SPECIAL
COUNCIL MEETING
January 21, 1975

A special meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held Tuesday, January 21, 1975 at 7:30 P.M. in the Council Chambers with the Mayor H. Ditman Flory presiding. The following council members were present: Mr. C. E. Dean, Mr. R. R. Dean, Mr. H. A. Leet, Mr. R. J. Lough and Mr. W. P. Suiter. Mr. W. H. McGahey was absent. Mr. R. Bruce Wiles, Town Attorney, Mr. Gerald Monger, Town Superintendent, Mr. Charles Hammer, Chief of Police and Mrs. Norma R. Leap, Clerk were also present.

The first item discussed was the purposed electric rate increase. Mr. Suiter reported that in a meeting this afternoon he was informed that if Vepco is granted their purposed rate increase it would amount to an approximate increase of $48,544.00 for the Town of Elkton. Mr. Suiter pointed out that the town does not want to pass on any more of an increase than is necessary and wants to be fair to all. He stated that no action would be taken tonight on the town's purposed residental electric rate increases as it was felt the committee needs to make a further study to make sure the rates are right before taking any action.

Mayor Flory assured those present that no action would be taken without the citizens knowing in advance and that the council will try to do the best for the citizens.

Mr. Stanley Crider came before the council in regards to the purposed electric increase and his concern over the percentage which will be passed on to all electric customers. He stated that he realizes the town has no control over the fossil fuel charge and that a rate increase is justified, but he felt a 45% increase or greater on all electric customers was unfair.

Mr. Randal Life also was concerned over the increase. He pointed out that he felt the citizens are not receiving their bills on time and are not being given time to pay, especially with the increase due to fossil fuel. He did not like the change of due date from the 10th. of the month to the 20th. and ask council to consider changing back to the old schedule. Mrs. Leap explained that the change of due date had been made to help the bookkeeping.

Mr. Lough reported that it was necessary to have a Second Reading on the $35,000.00 note.

Mr. R. J. Lough moved, seconded by Mr. W. P. Suiter to approve the Second Reading to negotiate and borrow from the Virginia National Bank on a short term promissory note $35,000.00 to meet outstanding obligations of the town. The vote was recorded as follows:

C. Dean	- yea	R. Lough	- yea
R. Dean	- yea	W. Suiter	- yea
H. Leet	- yea		

There was a discussion regarding the Grievance Procedure and going into Executive Session to discuss it. Mr. Wiles stated he felt it was not one of the purposes for which an executive session is authorized.

Mr. Flory recommended having Mr. Bill Holleran look over the procedures before the next meeting as he has been in personnel for years and would know what is needed.

Mr. Lough felt we had asked Mr. Wiles to prepare the procedures and he was perfectly capable of doing this. Mr. Leet pointed out that this would be no reflection on Mr. Wiles from a legal standpoint but that Mr. Holleran may have some suggestions from the personnel standpoint.

Mr. W. P. Suiter moved, seconded by Mr. C. E. Dean and carried to have Mr. Bill Holleran review the purposed Grievance Procedure and to bring back his recommendations at the next meeting. Mr. R. J. Lough opposed the motion.

Mayor Flory asked Mr. Wiles if he felt Section 38 of the Town Charter is legal. Mr. Wiles felt it was unconstitutional.

As there was no further business, Mr. R. J. Lough moved, seconded by Mr. W. P. Suiter and carried to adjourn.

MAYOR: H. Ditman Flory, Mayor
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RECORDER: Norma R. Leap
Norma R. Leap, Clerk