he owns out of town. Mr. Karow stated he would write a letter to Mr. Dean in regards to what progress the Annexation Committee is making and Mr. Hillsman was asked to check into the possibility of annexating one person's property and to make recommendations.

Mr. Garber reported that he had received a letter from the Water Control Board accepting the engineer's report on the Secondary Filtering System.

There was a discussion on the vacanies in the Planning Commission. Mr. Garber stated he would write a letter to obtain the necessary information in regards to the vacanies and the length of the terms of office to be filled.

The council were reminded of the Municipal League Convention at Virginia Beach September 19, 20, and 21.

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