REGULAR
COUNCIL MEETING
July 14, 1980

The regular meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held July 14, 1980 at 8:00 P.M in the council chambers with the Mayor Maurice W. Lough presiding. The following council members were present: F A. Bennett, V. L. Cook, Jr., S. P. H. Flick, L. C. Life, C. A. Schumacher and R. L. Snow. Charles Lawhorne, Chief of Police, Norma Leap, Clerk, Gerald Monger, Superintendent and Bruce Wiles, Attorney were also present.

The Reverend Alan Reifsnyder, Pastor of the Elkton United Methodist Church, opened the meeting with prayer.

Mayor Lough explained the new agenda and the procedure which will be used to get placed on the agenda.

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Mr. Joe Reid came before council and stated that about two years ago he was promised a clean out on the sewer on the town line. He was told by the Town Superintendent that it was on the work list. As it will be two years this November, Mr. Reid stated he would like to know where he stands at this point on the work list. Mr. Monger explained to Mr. Reid that he thought the manhole the town put in down there served as a clean out and asked if they were still having trouble. Mr. Reid stated that they were having gurgling in the lines. Mayor Lough and Mr. Monger assured Mr Reid this would be taken care of.

Mr Reid also brought to council's attention that he had asked the previous Mayor, when they had the bad flooding last October, if he would provide them with portable "johns" until they could get a decent sewer in that end of town. Mr. Reid stated that they pay a sewer fee and he feels they are entitle to something to take care of this problem. Mayor Lough stated that council will look into this request right away.

Mayor Lough stated that council should not concern themselves with typographical errors in the minutes as the copies they receive are for council use only and are not the permanent copy which is typed into the regular minute book. He stated that he will be responsible for checking the permanent copy when he signs them.

The minutes of the June 9th. Public Hearing and Regular Meeting, June 19th. Public Hearing and Special Meeting, June 26th. Special Meeting and July 1st. Special Meeting were approved as corrected.

Mayor Lough explained to council that neither the Constitution of Virginia, the State Code or our Town Charter specifies that the minutes have to be recorded verbatim. All the Clerk is required to do is make a summary of what is said and the actions that are taken in a meeting. Mayor Lough suggested that in the interest of brevity and the interest of saving the Clerk a lot of work which isn't really necessary, council adopt the procedure of the Clerk making a summary of what is said in council and not a word for word statement except in case of actions taken or unless a member of council request that his statement be verbatim and then he should present it to the Clerk in writing. The meetings will continue to be taped and the tapes on file. Councilwoman Life stated she would like to see a comparison of the two. It was agreed to try the new procedure for a few months.

The Finance Report for June was presented by the Treasurer.

Mayor Lough reported that there are three appointments to the Planning Commission. There is one reappointment, Mr. Calvin Shaffer who is willing to be reappointed, and his term will run until 1984. The two other nominees were Mr. Timothy Hulings whose term would run until 1984 and Mrs. Shirley O'Byrne whose term would run until 1983.

Councilman R. L. Snow moved, seconded by Councilman F. A. Bennett that the nominations be closed. The vote was recorded as follows:

F. Bennett	- yea	L. Life	- yea
V. Cook	- yea	C. Schumacher	- yea
S. Flick	- yea	R. Snow	- yea

A vote was taken on the reappointment of Mr. Calvin Shaffer and the appointment of Mr. Timothy Hulings and Mrs. Shirley O'Byrne to the Elkton Planning Commission

and recorded as follows:

F. Bennett	- yea	L. Life	- yea
V. Cook	- yea	C. Schumacher	- yea
S. Flick	- yea	R. Snow	- yea

Mayor Lough read a letter from Lloyd B. Mize, President, Trustees of The Virginia Conference, United Methodist Church, to Mr. Norma V. Fitzwater, Vice President, Virginia National Bank, which stated that the Virginia Conference of the United Methodist Church voted unanimously at the annual meeting to donate the remainder of the former Gables property to the Town of Elkton for possible use as a park. Mayor Lough stated that council could wait to make their decision on accepting this property until the town receives the exact boundaries of the property. Council was in agreement to wait for more information before making a decision.

Mayor Lough reported that there have been several requests regarding grass cutting in Elkwood and other areas of town and asked Mr. Monger if he would take care of these. Mr. Monger reported he is already working on this.

Mayor Lough reported that he has been notified by Mr. Wiles that Section 2-1-13 of the Town Code sets the "Order of Proceedings" for the regular council meetings. Mayor Lough stated he was not aware of this when he requested council try the new agenda and would like to continue the new agenda for a few more months before making a final decision on an agenda.

