REGULAR
COUNCIL MEETING
November 12, 1984

The regular meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held November 12, 1984 at 8:00 P.M. in the council chambers with the Mayor Charles E. Dean presiding. The following council members were present: R. E. Davis, S. P. H. Flick, B. B. Holt, H. W. Leap and H. A. Leet. Councilwoman L. C. Life was absent. Dale Davenport, Attorney, Norma Leap, Clerk, Jeffrey Nadeau, Chief of Police and Gerald Monger, Superintendent were also present.

Mr. I. L. Flory Jr. and Lynn Flory of the Seven-Up Bottling Company were present to discuss exchange of land with the town. In a recent survey made by Bobby Owens it was discovered that a portion of the Elkton Fire Company building is on property owned by Seven-Up and a portion of the Seven-Up building which burned was on town property. In order to correct these problems, the Seven-Up Company would like to exchange land plus either buy or lease an additional 1776 square feet. Mayor Dean stated this request would be considered during the business section of the meeting.

Mr. Vern Michael was present and gave the council a report on the progress of the apartments they propose to build on the old tannery property on E. Rockingham Street. There were several changes made in the plans which he noted and he stated the financing looks pretty good at this point.

Councilman H. A. Leet moved, seconded by Councilman B. B. Holt and carried to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting October 8, 1984 and the Special Meetings October 17, 1984 and October 22, 1984 as presented.

Mr. Monger reported that part of the blacktop has been completed here at the Municipal Building but that the contractor pulled out to finish another job. He has promised to be back on Tuesday.

Mayor Dean gave council the opportunity to ask any questions they may have on the police report for October.

Chief Nadeau reported that the unmarked police car is still not in operation. There appears to be a problem with the front end.

Councilman B. B. Holt moved, seconded by Councilman H. A. Leet and carried to transfer $165.00 from Miscellaneous to Office Equipment in the Public Safety Budget.

Councilman Flick reported that Councilwoman Life, as she had been approached by some citizens, had requested that he present a request to council that the Treasurer's Office be open one night, either Friday, November 30th. or Tuesday, December 4th., for people to pay their taxes. Council did not feel that the need was that great and felt we should leave the office hours as they are. Mrs. Leap indicated that if anyone has a real problem with paying their taxes during regular office hours they can contact the Treasurer's Office and they would make some arrangements for the taxes to be paid.

Councilman S. P. H. Flick moved, seconded by Councilman B. B. Holt and carried to approve the audit report for the year ending June 30, 1984.

Councilman S. P. H. Flick moved, seconded by Councilman B. B. Holt and carried to approve the Finance Reports as presented.

Council discussed briefly the request by Seven-Up Bottling Company regarding the exchange of land and the purchase of 1776 additional square feet of land from the town. Each council member had received a letter from Seven-Up prior to the meeting detailing the request. No action was taken as Mayor Dean stated there was some question on ownership and our attorney felt he needed to check further before any decision is made.

Councilman B. B. Holt moved, seconded by Councilman H. A. Leet to approve on Second Reading the appropriation of $42,500.00 for the purchase of the garbage truck from Truxmore Industries Inc. The vote was recorded as follows:

Davis	- yea	Leap	- yea
Flick	- yea	Leet	- yea
Holt	- yea		

Councilman B. B. Holt moved, seconded by Councilman H. A. Leet to approve on Second Reading the construction of the buildings to house the fluoride equipment and a storage building for town supplies at a cost of $6,961.04 for materials, labor to be provided by the town employees. The vote was recorded as follows:

Davis	- yea	Leap	- yea
Flick	- yea	Leet	- yea
Holt	- yea		

Councilman S. P. H. Flick moved, seconded by Councilman B. B. Holt to take the $12,000.00 from the Garbage sinking fund to apply to the cost of the new garbage truck and to borrow the balance of $30,500.00 from Sovran Bank for a period of two years at 7½% interest. The treasurer was authorized to sign the note. The vote was recorded as follows:

Davis	- yea	Leap	- yea
Flick	- yea	Leet	- yea
Holt	- yea		

Councilman Leet reported that they have not received any official reply from the county regarding the proposed sewer lines across the river. Mr. Davenport and the county's attorney had discussed this today but there is nothing definite to report at this time.

Councilman Leet reported that the Compliance Correction Plan was submitted to the State Water Control Board on time. They did not say whether they would accept it as presented but they sent it on through. Councilman Leap pointed out that Elkton was the first to submit their report and this made a very good impression.

Councilman Leet reported that Mr. Monger had discovered another big problem area of infiltration. They are working on the problem and will be getting the T.V. camera to help locate other problem areas.

Mrs. Leap reported that the town has received a letter from EPA regarding the sewer plant project. EPA stated that the final review has been completed. They will be proceeding to close out this project. The closeout will be the last action on this grant.

Councilman Leap reported that Mr. Monger is working on new job descriptions and a new personnel manual.

Councilman Leap reported that he and Mr. Monger had visited the Library of Congress in Washington on Wednesday. They found some old fire insurance maps which might be helpful to the town and Mr. Monger ordered them. Councilman Leap purchased a Rockingham County map. He suggested that the town might also be interested in purchasing a copy of this map.

Councilman Leap reported on an article in the Richmond Times-Dispatch on small town's in which Elkton is mentioned and a picture of downtown Elkton is included.

Councilman Holt reported that the committee which is working on the restoration of the house donated by the Kite family visited Lexington to see the restored Stonewall Jackson home. The committee feels they have completed enough research to now be in a position to start working on recommendations as to what period they feel should be used for restoration of the Kite house on Rockingham Street and plans for the restoration.

Councilman Holt also mentioned the appointments being made throughout the county to an Advisary Committee to work with the County Planning Commission. He hopes this is going to be something good for the county.

Mayor Dean reminded council that the town Christmas party will be held December 11th. at the Belle Meade restaurant in Harrisonburg. The meal will start at 7:00 P.M. Those planning to attend should notify Mrs. Leap.

Mayor Dean reported that the VML/VACO Regional Legislative Meeting will be held December 3rd. at 5:30 P.M. at the Belle Meade restaurant in Harrisonburg. Those wishing to attend will need to make reservations.

The Elkton Planning Commission on October 29th. considered a request by B. W. Gooden to change the lot size of a certain parcel of land. The Elkton Planning Commission recommends that the lot size fronting on Lewis Avenue and ending at D Street be changed from three (3) 50 foot lots to two (2) 75 foot lots as requested. Mr. Monger did not feel this would require any action by council unless there was some objection. There were no objections by council.

Councilman H. A. Leet moved, seconded by Councilman B. B. Holt and carried to go into Executive Session to discuss possible easements for a sewer line.

Councilman H. A. Leet moved, seconded by Councilman B. B. Holt and carried to go from Executive Session back into Regular Session.

As there was no further business, the meeting adjourned.

MAYOR: Charles E. Dean
Charles E. Dean, Mayor

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