REGULAR
COUNCIL MEETING
February 10, 1975

The regular meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held Monday, February 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. C. E. Dean, Mr. R. R. Dean, Mr. H. A. Leet, Mr. W. H. McGahey and Mr. W. P. Suiter. Mr. R. J. Lough was absent. Mr. R. Bruce Wiles, Town Attorney, Mr. Gerald K. Monger, Town Superintendent, Mr. Charles Hammer, Chief of Police and Mrs. Norma R. Leap, Town Clerk were also present.

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

Mr. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. H. A. Leet and carried to approve the minutes of the regular meeting January 13, 1975.

Mr. C. E. Dean moved, seconded by Mr. W. P. Suiter and carried to approve the minutes of the special meeting January 21, 1975.

Mr. W. P. Suiter moved, seconded by Mr. C. E. Dean and carried unanimously to approve the Finance Report for January.

Mr. Ashby Lam was present and stated he was there in regards to the same matter Mr. Norris Shifflett had presented at the last meeting. He felt it only fair that measures be taken to require people hooking onto water and sewer lines installed by an individual at his expense to share part of the cost of the line.

Mayor Flory stated he didn't know the answer to this problem but that Mr. Leet and his committee would have recommendations during the business section of the meeting. He stated he appreciated Mr. Lam coming and expressing his opinion.

Mrs. Carol Nicholson and Mrs. Linda Stephens were present representing the Garden Club. They ask the council's support in having the telephone booth and trash barrell on the circle downtown moved. The Garden Club would like to beautify this area but the Continental Telephone Company will not remove the booth without council's approval. There are other available locations in the downtown section for the booth.

Mayor Flory stated that the council would not take any action on this matter until the next meeting, giving the councilmen time to look into the request by the Garden Club.

Mr. Norris Shifflett was present in regards to his previous request. This matter was set for later on the agenda.

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

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

Mr. Suiter reported that the fossil fuel adjustment for February has increased to $12.15 per thousand kwh. He also reported that there would be no action on new electric rates at this meeting but probably in several weeks they would be ready to act. The demand meters have been ordered and should be in shortly.

Mr. Gerald Monger reported that they will need more pipe to extend Lee Avenue to North Street.

Mr. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. W. P. Suiter and carried to give Mr. Monger permission to get prices on extending Lee Avenue.

Mr. H. A. Leet moved, seconded by Mr. C. E. Dean to appropriate $476.44 to purchase supplies for stock needed in the Water and Sewer Department. The vote was recorded as follows:

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

Mr. H. A. Leet moved, seconded by Mr. W. H. McGahey to approve up to $300.00 for a new P.H. meter for the Sewer Plant. The vote was recorded as follows:

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

Mr. Monger had obtained some prices on doors for the Fire Hall:

Lawson Overhead Door Co.
5 Doors $2,544.55 (Manually Operated)
$4,199.45 (w/electric operators)
Old doors taken down as trade-in

Harrisonburg Overhead Door Co.
5 Doors $1,940.00 (Manually Operated)
275.00 ea. for Electric Operators
Old doors left on site for town use

Mr. W. P. Suiter moved, seconded by Mr. W. H. McGahey to approve the First Reading to purchase five new doors for the Fire Hall from the Harrisonburg Overhead Door Co. at a cost of $3,315.00 for the doors and electric operators. The vote was recorded as follows:

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

Mr. H. A. Leet moved, seconded by Mr. C. E. Dean to approve $277.00 to purchase chlorine and hypochlorite. The vote was recorded as follows:

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

Mr. Monger reported that the time clock is in and can be put into operation whenever they want to start.

Mr. Monger reported that there is some HUD money available for block grants and asked council's permission to file on the following items:

1. Sewer Renovation Program
2. Water System Renovation
3. Water System Distribution System Additions
4. Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion
5. Pentecostal Hill Water and Sewer Service Facilities
6. Spotswood Avenue Storm Sewer
7. Face Lift
8. Fire Company - Doors
9. Elkton Recreation Park

Mr. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. W. P. Suiter and carried unanimously to give Mr. Monger permission to file for the grants from HUD.

Mr. Monger reported that one of the pickup trucks is in bad shape and he had some prices on a new one.

Dodge	V-8, Short, Aut.	$3,560.00	($3,360.00 St.)
	V-8, Long, Aut.	$3,600.00	($3,400.00 St.)
Ford	V-8, Short, St.	$3,250.00	
	V-8, Long, Aut.	$3,625.00	($301.90 off for St.)
Chevrolet	V-8	$3,645.00	
	Six Cyl.	$3,305.00	

It was suggested that a set of specifications be set up and then get prices, to also check Central Purchasing in Richmond for prices and to consider including an automatic lift on the rear of the truck.