Mayor Lough pointed out that Section 2-1-11 states that council shall determine at each July meeting the day of the month and the starting time for the regular meetings to be held during the subsequent 12 months.

Councilwoman L. C. Life moved, seconded by Councilman V. L. Cook, Jr. that council continue holding meetings on the second Monday of every month and that they continue at the time of 8:00 P.M. The vote was recorded as follows:

F. Bennett	- yea	L. Life	- yea
V. Cook	- yea	C. Schumacher	- yea
S. Flick	- yea	R. Snow	- yea

Mayor Lough reported that the County Municipal League will meet Wednesday night at Timberville, Virginia.

Mayor Lough nominated Councilman Virgil L. Cook Jr. to be the council's representative on the Elkton Planning Commission.

Councilwoman L. C. Life moved that the nominations be closed and made a motion that council approve Councilman Cook as their representative on the Planning Commission. Councilman C. A. Schumacher seconded the motion and the vote was recorded as follows:

F. Bennett	- yea	L. Life	- yea
V. Cook	- yea	C. Schumacher	- yea
S. Flick	- yea	R. Snow	- yea

Councilman Bennett reported that under House Bill 599 the Town of Elkton had applied for a grant and it has been approved in the amount of approximately $11,956.00. We will receive this in quarterly payments. This is grant money so there is no pay back and it will be used solely for the police department.

Councilman Bennett reported that there will be a brief meeting of the Public Safety Committee immediately following the council meeting in the Treasurer's Office.

Councilman Flick presented the following insurance bids on equipment for the town which covers eleven pieces of equipment:

Hensley's Insurance Agency	$300.00
R. Loring Cover Insurance Agency Inc.	$301.00

Councilwoman L. C. Life moved, seconded by Councilman R. L. Snow to take the insurance coverage on equipment from Hensley's Insurance Agency Inc. at a cost of $300.00. The vote was recorded as follows:

F. Bennett	- yea	L. Life	- yea
V. Cook	- yea	C. Schumacher	- yea
S. Flick	- yea	R. Snow	- yea

Councilman Flick read a letter from B. Y Turkkan and wife, owners of the Elkton theater, in which they indicated that they are considering selling the theater. They indicated that the town had shown interest in the property and was giving the council the opportunity to make an offer before placing the property on the market. This matter was referred to the Finance Committee to look into and bring back to the next council meeting.

Councilman Schumacher reported that there was an article in the Daily News-Record last week which said that the fossil fuel rate to the Town of Elkton was being reduced by over 7%. Councilman Schumacher pointed out that the fossil fuel rates have been declining since February and is now down to approximately 58% from the winter peak. The reduction in fossil fuel is passed on directly to the customer.

Councilwoman Life reported that she has called a meeting of the Ordinance and Recreation Committee for July 29, 1980 at 7:30 P.M. in the council chambers.

Mayor Lough presented a statement to council on the condition of the town in relation to its government, finances and improvements, with his recommendations, as required by Article 17 of the Town Charter.

Mr. Wiles presented his annual report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1980 regarding litigation ended and pending; contracts and ordinances prepared and reviewed; miscellaneous matters and matters pending. A copy of the complete report is on file in the Treasurer's Office.

Councilwoman L. C. Life moved, seconded by Councilman V. L. Cook Jr. that the Finance Chairman or Mayor be authorized to cosign the checks or if this is not acceptable by the bank, that Mr. S. P. H. Flick, Finance Chairman or Mr. M. W. Lough, Mayor, be authorized to sign the checks, along with the Treasurer, Norma R. Leap, on the following accounts:

Elkton Debt Retirement Service
Elkton Electric System Fund
Elkton Sanitary Sewer Project Account
Elkton Savings Account
Town of Elkton Inc. Revenue Sharing EP-6

The vote was recorded as follows:

F. Bennett	- yea	L. Life	- yea
V. Cook	- yea	C. Schumacher	- yea
S. Flick	- yea	R. Snow	- yea

Mayor Lough reported that as Councilman Randell Snow is already a member of the Elkton Recreation Commission, therefore Councilwoman Life, as Chairman of the Public Health, Ordinance & Recreation Committee, will act as the town's representative on the Elkton Recreation Commission.

Councilwoman Life stated she had thought that as Councilman Snow is already a member of the Recreation Commission, if he acted as our representative, this might open another position for a person from the community. Mayor Lough suggested we leave it this way until Councilwoman Life sees how the Recreation Commission feels regarding this matter.

As there was no further business, Councilman F. A. Bennett moved to adjourn.

MAYOR: Maurice W. Lough
Maurice W. Lough, Mayor

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

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