REGULAR
COUNCIL MEETING
March 10, 1975

The regular meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held Monday, March 10, 1975 at 8:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers with the Mayor, H. Ditman Flory presiding. The following council members were present: Mr. Charles E. Dean, Mr. Randal R. Dean, Mr. Harold A. Leet, Mr. Robert J. Lough and Mr. Ward P. Suiter, Mr. W. H. McGahey was absent. Mrs. Norma R. Leap, Clerk, Mr. Gerald K. Monger, Town Superintendent and Mr. R. Bruce Wiles, Attorney were also present.

Mr. Randal R. Dean opened the meeting with prayer.

Mr. H. A. Leet moved, seconded by Mr. W. P. Suiter and carried to approve the minutes of the regular meeting February 10, 1975.

Mr. Louis Workman was present and extended an invitation to the Mayor and Councilmen to ride in an Antique Car Parade May 10, 1975.

Mr. Workman was also present as a representative of the Elkton V.F.W. in regards to a complaint regarding parking and loud noises at the V.F.W. Home. Mr. Workman stated that he realized the parking facilities were limited but that they were trying to get as many as possible to park behind the V.F.W. Home. He requested council to continue allowing them to have their dances until 1:00 A.M. as this money is needed to help in their building project of a new home out of town. He did not feel the V.F.W. was creating excessive noise or disturbances.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Dale Shifflett were present in regards to the problems they have had since moving next to the V.F.W. Home. Mr. Shifflett stated that he was unable to park in front of his home because of cars blocking it, beer cans are thrown in his yard, cars have gone through his yard and on nights of dances they are kept awake until after 1:00 P.M. because of the loud music.

Mayor Flory requested that Mr. Shifflett and Mr. Workman meet with Chief Hammer and Mayor Flory to try to work something out regarding this situation.

Mrs. Linda Stephens was present regarding the moving of the telephone booth on the triangle. Mayor Flory said this would be brought up later in the meeting.

Mr. W. P. Suiter moved, seconded by Mr. R. J. Lough to approve the Second Reading of the bill for $644.50 from Carolina Transformer Co., Inc. for repairing a GE 100KVA transformer to be placed in stock. The vote was recorded as follows:

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

Mr. W. P. Suiter moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Leet to approve the Second Reading to purchase five new doors for the Fire Hall from the Harrisonburg Overhead Door Co. eliminating the electric operators at a cost of $1,940.00 and this will be paid from the Town of Elkton Fire Company Project Fund. The vote was recorded as follows:

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

Mr. W. P. Suiter moved, seconded by Mr. C. E. Dean to approve the First Reading to pay Carolina Transformer Co., Inc. $813.70 for the repairs at the Sub Station. The vote was recorded as follows:

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

Mr. Suiter reported that Father Charles Ryan of the Elkton Catholic Church would like to be annexed into the Town of Elkton.

Mr. W. P. Suiter moved, seconded by Mr. R. J. Lough and carried unanimously to give approval to the Holy Infant Church that they request that the property of the Holy Infant Church be annexed into the Town of Elkton.

Mr. Suiter reported that the increased electric rates from Vepco would be in effect as of February 21, 1975. The town's new proposed rates have been reworked and reduced in some areas.

Mr. W. P. Suiter moved to adopt the new rates effective immediately. The motion died due to a lack of a second.

A special council meeting was set for Wednesday, March 12, 1975 at 7:30 P.M. to have the First Reading on the new electric rates. This would allow time to notify the citizens that action would be taken on new electric rates.

Mr. R. J. Lough moved, seconded by Mr. C. E. Dean and carried unanimously to approve the Finance Report.

There was some discussion on purchasing a 1952 truck with 17,000 miles on it from the Elkton Fire Company for $1,000.00. This matter was turned over to the Water and Sewer Committee for further study.

Mr. C. E. Dean presented new By-Laws for the Elkton Community Parks and Recreation Commission.

Mr. C. E. Dean moved, seconded by Mr. W. P. Suiter and carried unanimously to adopt the new By-Laws for the Elkton Community Parks and Recreation Commission as presented.

Mr. Dean presented the following list of members on the Elkton Community Parks and Recreation Commission:

Leroy M. Leap, Chairman
Albert O. Davis (Bill), Vice Chairman
Neil Hillsman, Secretary
Raymond Mowbray, Treasurer
Charles E. Dean, Town Council Representative
Bobby W. Gooden
Gerald Monger

Mr. C. E. Dean moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Leet and carried unanimously to approve the appointment of two new members to the Elkton Community Parks and Recreation Commission, Mr. Charles Harris and Mr. Henry Leap.

Mr. H. A. Leet reported that the Maintenance Department is working on repairing the manholes on North Street.

