REGULAR
COUNCIL MEETING
February 9, 1981

The regular meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held February 9, 1981 at 8:00 P.M. in the council chambers with the Mayor Maurice W. Lough presiding. The following council members were present: V. L. Cook Jr., S. P. H. Flick, L. C. Life, C. A. Schumacher, R. L. Snow and L. W. Winegard. Norma Leap, Clerk, James McIntyre, Chief of Police, Gerald Monger, Superintendent and Bruce Wiles, Attorney were also present.

Mayor Lough opened the meeting with prayer.

Mr. Harry (Joe) Reid came before council and stated he felt we have a fine mayor and council, one of the best we have ever had. He felt it was awful that one paper has given the mayor and councilwoman such bad coverage, when he feels they should have been giving compliments instead. He mentioned the sewerage problem they have on his end of town. This has been a problem for about twenty years or longer and he stated he would appreciate anything council could do to help this situation.

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Mayor Lough stated that council is aware of the problem and are doing everything in their power to get it fixed. Councilwoman Life stated that council is trying to at least make a start toward correcting this problem. Last year $9,320.00 was set aside in the Revenue Sharing monies to be used toward this project.

Councilwoman Life moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting January 12, 1981, special meeting January 21, 1981 and Public Hearing January 30, 1981.

Mr. Monger reported he has received a price from Cavenaugh Corporation on installing a gas pump and tank at a cost of $10,000.00. Conditions at the site selected could alter this price. The estimated cost Mr. Monger had given to purchase the pump, tank and the town do most of the work was $5,949.00. He has requested a price from another company but has not received it as yet.

Mr. Monger reported it would probably be another week, at least, on the budget.

Mr. Monger reported he has received a request for a water hookup out of town but he has not had a chance to discuss this with the Water and Sewer Committee. It was felt this should go to the committee first for their recommendations.

Mr. Monger reported he has received a letter from Mr. Bradley Harmes of the Virginia Municipal League regarding setting up a new bookkeeping system. The Virginia Municipal League does have limited grant funds available for technical assistance. The program pays a daily fee of $176.00 to the technical assistance provider, and also pays all transportation related expenses. The focus of the technical assistance program is to provide advice and recommendations that the town staff can follow in setting up a program. However, grant funds are not intended to be used in the actual implementation or administration of the program.

Mr. Monger reported he had received a call from Richfood's advertising department and they wanted to know about a permit to put up a free standing sign. Mr. Monger stated he could not give a permit because the town zoning ordinance does not permit free standing signs even though there are free standing signs in town. Mr. Wiles was requested to check into this.

Mr. Monger reported that the town has purchased about $6,500.00 worth of transformers and switches from the Town of Blackstone for $249.00.

Mr. Monger reported that Merck and Company has donated a used sewer cleaner to the town. It seems to be working pretty good after doing some work on it.

Mrs. Leap presented the Finance Report for January.

Councilwoman L. C. Life moved, seconded by Councilman S. P. H. Flick and carried to recommend to the court that Mr. I. L. Flory Jr. be reappointed to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Councilwoman Life reported that Acting Chief McIntyre and his family are now residing on North Street as of January 31st. and would like the council to give him the official title of Chief of Police as he has now met the resident requirements. He will, of course, still be on probation. There were no objections from council.

Councilwoman Life called council's attention to the monthly report which Chief McIntyre had placed in their mail boxes giving a listing of the criminal and traffic incidents during the month of January. At the end of February the report will also include the miles covered, gasoline used and number of fire and rescue calls handled through the police department.

Councilwoman Life reported that the town is down again to four police officers including the Chief of Police. Officer May is in school, Officer Weaver started school today and our Ceta employee, Officer Furr, was terminated February 6th. due to a cut back in Ceta funds. This leaves two officers to cover the shifts. Councilwoman Life stated that they have contacted a Mr. Lambert in Harrisonburg who is in charge of the on-the-job training program. The town can hire Mr. Furr through this program. The recommendation of the Public Safety Committee is to hire Mr. Furr on this program for twenty weeks to see the town through this time when they have only four officers, schooling, vacations, etc.

Councilwoman L. C. Life moved, seconded by Councilman R. L. Snow to hire Richard Furr on the county job training program for twenty weeks. This program will pay half of his wages and the town will pay the other half of his wages, plus social security, unemployment, etc. The vote was recorded as follows:

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

Councilwoman Life reported that the flags are up on the triangle. In order to save wear and tear on the flags, they will be put up in the morning and taken down in the evening, except on holidays when they will remain overnight. The police department and maintenance department will take care of this.

Councilman Flick reported he is still waiting on another bid on the bookkeeping system. The holdup has been regarding the depreciation system, but he hopes to have this bid in a few days.

Councilman Schumacher reported that Vepco is asking for another rate increase around the first of March but there has been no ruling on this as yet.

Councilman Cook reported on a letter from the Elkton Planning Commission regarding the twenty-four unit family housing apartment complex proposed by Nu-Tech Housing Services Inc. The proposed site is Lot 1 and 2, Black A in Liberty Heights Subdivision. It was the Planning Commission's recommendation to the Elkton Council that the proposed building request be denied based on the current Land-Use Plan.

Councilman Cook reported that the Elkton Planning Commission also elected officers on January 26, 1981 for a period of one year. The officers elected are: B. W. Gooden, Chairman, Timothy Hulings, Vice Chairman and C. W. Shaffer, Secretary.

Mayor Lough reported he has a letter from Nu-Tech Services Inc. asking for ten items of information. Mayor Lough stated he will answer the letter and tell them what has happened and what has been recommended by the Planning Commission.

Mayor Lough reported that the council has been invited to the opening ceremony at ShenElk Plaza for the new Western Auto Associate Store Thursday morning at 10:00 A.M.

Councilman C. A. Schumacher moved, seconded by Councilman S. P. H. Flick to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel. The vote was recorded as follows:

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

Councilman C. A. Schumacher moved, seconded by Councilman S. P. H. Flick and carried to go from Executive Session back into Regular Session.

Mr. Charles Neatrour from James Madison University was present. He is with the Rockingham Kiwanis Club and they are interested in having a Go-Kart Street Race in Elkton in the area surrounding the Elkton Elementary School. The proceeds would go back into community projects. They would have the proper insurance by both racer and sponsor, would contact all residents in the area and if there was any opposition they would not proceed with plans to have the race and would take all necessary precautions to eliminate accidents to both racer and spectator. The race would be properly supervised by the Kiwanis Club.

Councilwoman L. C. Life moved, seconded by Councilman L. W. Winegard and carried to accept the general principle of a Go-Kart Street Race to be held in Elkton on Monday, May 25th. with three stipulations:

1. Input from the residents; they be contacted to see if there is any opposition.
2. Attorney agrees with the insurance policies which will be presented to him for review.
3. The Chief of Police and Town Superintendent have no objections to a street race.

As there was no further business, Councilwoman Life moved to adjourn.

MAYOR: Maurice W. Lough, Mayor

RECORDER: Norma R. Leap, Clerk

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