REGULAR
COUNCIL MEETING
January 11, 1971

The regular meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held January 11, 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. Norma R. Leap, Clerk were present.

Mayor Garber opened the meeting with prayer.

Mr. Harold Marshall and Mr. Tom Brand a representative of Tyler Oil Company were present to discuss negotiating a contract to furnish Quaker State supplies for servicing the town vehicles and providing equipment to do so. The contract would be with City Supply, Inc. who will be the Distributor.

Mr. H. A. Workman moved, seconded by Mr. E. O. Karow and carried to authorize Mr. Liskey to negotiate a contract with City Supplies, Inc. for a period of five years.

Mr. A. R. Thompson moved, seconded by Mr. W. H. McGahey and carried to approve the minutes of the regular meeting December 14, 1970.

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

Mr. Workman reported that Mr. Liskey did not have any prices as yet on the materials needed for the new Elementary School.

Mr. Karow reported that the Police Committee were actively engaged in interviewing applicants for Chief of Police and they still had one or two to interview but hoped to soon find a capable person to fill the position of Chief of Police.

Mr. Liskey reported that the electric needs for Blue Bell are quite a bit more than was expected and we are going to need other transformers. He mentioned that the Town of Manassas still have some transformers we could use and felt we should take advantage of these prices. The transformers that are needed and we can not get from Manassas can than be purchased elsewhere.

Mr. H. A. Workman moved, seconded by Mr. E. O. Karow and carried to have Mr. Liskey proceed with placing orders to fill the requirements for transformers; price to be established at a later date.

There was a discussion on the parking lot next to the bank. Some citizens felt there was suppose to be a two hour limit on parking in this lot. Mr. Davis reported that the Street Committee will get together and look into this matter. He also stated that more parking space is needed since we no longer have the one behind Cook Burger, that his committee has no solution at this time and would welcome any suggestions.

Mr. Liskey reported that Edwin Leap had a truck with a dump bed which he would be willing to sell for $500.00. Mr. Liskey explained that the old army truck the town uses as a Snow Plow is still operating but he doesn't know how long it is going to continue.

Mr. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. E. O. Karow and carried to leave it to Mr. Liskey and the Street Committee to check the trucks and decide if the town should buy it.

Mr. Liskey asked the council for permission to negotiate with the Highway Department to let the town push snow for a fee on Old Route 33 from where it connects with new 33 beyond Myers Ford up to the High School. He stated that the Highway Department now concentrates on the dual highway and doesn't push snow on old Route 33 until new 33 is cleared thus making it difficult for people to come into Elkton. This matter was turned over to Mr. Liskey and the Street Committee to work out.

Each councilman was asked to take a look at the signs on New Route 33 and see what they felt needed to be changed or left as is and report their ideas to the Street Committee so they could get a letter off to the State Highway Department as to the signs needed.

The following letter from Mr. Eric H. Bartsch, Regional Engineer, Bureau of Sanitary Engineering, State Department was read:

> We are in receipt of your letter dated October 27, 1970 concerning our letter of August 31, 1971.
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> The situation discussed in our August 31, 1970 letter concerns the public health of the citizens of Elkton. It is this Department's opinion that the public health of the citizens of Elkton should have top priority over all other projects being considered by the town. Therefore, as stated in our August 31, 1970 letter, in order for the Town of Elkton to insure the quality of water supply to its citizens, the Elk Lithia and open concrete reservoir must be covered.
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> We are looking forward to your cooperation in this matter.

There was a discussion on new suggested water and sewer rates, cost of purposed projects and how much the new rates would cover. A meeting of the Finance Committee and the Water And Sewer Committee was set for Wednesday night January 20, 1971 to discuss new water and sewer rates and the proposed projects.

It was reported that the old copier had been sold for $50.00.

Mr. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. A. R. Thompson and carried to approve the Second Reading to pay the remaining portion of the audit bill which is a balance of $989.00.

A letter from American Cablevision Corporation was read advising the town that American Tele-Systems Corporation has become affiliated with American Cablevision Corporation of Newport News, Virginia and that construction for cable T.V. will be undertaken shortly in Elkton and within the time designated in the franchise.

Mr. Garber presented a copy of a letter from Mr. S.P.H. Flick, Chairman, Board of Zoning Appeals to Mr. George W. Kemper, Clerk of the Circuit Court advising the Circuit Court that the term of office of Mr. I. L. Flory, Jr. as a member of the Board of Zoning Appeals for the Town of Elkton will expire on March 1, 1971.

There was also a copy of a letter from Mr. Flick to the members of the Zoning Appeals advising them of the annual meeting Monday, January 11, 1971 at 7:30 P.M.

It was explained that the Board of Zoning Appeals would make a suggestion as to the expired term of Mr. Flory and the town would act on it at the next meeting.

Mayor Garber reported that he had received the necessary forms to apply for a grant for the Secondary Sewage System and had forwarded them to Martin, Clifford & Associates who have almost completed them.

A letter from VEPCO with a schedule of their proposed rate increases were presented.

Mayor Garber presented a letter from W. J. Osborne, Resident Engineer, State Department of Highways acknowledging the receipt of Mr. Garbers letter requesting a traffic flow study. Mr. Osborne stated that he was writing his District Traffic Engineer requesting that he furnish him information that was available on the changes in traffic flow as a result of the completion of the Route 33 By-Pass and that he would pass this information on to Mr. Garber as soon as it was available.

Mayor Garber reported that he had received a letter from Mr. Bartsch of the State Department of Health in which Mr. Bartsch was inquiring about General Information and By-Pass Survey forms which were sent to the town on July 30, 1970 for completion and to return to Mr. Bartsch's office. To date, these forms had not been returned. Mr. Garber wrote back and told them he had not received these forms. Another set of forms have been sent to the town and Mr. Garber passed them on to Martin, Clifford & Associates who have completed the forms and returned them.

Mayor Garber reported that Mr. James McDevitt, an Orkin Representative had been to see him in regards to bird control at the Municipal Building at a yearly cost of $320.00. No action was taken on this matter.

Mayor Garber reported that three applications have been sent to the State Corporation Commission for permission to operate a savings and loan association in Harrisonburg and Rockingham County. Two of these are from out of town and one is made up of local people. Mayor Garber stated that he had received a letter from Donald Litten of Conrad, Litten and Sipe asking that he send a letter as Mayor to the State Corporation Commission stating that he felt a savings and loan association was needed and that he would prefer to have a local one composed of men who live here and are familiar with local problems. Mayor Garber discussed this with several of the councilmen who were in agreement and so he had sent a letter to the S.C.C.

Mayor Garber appointed the following Committee on Annexation:

E. O. Karow, Chairman
R. G. Harman
R. E. Davis

Action on a replacement to fill the vacancy on the Planning Commission due to Charles H. Smith's resignation, was tabled.

Mayor Garber reported that he had written to Mrs. Sandridge's third graders thanking them for their letters on the Christmas Decorations.

Mayor Garber reported that Kenneth Harner of the County Board of Supervisors, had contacted him in regards to a request by the S.C.A. of Elkton High School to name Old Route 33 which runs to the high school. Mr. Harner said the Supervisors had not taken any action on this request but felt the Town Council, High School and State Highway Department should name this street.

As there was no further business Mr. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. E. O. Karow and carried to adjourn.

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

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