Mr. H. A. Leet moved, seconded by Mr. C. E. Dean and carried unanimously to approve the following Second Readings on Section 32-10 as altered, Section 32-27 and Section 32-28 as altered:

SEC. 32-10. Connections inside and outside town.

Before a connection to the town water system shall be made, the applicant therefor shall pay to the town treasurer the following charges:

(a) With reference to water connections inside the town:

(1) For 3/4" water connection $200.00
(2) For 1" water connection $300.00

(b) With reference to water connections outside the town:

Such connection charges shall be $300.00 and the applicant shall install at his expense the connecting line to the Town of Elkton's existing available water lines. The installation must meet town requirements and becomes town property when connected to town lines.

SEC. 32-27. Connection charges within town.

Before a connection to the town sewer system is made within the town, the applicant therefor shall pay to the town treasurer a connection fee of $400.00. The sewer department shall run all sewer service lines to the applicants property line for a distance not to exceed one hundred feet. If the distance exceeds one hundred feet the applicant shall pay all costs in excess of one hundred feet.

SEC. 32-28. Connection charges outside the town.

The applicant therefor shall pay to the town treasurer a fee of $500.00 and install at his expense the connecting line to existing available Elkton sewer lines. The installation must meet town requirements and becomes town property when connected to town lines.

Mr. H. A. Leet moved, seconded by Mr. W. P. Suiter to approve $255.88 for a chlorinating pump for the Spring. The vote was recorded as follows:

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

Mr. Suiter reported that the town has no electric code to protect the Town of Elkton from the meter base to the pole on underground service. The council agreed that the town should draw up their own code.

Mr. Wiles reported that the deed to the electric substation property has been recorded and returned.

Mr. Wiles also reported that the town has been served with a Notice of Appeal in the Smith vs. the Town of Elkton case.

Mr. W. P. Suiter moved, seconded by Mr. R. J. Lough to request the Continental Telephone Company to remove the telephone booth on the triangle in the downtown section. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. W. P. Suiter moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Leet to approve the bill from Hensley Sales and Service in the amount of $148.09 to repair the 1973 Ford police car. The vote was recorded as follows:

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

Mr. R. J. Lough moved, seconded by Mr. W. P. Suiter to purchase a filing cabinet from Service Stationers Inc. at a cost of $109.35. The vote was recorded as follows:

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

Mayor Flory reported that we have no internal damage coverage on the substation and suggested we consider purchasing this. The council decided to have Mr. R. Loring Cover come down to discuss this matter.

Mayor Flory reported that Mr. John Hostetler's term on the Board of Zoning Appeals was up on March 1, 1975 and that he has consented to serve another five year term if the Town Council so desires.

Mr. H. A. Leet moved, seconded by Mr. W. P. Suiter and carried unanimously to recommend that Mr. John Hostetler be reappointed to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Mayor Flory reported that he had received a letter from the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors asking if the town felt the fossil fuel adjustment had caused them problems and if so would they be willing to go together with other communities and counties to request the Governor to call a special session of the General Assembly to deal with this question. Mayor Flory wrote back and told them that he felt a special session should be called.

Mr. W. P. Suiter moved, seconded by Mr. R. R. Dean and carried unanimously to approve Mayor Flory's actions in reference to having the Governor call a special session of the Legislature to deal with the question of fossil fuel adjustment and electric rates to municipal and direct consumers.

The proposed grievance procedure was discussed and suggested changes pointed out. No action was taken to allow time to retype the procedure to be given to each councilman to study further.

Mayor Flory reported that he had received a letter from the Continental Telephone Company regarding their purposed increases. They plan to raise the

cost on pay telephones from $0.10 to $0.20 per call and to put a charge of $0.20 on each call for directory assistance in excess of three calls per month. A hearing on these proposals will held April 10, 1975 at 10:00 A.M. in Richmond.

A request from Raymond Gooden for a sewer connection was presented. No action was taken.

Mayor Flory presented a copy of a letter from Chief Hammer to Officer Greber commending Officer Greber for his actions in a recent police problem. Mayor Flory also complimented Officer Greber for his actions.

Mr. Wiles was asked to check into the curfew for dances.

Mayor Flory appointed the following Personnel Committee:

Randal R. Dean, Chairman
Harold A. Leet
Ward P. Suiter

This committee will study the present personnel policy and make suggestions.

Mr. Charles E. Dean was asked to look into amending Section 2-21 to make the Personnel Committee a standing Committee.

Mayor Flory presented a proposed Personnel Bulletin No. 1 for council's approval.

Mr. H. A. Leet moved, seconded by Mr. W. P. Suiter and carried unanimously to adopt the Personnel Bulletin No. 1 as presented as a starter on personnel procedures.

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
H. Ditman Flory, Mayor

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