SPECIAL
COUNCIL MEETING
February 23, 1978

A special meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held Thursday, February 23, 1978 at 9:00 A.M. with the Mayor, Maurice W. Lough presiding. The following councilmen were present: C. E. Dean, R. R. Dean, H. D. Flory, B. B. Holt, H. W. Leap and R. J. Lough. Mr. Charles Lawhorne, Acting Chief, Mrs. Norma Leap, Clerk, Mr. Gerald Monger, Superintendent and Mr. R. Bruce Wiles, Attorney were also present.

Councilman Randal R. Dean opened the meeting with prayer.

Mr. Steven Blatt, Attorney for the Fire Company and Rescue Squad presented the company's requests regarding an agreement, which included repairs that they requested be done immediately.

Councilman C. E. Dean reported that the Company's request were basically the same as the new proposals his committee had agreed upon and presented copies of the committee's proposals to the council.

Councilman C. E. Dean moved, seconded by Councilman H. W. Leap to accept the following agreement:

> The Town of Elkton will furnish the Elkton Volunteer Fire Company and Rescue Squad Inc. the $1,200.00 per annum for fuel and in addition all utilities as in the past with the exception of electricity. The Town will provide the additional requested space from the North wall of the Maintenance Shop and then South plus or minus 30 feet to a new 8" block wall to be constructed by the Elkton Volunteer Fire Company. The Town will install a heater in the additional space. The material for the wall will be supplied by the Town unless the Elkton Volunteer Fire Company can obtain them through donations.
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> The Town will furnish up to 108,000 kwh plus the additional kwh that will be approximated by an engineer for the additional space. If the electric use is above the total kwh the Elkton Volunteer Fire Company and Emergency Squad will pay all of the Town's cost for the additional electricity.
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> As a means to conserve electricity, the Town will insulate and repair all doors, and install lock thermostats which will be under direct control of the Chief of the Company.
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> The thermostats will be set at the minimum temperature to allow the Company to carry on their normal functions.
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> This will be effective at the beginning of the fiscal year 1978-79, providing the doors are repaired and will remain in effect for ten years.
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> An agreement will be written up by the attorneys and signed by both parties.

Councilman Holt and Councilman Lough questioned the number of kwh furnished and the length of the agreement, ten years. Councilman Holt stated he would prefer renegotiating the agreement again after a year but would consider three years.

Mr. Blatt stated that the requested repairs have been needed for a long time and would have prevented a good deal of the heat loss. He also pointed out that the Company does not want to return every year to renegotiate an agreement as they have more important things to concentrate on.

Council agreed that regarding the reference of setting the thermostats at minimum temperature, it should be made a matter of record that 55° would be considered minimum for normal functions and 65° for meetings and special functions.

Councilman B. B. Holt moved, seconded by Councilman H. D. Flory to amend the motion to read "will remain in effect for three years, then open for renegotiations" rather than the ten years in the original motion. The vote on the amendment was as follows:

C. Dean	- yea	B. Holt	- yea
R. Dean	- yea	H. Leap	- yea
D. Flory	- yea	R. Lough	- nay

The vote on the original motion as amended was as follows:

C. Dean	- yea	B. Holt	- yea
R. Dean	- yea	H. Leap	- yea
D. Flory	- yea	R. Lough	- nay

Councilman C. E. Dean moved, seconded by Councilman R. J. Lough to approve on Second Reading the following ordinance:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 26-16 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF ELKTON, VIRGINIA: "SCHEDULE FOR COLLECTION OF GARBAGE, ETC."

BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF ELKTON, VIRGINIA, THAT SECTION 26-16 OF THE CODE OF THE TOWN OF ELKTON, VIRGINIA, BE AMENDED IN PART TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

Sec. 26-16. Schedule for collection of garbage, etc.

. . . .

(c) The following charge per month will be assessed for the collection and hauling of garbage, trash, etc.

Residences

A charge of $2.50 per month will be assessed each household.

Businesses

The businesses will be divided into four (4) categories and charged as follows:

$2.50 per month for offices, beauty salons, and small businesses having no more than one container per week.

$5.00 per month for small businesses generally having no more than two containers per week.

$10.00 per month for medium businesses generally having more than two containers per week but requiring no more than 5 minutes per pick up.

$25.00 per month for larger businesses generally requiring more than 5 minutes per pick up.

The vote was recorded as follows:

C. Dean	- yea	B. Holt	- yea
R. Dean	- yea	H. Leap	- yea
D. Flory	- yea	R. Lough	- yea

Councilman Holt reported that he and Mr. Lawhorne had met with Judge Robinson regarding the magistrate situation. The consensus of the meeting was that a single magistrate in this area would not solve our problem. Councilman Holt feels that a good working relationship has developed between our police department and the Judge and Chief Magistrate due to the meeting. A photocopier type of device which operates through the telephone system was suggested as a possible solution to the magistrate problem. Information for a warrant could be sent through the copier and the town would be allowed to use their lockup for overnight retention. This, of course, would not work in cases of intoxicated drivers. It is possible other towns nearby would wish to use the town's facilities. In this case the town could set a fee for this use. Mr. Wiles was ask to check our liability insurance regarding keeping prisioners in the jail and the possibility of other town's using our facilities.

Councilman B. B. Holt moved, seconded by Councilman C. E. Dean that the Public Safety Department be authorized to arrange for the installation of a photocopier. The vote was recorded as follows:

C. Dean	- yea	B. Holt	- yea
R. Dean	- yea	H. Leap	- yea
D. Flory	- yea	R. Lough	- yea

Councilman Holt reported that Acting Chief Lawhorne has come up with some good ideas in regards to the Police Department. Some of the ideas are already being put into practice.

1. Establishing a good working relationship with the Sheriff and his department.
2. Developing a good relationship between the Chief Magistrate and Commonwealth Attorney.
3. Chief of Police will stand occasional night watches.
4. Community Concern.
5. Establishing a Non-Paid Community Reserve Force.

Councilman Holt ask council's approval to take preliminary steps in establishing a non-paid community reserve force. He pointed out that no final steps would be taken without bringing all the plans before council for approval.

Councilman B. B. Holt moved, seconded by Councilman H. D. Flory to give approval for the Public Safety Committee to take Preliminary Steps regarding a non-paid community reserve force but nothing to be put into effect until complete details are brought back to council for approval. The vote was recorded as follows:

C. Dean	- yea	B. Holt	- yea
R. Dean	- yea	H. Leap	- yea
D. Flory	- yea	R. Lough	- yea

Councilman B. B. Holt moved, seconded by Councilman R. J. Lough to go into Executive Session to discuss a particular police case. The vote was recorded as follows:

C. Dean	- yea	B. Holt	- yea
R. Dean	- yea	H. Leap	- yea
D. Flory	- yea	R. Lough	- yea

Councilman B. B. Holt moved, seconded by Councilman R. R. Dean to go from Executive Session back into Regular Session. The vote was recorded as follows:

C. Dean	- yea	B. Holt	- yea
R. Dean	- yea	H. Leap	- yea
D. Flory	- yea	R. Lough	- yea

Councilman Holt announced that a number of public spirited businessmen and citizens of Elkton have pledged an amount in the sum of $500.00 to increase the town's reward of $500.00 to $1,000.00 for the apprehension and conviction of the person or person's responsible for the recent vandalism in town. Any information can be kept confidential.

As there was no further business, Councilman Holt moved to adjourn.

MAYOR: Maurice W. Lough, Mayor

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