REGULAR
COUNCIL MEETING
January 9, 1984

The regular meeting of the Elkton Town Council was held January 9, 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. A. Leet, B. J. Ream and R. L. Snow. Norma Leap, Clerk, Gerald Monger, Superintendent, Jeff Nadeau, Chief of Police and Dale Davenport, Attorney were also present.

Councilman H. A. Leet moved, seconded by Councilman B. B. Holt and carried to approve the minutes of the regular meeting December 12, 1983.

Councilman B. B. Holt moved, seconded by Councilman R. L. Snow and carried to approve the minutes of the special meeting January 3, 1984.

Mr. Monger presented a request by Valley Hardware, owners of the building at 315 W. Spotswood Trail, for a permit to infringe on the street approximately three (3) inches for the purpose of repairing the front of their building. They may put a metal front rather than brick on the building, but are undecided at this point which way they will go.

Councilman R. L. Snow moved, seconded by Councilman S. P. H. Flick and carried to allow Valley Hardware to infringe three (3) inches upon the sidewalk for the purpose of repairing the front of their building.

Mr. Monger reported that all the old junk and road equipment have been removed from Elkwood except for one pile of pipe and the pile of coal mix the town uses for patching. He also reported that the garbage and bucket trucks were having problems but have both been repaired.

Councilman Davis reported that the monthly police reports were mailed to each council member along with the minutes.

Councilman Ream questioned if it would be appropriate to discuss what projects the town has in progress and what priorities have been set. Mayor Dean stated that as far as the Electric Committee is concerned, the main issue would be the school contract. This has more or less been put back in the town's lap and we need to come up with something to measure the demand at the Elementary School. The main issue for the entire council is the study on the dispatching system.

Councilman Snow reported that Vepco officials have been down to look at the lighting in Elkwood and the Street Committee is waiting for prices from them on installing two new street lights, one on the left going up Hillside and the other at the intersection of Mapleleaf and Sweetgum.

Councilman Holt stated he knew council had discussed this before, but he would like the Electric Committee to take another look at the due date of our utility bills. As most people on Social Security do not receive their checks until the 3rd. of the month, he feels our due date places a hardship on them. After some discussion, this was turned over to the Electric Committee to study and bring back recommendations.

Councilman Holt reported that we need to pass an ordinance on drinking in public as anyone arrested at present on this charge has to be written up on a State warrant and the State receives the revenues.

Councilman Holt presented the following First Reading to add a new section to the town code regarding drinking alcoholic beverages, or tendering to another, in public places:

AN ORDINANCE TO ADD A NEW SECTION 9-3-102
TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE TOWN OF ELKTON, VIRGINIA

9-3-102. Drinking Alcoholic Beverages, or Tendering to Another, in Public Place.

(a) If any person shall take a drink of alcoholic beverages or shall tender drink thereof to another, whether accepted or not, at or in any public place within the Town, such person shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine of not more than $100.

(b) This Section shall not prevent any person from drinking alcoholic beverages or offering a drink thereof to another in those areas designated in Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, Section 4-78(b).

Councilman Holt reported that he, along with Mr. Monger and the County Building Inspector, had checked some of the other buildings in town which they felt might have similiar problems as the building owned by the Valley Hardware. Letters have been sent informing the owners of what was found and what steps they felt were needed to correct the problem.

Councilman Leet reported that the proposal has been presented to the County on the sewer across the river but we have received no reply as yet.

Councilman Leet reported that when we had the last big rain the town crew made an inspection of the town to determine the areas where surface water is going into the sewer system. Two of the biggest problem areas were the creek and above Blue Bell. It will cost a good deal of money to correct these but it is something that needs to be done and he feels we should be working toward this. He suggested maybe correcting one of the areas this year and appropriating money in next year's budget to correct one or two more. He also reported that work is being done on putting the large water line under Route 340 on the north end of town.

Mayor Dean read the following letter from John Hostetler, Secretary of the Board of Zoning Appeals:

"The Board of Zoning Appeals of the Town of Elkton at their regular annual meeting on January 3, 1984 makes the following recommendations: Leroy Leap, whose term expires 3/1/84 to serve another term. The unexpired term of Harold Leet, who resigned upon his appointment to the Town Council, needs to be filled. We recommend Fred Bennett. The remainder of this term expires 3/1/87.

Respectfully submitted"

Councilman B. B. Holt moved, seconded by Councilman B. J. Ream and carried to recommend to the court that Fred A. Bennett be appointed to the Board of Zoning Appeals to fill the unexpired term of Harold A. Leet which runs to 3/1/87.

Councilman B. B. Holt moved, seconded by Councilman R. L. Snow and carried to recommend to the court that Leroy M. Leap be reappointed to the Board of Zoning Appeals to serve another term when his term expires 3/1/84.

Mayor Dean reported that the County Municipal League will meet at Mount Crawford on January 18th. at 7:30 P.M. Representatives from the Virginia Municipal League Insurance Group will be at the meeting to discuss insurance.

Mayor Dean presented a request from the government teacher at Spotswood Senior High School for help in sponsoring students to attend a Model General Assembly. The cost is $105.00 per student.

Councilman R. L. Snow moved, seconded by Councilman B. B. Holt and carried to donate $105.00 to Spotswood Senior High School to sponsor a student from the Elkton area to attend the Model General Assembly.

Norma Leap reported that we have received our first quarterly revenue sharing payment for Entitlement Period 15. According to the payment received our total for the year should be about $15,588.00. There are some changes in the regulations but we have not received any official notification as to the changes or the amount we are to receive. Council needs to decide on how we plan to use the money and approve a budget.

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