Mr. Monger, on behalf of the Fire Company, invited the Mayor, Councilmen, and their families to a dinner February 28, 1975, at the Elkton Elementary School.

Mr. W. H. McGahey moved, seconded by Mr. W. P. Suiter to approve $239.90 for nine fire extinguishers placed in various rooms in the town buildings and the garbage truck. The vote was recorded as follows:

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

Mr. C. E. Dean reported that he plans to get together with Mrs. Leap to work on updating the ordinance books. If anyone has any changes or suggestions, he ask that they contact him.

Mr. H. A. Leet reported that the annexation study report is complete.

Mr. H. A. Leet moved, seconded by Mr. C. E. Dean to accept the annexation study report and pay the remaining $2,375.00 on the bill. The vote was recorded as follows:

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

The Annexation Committee did not recommend any action at this time.

The Water and Sewer Committee submitted the following recommendations for increases in water and sewer connection fees:

IN TOWN

Water Increase 3/4 in. line from $100.00 to $200.00
Increase 1 in. line from $150.00 to $300.00

Sewer Increase from $200.00 to $400.00

OUT OF TOWN

Water Increase 3/4 in. line from $200.00 to $300.00

Sewer Increase from $400.00 to $500.00

Mr. H. A. Leet moved, seconded by Mr. R. R. Dean to accept the recommendations of the Water and Sewer Committee.

After some discussion, Mr. H. A. Leet withdrew his motion and Mr. R. R. Dean his second.

Mr. H. A. Leet moved, seconded by Mr. R. R. Dean and carried unanimously to approve the First Reading to alter Section 32-10. to read as follows:

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 limit or where the water lines are available. The installation must meet town requirements and becomes town property when connected to town lines.

Mr. H. A. Leet moved, seconded by Mr. C. E. Dean and carried unanimously to approve the First Reading to alter Section 32-27. to read as follows:

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.

Mr. H. A. Leet moved, seconded by Mr. W. P. Suiter and carried unanimously to approve the First Reading to alter Section 32-28. to read as follows:

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 the town limit or where the sewer is available. The installation must meet town requirements and becomes town property when connected to town lines.

Mr. Leet reported that the committee had considered an increase in water and sewer rates out of town, but due to the economic situation had decided not to make a change at this time.

Mr. Norris Shifflett's request for the town to help him recover some of the cost of the lines he installed in the Liberty Heights Subdivision was brought before council again.

Mr. Wiles' conclusion was that it would be impossible at this point for the town to do anything as the line now belongs to the town. If this had been discussed and some agreement made before installing the lines, some arrangements could have possibly been made but as this was not in the agreement the town could do nothing now. Mr. Wiles suggested the town may want to consider an ordinance change to come up with a plan for future cases.

Mr. Shifflett still felt the town could do something but ask the council to take steps to handle this type of situation differently in the future.

Mr. R. R. Dean stated that he owns a lot in the area where Mr. Shifflett installed the lines and that he intends to pay Mr. Shifflett a portion of the cost of the lines when he hooks up to them.

No council action was taken on Mr. Shifflett's request.

Mayor Flory presented Mr. Holleran's recommendations on the Grievance Procedure. After some discussion, it was decided to have the procedure retyped and copies given to each councilman to look over.

Mayor Flory reported that the Norfolk and Western Railway Co. plans to take their agent out of Elkton. Elkton will still be listed as a station but business will be handled through the agent at the Shenandoah Station. The railroad has contacted all the businesses and they are agreeable to the purposal. Council had no objections to the plan.

Mr. H. A. Leet moved, seconded by Mr. W. P. Suiter to approve the Second Reading to accept the bid for $942.46 from Mr. Owen Hensley and the estimate of $250.00 for the heat and lights at a total of $1,192.46 to remodel the office for the Town Superintendent. The vote was recorded as follows:

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

Mr. W. P. Suiter moved, seconded by Mr. C. E. Dean to approve the Second Reading to accept the four bids presented and to pay Mrs. Vada Housden $3,375.00 for the land on which the substation stands, payable upon receipt of the signed deed. The vote was recorded as follows:

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

As there was no further business, Mr. W. P. Suiter moved, seconded by Mr. C. E. Dean and carried to adjourn.

MAYOR: H. Ditman Flory Mayor
H. Ditman Flory, Mayor

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